## Faith Comes By Hearing®

#### **100X Harvest**

All Nations Matching Challenge August 2020

#### Your partnership is vital to this ministry.

Thank you, 100X Harvest, for your faithful commitment to share God's Word with others across the world. **Because of people like you, Faith Comes By Hearing has made** 

Scripture available in more than 1,380 languages. We thank God for His provision as He makes it possible to share Scripture through Audio Bibles with more and more people groups. We count it a great joy and honor to partner with you as we progress towards Vision 2033—to record Scripture in every translated language and to make it freely available. The graphic to the right shows what we have accomplished together in the All Nations Matching Challenge:

### All Nations Matching Challenge

\$845,000 was raised and matched for a total of \$1,690,000.

48 New Testament recordings were funded.

Your contribution towards the All Nations Matching Challenge **made it possible to record six languages representing 2.2 million speakers in six countries.** We rejoice



with you over the incredible impact you have made for God's kingdom.

Below are six reports on the languages you helped bring to fruition. We pray that they are a blessing and an encouragement to you.

#### Yali Selatan New Testament

Since mid-August, the Papua region of Indonesia has been bombarded by violence and mass protests fueled by racism against indigenous Papuans by other Indonesians. Our recording team originally planned to travel to the city of Wamena on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September to begin recording. However, there were no flights that day, and instead, they

had to purchase tickets for the 25<sup>th</sup>. Little did they know that on the morning of September 23, 2019, violence would shake the city's very foundation. Papuan riots broke out, burning parts of Wamena and killing dozens of people. As a result, more than 16,000 people fled the city.

Upon hearing the news, the recording team went to prayer and gave thanks to God for His divine intervention and protection. They knew they would not be able to do the



recording in Wamena, so they rerouted the project to the city of Sentani. This strategic move would allow the recording team and volunteers to evacuate to nearby Jarkarta or Makassar if further rioting occurred. They were able to recruit most of the speakers and proofreaders from Sentani and the nearby city of Klasis. In total, there were 15 volunteers. Thankfully, the recording team completed the Yali Selatan New Testament without incident or harm to those involved. The recording is now in the studio for finalization.

#### **Bbaledha New Testament**

**"For eight long years, we have prayed for the Bible to be recorded in our mother tongue.** Nevertheless, we were unprepared for the difficulties we would encounter. The team had trouble finding a suitable location and available readers. Those that did participate were not able to read fluently and needed continual prompting. There were terrible rainstorms and power outages, posing a danger to those who had to travel home in the evenings. Many of the speakers were also fearful of violence due to the area's ethnic strife and the imminent risk of contracting the Ebola virus. All these challenges took a heavy toll on everyone's spirits.

"I remember one day in particular when I awoke feeling ill and very weak. Around 10 am, I heard my phone ring. It was the recording team asking if I could come in to work on my role. I explained I was not well, but they insisted I come anyway. I later learned that many other readers were sick as well; however, by God's grace, I managed to work through it.



"Thanks to the recording team's encouragement and everyone's perseverance, we were able to complete the recording. Soon, our people, who are suffering and in great need, will have access to His Word in their mother tongue. We give thanks for the recording team's sacrifice and coming to our side of the world to help our people." – *Proofreader* 

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. – Isaiah 9:2

"I am grateful to God for sending the team to record the Bbaledha Audio Bible. I can boldly say that my reading has improved since the recording, and I have come to love the books I was asked to read—I and 2 Peter. Most importantly, I learned that Jesus loves me despite my circumstances. God bless those who made this recording possible." – Speaker

#### Logooli New Testament

The Maragooli, who speak Logooli, are the second-largest ethnic group in Kenya approximately one million according to the latest census. Traditionally, Maragoolis would rise early in the morning, spit on the ground facing east, and ask God to give them a good day. When missionaries came with the Gospel and provided social amenities, many turned to worship God in churches. Today, the majority of Maragoolis profess Christianity, with a small percentage adhering to the Muslim faith.



"We began the Logooli language recording in July 2019 with two speakers who played the roles of Jesus and Paul. Like some other African languages, Logooli is a tonal language, where words can have two or more meanings, making it critical to understand the context of the phrase and communicate the intended

**purpose.** We faced a variety of challenges as usual, including heavy rains causing power outages. We give thanks to God for His provision and protection and for making this recording a reality." – *Recording Team Member* 

Due to unusual delays caused by COVID-19, the Logooli New Testament was released last month. Thanks to your support, the Maragooli community will soon hear God's Word in their heart language.

#### **Samburu New Testament**

The Samburu are an indigenous people who inhabit the northern plains of Kenya. They are the third-largest people group in the Maa community of Kenya, accounting for approximately 160,000 people.

The Samburu are among the few African tribes who have remained culturally authentic by maintaining their traditional way of life. They believe that their god, or *Nkai*, is the source of all protection, and they rely on shamans to cast divinations for illness and misfortune. Only about 30% of the Samburu profess the Christian faith, while the remaining adhere to their



ancestral religion or Islam. For this reason, it is vitally important that they hear the Good News in their language.

The Samburu field recording took place in a town called Maralal in the northern part of Kenya. The recording team recruited 13 speakers, a majority of whom had difficulty reading. As a result, it was up to the three translators to record the leading roles of the narrator, Paul, and Jesus. All of the volunteers embraced the project as their own, contributing to the recording's success.

"At the time of the recording, the region experienced a significant famine. **Many of the volunteers would arrive for the recording not having eaten for days.** God blessed us with enough provisions to make sure they we well fed, and the recording went very smoothly." – *Recording Team Member* 

#### **Idaasha New Testament**



The Idaasha of Benin are located in the Zou province of south-central Benin. Although Benin is home to more than 60 distinct people groups, the Idaasha represent a small number of Benin's overall population—approximately 160,000.

Although some Idaasha have accepted Christianity, many remain devoted to their traditional ethnic religion. They

believe that there are many gods, the stars contain supernatural forces, and every person has an "inner force" that determines his destiny. Moreover, they make sacrifices to the dead, who they believe influence the living.

Although missionaries work among the Idaasha, many have yet to hear the Gospel presented in their language, which is why we are excited to complete this recording.

"In October 2019, we began recording The Idaasha New Testament. We auditioned the speakers and assigned each a role, encouraging them to practice their parts every day. The first two weeks were devoted to recording the narrator and Jesus. We completed the remaining speaking roles and corrections during the last two weeks. **Overall, the recording went smoothly except for heavy rains, which caused a great deal of** 

**interruption.** Thankfully, we were able to obtain a generator for a backup power source during power outages." – *Recording Team Member* 

#### **Guergiko New Testament**

The Mukulu of Chad reside in the foothills of the Massif of Guera and speak a Chadic language known as Guergiko. Most Mukulu live in villages composed of several clans with a chief or headman who is primarily in charge of settling disputes within the community. Many villages have a primary school, but quality education is minimal, resulting in a high dropout rate.

Ninety percent of Mukulu follow the majority religion, although some still practice their ethnic religion and customs. While the Mukulu need better education and healthcare facilities, more importantly, they need to know Jesus.

"We traveled to Mokoulou, a small village in the northern province of Chad, to begin recording the Guergiko New Testament. We met and auditioned the readers and began

recording the very next day. We soon realized that most of the readers were not able to read independently and would need continuous prompting. We encouraged them to practice at home, and they worked hard to make the recording a success. We recruited five proofreaders and four translators, which was a great help.



"Our recording location had no

electricity, so we relied on a generator the entire four weeks of recording. It rained almost every day, and we had to pause the recording during heavy showers. And by God's grace, we finished the recording." – *Recording Team Member* 

#### Listed on the next page are a representation of the 48 New Testament Recordings.

# Thank you, 100X Harvest, for making the Word of God available to so many people groups!

| Language  | Country                     | Speakers | Recording Status  |
|---|-----------------------------|----------|---|
| Berom   | Nigeria                     | 300,000  | We released the Berom New Testament Audio Bible in February 2020.   |
| ldaasha   | Benin                       | 162,000  | We released the Idaasha New Testament Audio Bible in February 2020.   |
| Secure  | Asia                        | 7,850    | We released this secure New Testament Audio Bible in February 2020.   |
| Guergiko  | Chad                        | 12,000   | We released the Guergiko New Testament Audio Bible in March 2020.   |
| Bbaledha  | DRC                         | 750,000  | We released the Bbaledha New Testament Audio Bible in June 2020.  |
| Bikol,<br>Rinconada                                 | Philippines                 | 385,000  | We released the Bikol, Rinconada New Testament Audio Bible in June 2020.  |
| Logooli   | Kenya                       | 618,000  | We released the Logooli New Testament Audio Bible in June 2020.   |
| Samburu   | Kenya                       | 160,000  | We released the Samburu New Testament Audio Bible in July 2020.   |
| Mari-<br>Meadow                                     | Russia                      | 460,090  | We released the Mari-Meadow New Testament Audio Bible in July 2020.   |
| Kingoni   | Tanzania                    | 223,000  | The Kingoni New Testament is in the studio for finalization. We expect its release in September.  |
| Yali,<br>Selatan                                    | Indonesia                   | 10,500   | The Yali, Selatan New Testament is in the studio for finalization. We expect its release in September.  |
| Secure  | Asia                        | 70,000   | This secure New Testament is in the studio for finalization. We expect its release in October.  |
| Secure  | Africa                      | 18,980   | This secure New Testament is in the studio for finalization. We expect its release in October.  |
| Siau  | Indonesia                   | 50,000   | The Siau New Testament is in the the studio for finalization. We expect its release in December.  |
| Hupla   | PNG                         | 3,000    | The Hupla New Testament is in the studio for finalization. We are currently waiting to receive corrections.                                   |
| Tem   | Тодо                        | 381,300  | We are currently in the process of recording the Tem New and Old<br>Testaments. Recording began in June 2019.                                 |
| Secure  | South America               | 120,000  | We are currently in the process of recording this secure New<br>Testament. Recording began in August 2019.                                    |
| Carrier,<br>Central                                 | Canada                      | 2,060    | The Carrier, Central New Testament is in the the studio for finalization.<br>We expect its release in the next few months.                    |
| Rito  | Central African<br>Republic | 18,980   | The Rito New Testament is in the studio for finalization. We expect its release in October.   |
| Secure  | South America               | 20,000   | We are currently in the process of recording both the New and Old<br>Testaments in this secure language. Recording began in December<br>2019. |
| Mori Atas   | Indonesia                   | 14,000   | The Mori Atlas New Testament recording has been put on hold as we wait for restrictions related to COVID-19 to be lifted.                     |
| Secure  | South America               | 12,000   | This secure New Testament recording has been put on hold as we wait for restrictions related to COVID-19 to be lifted.                        |
| Bobe  | Equatorial Guinea           | 40,000   | The Bobe New Testament recording has been put on hold as we wait for restrictions related to COVID-19 to be lifted.                           |
| Folopa  | PNG                         | 3,000    | The Folopa New Testament recording has been put on hold as we wait for restrictions related to COVID-19 to be lifted.                         |
| The total number of speakers represented: 3,841,760 |                             |          |   |