

# 2009 ANNUAL REPORT



Bible League®  
INTERNATIONAL

# GOD'S ORCHESTRATION OF PEOPLE, PLACES, AND PROGRAMS

Bible League International provides God's Word in such a way that every person who wants the Bible can have it; every person is encouraged to study the Bible to encounter Jesus Christ; every person has the opportunity to join a church. By partnering in prayer and support, every Christian can participate to help make this a reality.

## Participation—With a Global Family

More than 700 employees worldwide support an army of volunteers (hundreds of thousands) on the front lines of evangelism and discipleship. You are not a spectator. As a Bible League International partner, you join them in a critical mission. A unity of purpose—with laser-like focus—compels us to advance the Gospel with urgency.

In addition to working with national churches and their members, Bible League International is a partner with hundreds of ministries and denominations.

## Participation—To the Ends of the Earth

Bible League International provides God's Word and training where the Bible is prohibited, scarce, or unaffordable. Sadik in Ethiopia; Vanya in Ukraine; Bing in China; Rosa in Mexico; Hasani in Egypt. These committed workers are firsthand witnesses of transformation. Geographic hurdles do not deter them.

You're traveling with them in urban city centers and rural villages alike. God's Word penetrates hearts in approximately 120 languages through our outreach together. More than 200 ministry centers worldwide report back on God's great work.

## Participation—In a Winning Strategy

The Bible is the center point of our mission to lead people to Jesus Christ and into fellowship with His Church. We train and equip national Christians with God's Word to engage people in Bible study, and then to "reward" Bible study completers with their own Bible. "Distribution" is not part of our vocabulary.

## THE BIBLES YOU PROVIDE:

- Strengthen the existing Church
- Present the Truth to lost people
- Form the foundation for establishing new churches
- Touch those who have never had Scripture in their heart language
- Reach some of the largest unreached people groups on earth

# 2009

## MINISTRY RESULTS

The Bible is the engine that drives all of our evangelism and discipleship impact. The Bibles you provided helped to produce the following worldwide ministry outcomes in 2009.

**People Completing Bible Study:**  
2,904,034

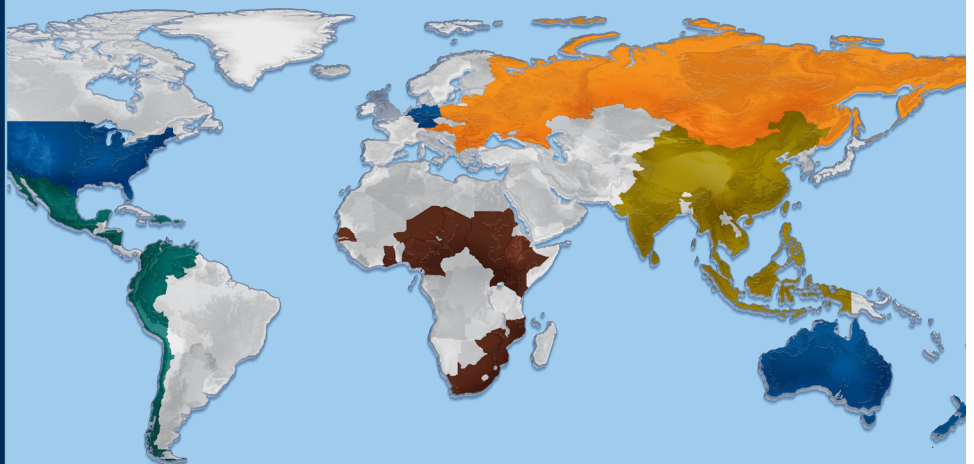
**Bible Study Groups:**  
222,937

**New Church Members/  
Baptisms:**  
503,488

**New Churches Established:**  
3,735

**Nationals Trained  
to Share God's Word:**  
345,826

*... so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. —Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)*



For security reasons, we do not list by name the Middle Eastern, Central Asian, and sensitive Asian countries in which we work.

**MISSION:**

We are called by God to provide Scriptures and training worldwide, so that people prepared by the Holy Spirit will be brought into fellowship with Christ and His Church.

**AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST**

Many African Christians long for the day to see a more spiritually mature Church. Middle Eastern Christians are well aware of Islam's stranglehold. Our 2009 impact reports, however, confirm the power of God's Word to overcome the obstacles.

Our national director in Mozambique reports with emotion: "We are grateful to God. The majority of our people who receive Bibles are so poor that they otherwise would never have been able to afford one in their lifetime." And a new

believer in Senegal exclaims, "All the members of my family accepted Jesus because of this one Bible!"

Aamina considered herself a faithful Muslim. She married at age 17, becoming her husband's sixth wife. "But life in his family was filled with competition and witchcraft," she says. "I kept praying to Allah for deliverance." She found none, so she accepted an invitation to secretly join a Bible study where she compared the *Qur'an* [Koran] with the Bible. "I saw the reality of hope and life in the Bible!" Aamina rejoices. "I feel joy, freedom, and peace."

**ASIA**

Asian nations with Bible League International ministry represent nearly half the world's 6.6 billion population! While a host of struggles during 2009 could have threatened to mire people in despair, our national director in Malaysia reported, "Despite the global financial crisis, it was difficult to slow a moving and dynamic ministry!"

China's huge celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Communism did not distract bold national believers from their Bible-sharing mission. "Yes, this was one of the most difficult years for Bible shipment into China," shares our director. "But we stand

in awe of God, for He is faithful." Our work among China's underground church networks spread, especially in rural areas where the Bible is scarce.

In Malaysia, Bible League International is the only supplier of God's Word and Bible study materials for migrant workers who come from India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Nepal, and Vietnam. Within Vietnam, new economic, social, and political openness has helped our trained Christians establish more than 1,000 new churches since 2002. This was once thought to be unthinkable.

**EURASIA**

In nations where economic woes and political instabilities consume much of life, the Bible fills a moral and spiritual vacuum. Bible League International staff praise the Lord that in some areas of Eastern Europe and in Ukraine, our programs are being adopted as part of school curriculum. A new generation will have a foundation for life.

Two Russian women were the only Christ-followers in their village. They studied the Bible together and prayed. They began to impact their alcoholic husbands, and one accepted the Lord just before his death. Our national director reports,

"Within a month, 10 people joined their group. Then people from neighboring villages visited. Now a church has been established!"

Special outreach during 2009 included sharing God's Word among recovering drug addicts, prisoners, hospital patients, and children. Zarnie, a young girl in Central Asia, was amazed when she first learned about the Savior's love. "I had never before heard about any of these things," she remembers. "As I studied the Bible, I came to realize that Scripture was written for me!"

**LATIN AMERICA**

The spiritual landscape extending from Mexico to Chile's southern tip is as diverse as the topography of the land itself. Millions know about Jesus, but have no avenue to experience a relationship with Him. The Bible connects these spiritual pilgrims to the Savior; you help build the bridge to provide it.

Santa Elena, along Ecuador's Pacific coast, is documented as a 6,000-year-old settlement. Poverty envelops the town, but at least five new house churches have been launched recently, giving fresh hope to this historic area and its people.

Fernando, in Mexico, became a drug addict at age 13. He and his girlfriend had 4 children by age 16. Then a prison sentence seemingly doomed him. A way out? Studying God's Word through Bible League International. He says, "I promised God if He would show mercy and deliver me of my pain, I would serve Him with my life. Today I am the leader of a prison ministry in Mexico City, and I'm in training to plant a church!"

# 2009 WORLDWIDE BIBLE IMPACT

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## AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST



	PEOPLE COMPLETING BIBLE STUDY	BIBLE STUDY GROUPS	NEW CHURCH MEMBERS/BAPTISMS	NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED	NATIONALS TRAINED TO SHARE GOD'S WORD
Cameroon	32,697	807	18,287	-	15,196
Chad	8,214	436	4	-	2,514
Ethiopia	68,450	6,986	7,861	-	6,857
Ghana	36,864	2,300	3,539	22	6,103
Kenya	77,412	6,315	14,747	110	14,797
Mozambique	30,093	2,393	5,259	96	1,501
Niger	4,661	538	235	-	58
Nigeria	164,535	7,919	3,588	106	22,595
Senegal	4,636	467	522	20	1,481
South Africa	30,614	2,286	12,133	16	2,481
Southern Sudan	5,651	289	1,276	7	20
Uganda	31,570	2,062	4,976	61	16,559
Zimbabwe	12,051	1,598	4,079	165	3,904
<b>MIDDLE EAST*</b>	<b>44,126</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>13,239</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>1,480</b>

## ASIA



	PEOPLE COMPLETING BIBLE STUDY	BIBLE STUDY GROUPS	NEW CHURCH MEMBERS/BAPTISMS	NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED	NATIONALS TRAINED TO SHARE GOD'S WORD
Cambodia	58,511	5,706	21,307	569	9,588
China	238,953	7,607	9,337	83	49,924
India	224,235	13,895	71,824	152	45,532
Indonesia	21,604	1,042	882	42	791
Malaysia	38,977	3,490	26,470	177	16,340
Nepal	10,623	283	7,502	20	4,017
Philippines	440,326	22,867	98,702	333	13,595
Sri Lanka	4,433	77	192	-	1,881
Thailand	13,299	290	2,321	66	952
Vietnam	27,024	358	1,835	16	2,940
*Sensitive Asian Countries	59,006	11,805	10,532	338	12,874

## EURASIA



	PEOPLE COMPLETING BIBLE STUDY	BIBLE STUDY GROUPS	NEW CHURCH MEMBERS/BAPTISMS	NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED	NATIONALS TRAINED TO SHARE GOD'S WORD
Albania	10,481	351	617	10	405
Armenia	2,316	216	723	46	105
Belarus	9,406	570	463	-	371
Bulgaria	19,546	432	1,245	44	249
Central Asia*	33,877	560	1,125	25	2,028
Hungary	3,757	122	104	1	95
Latvia & Lithuania	554	153	172	15	155
Macedonia	1,036	57	92	7	92
Moldova	9,436	351	198	3	250
Mongolia	14,237	1,133	1,960	16	2,485
Poland	735	42	30	-	289
Romania	130,488	4,730	2,416	12	4,644
Russia	141,931	10,338	4,554	119	10,341
Serbia	1,910	9	164	-	259
Ukraine	141,182	4,875	506	19	1,453

## LATIN AMERICA



	PEOPLE COMPLETING BIBLE STUDY	BIBLE STUDY GROUPS	NEW CHURCH MEMBERS/BAPTISMS	NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED	NATIONALS TRAINED TO SHARE GOD'S WORD
Central America (El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua)	11,170	1,187	653	3	2,678
Chile	17,088	2,845	3,581	2	4,768
Colombia	84,300	11,118	21,515	61	5,077
Dominican Republic	24,689	3,458	5,942	51	4,970
Ecuador	53,322	6,778	4,683	119	8,480
Haiti	173,680	28,016	13,074	161	15,901
Mexico	248,568	28,703	80,096	248	11,493
Peru	14,615	3,753	700	27	6,467
Puerto Rico	15,299	1,710	2,638	4	1,375
Venezuela	26,452	4,988	11,195	20	5,883
<b>U.S.A. HISPANICS</b>	<b>25,394</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>4,393</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,533</b>

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## From My Perspective—and Yours



By Robert T. Frank  
Chief Executive Officer

When you review a year and jump headlong into the next, it's good to pause for a moment. Do a 360. Take a good look around, and you'll see the wide scope of where you've been, and where you're going.

Quite simply, I'm amazed at God's path so far, and where He's taking us! He could accomplish His mission alone, of course. But He's using us together; I'm really excited by the challenge to serve with you.

### So, in terms of the year in review:

What did it take ... for the Gospel to reach previously unreached people groups? ... for Bible-less people to receive God's Word? ... for believers worldwide to grow in their faith? ... for new churches to be established where none existed before?

It took prayer. A supernatural dynamic occurs when we humble ourselves and seek God's face. Bible League International's ministry has flourished—despite the harsh realities of the global economic crisis. “There is nothing as pleasurable as serving the Lord,” says our ministry director in Zimbabwe. “Even when I see our impossible situation, I want to do more for the Lord. Thank you for praying for us.”

It took financial support. Because of the sacrificial giving of partners like you, Bible League International responded to the pleas of desperate people around the world. We had to suspend some outreach due the year's constraints, but the Bible's global impact was not suspended. I assure you that an investment in providing God's Word offers the best return over any other option!

### Now, in terms of the year ahead:

Yes, we're charging ahead, depending on a blanket of prayer and a flood of increased financial resources. Your partnership will fuel an organization that is even stronger organizationally, and even more efficient with the resources you entrust. We're accountable to God and to you regarding our stewardship.

So, that's enough of a pause. Since the Holy Spirit keeps creating more opportunities and building momentum, we dare not slow down. Are you ready?

### Global Funding Partners

Christian leaders worldwide are united to help accomplish our ministry goals.  
The following countries make up our family of international partners:

**Australia | Germany | The Netherlands | New Zealand | United States**

### Board of Directors

Hundreds of Bible League International staff members and volunteers are accountable to our Board of Directors. These committed board members help to protect your ministry investment through their supervision of our mission.

Herman Chapman (Chairman Emeritus)  
Founder, Sunrise Health Foods, IL

James K. Van Drunen (Chairman)  
Private Investor/Land Developer, IL

Kenneth Jipping (Vice Chairman)  
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Partner, Lanting, Paarlberg and Associates, Ltd., Attorneys at Law, IN

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Raymond Bolhouse, Secretary/Treasurer, Swibco, Inc., IL

Daniel Chapman, President, Sunrise Health Foods,  
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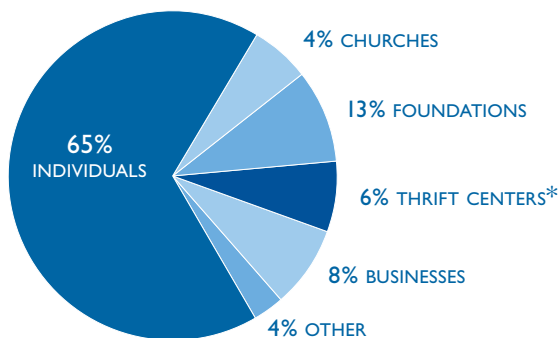
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## RESOURCES AT A GLANCE

Bible League International is purposeful, strategic, and careful with the resources donor partners entrust to us. We account to God as a praise report for His blessings. And we account to you as a stewardship report in thanks for how God uses your prayers and gifts.

*For a man's ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all his paths. —Proverbs 5:21 (NIV)*

### GIFTS RECEIVED FROM BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL U.S. DONOR PARTNERS



\* Bibles For Missions Thrift Centers are operated by more than 1,000 volunteers. Each Center "adopts" a country of ministry, for which it provides God's Word from proceeds.

Bible League International is a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, a member of the National Association of Evangelicals, and Christian Service Charities.



### COMBINED STATEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL AND BIBLE LEAGUE FOUNDATION

#### Income

Partner Contributions	\$21,641,000
Bibles for Missions Thrift Centers	1,448,000
International Funding Partners	3,184,000
Gifts-in-kind	362,000
Legacies and Bequests	1,086,000
On-field*	5,813,000

**Income Total** **\$33,534,000**

#### Revenue

Scripture sales	261,000
Change in Trust Value/Investment Loss	(920,000)

**Revenue Total** **(\$659,000)**

**Grand Total** **\$32,875,000**

#### Expenditures

Scripture placement	\$21,809,000
Church planter training	2,861,000
Total Ministry Programs	24,670,000
Administration	3,338,000
Development**	6,241,000

**Expenditures Total** **\$34,249,000**

Net income vs. expenses **(\$1,374,000)**

#### Net Assets

##### Unrestricted Net Assets

Undesignated	4,074,000
Land, building and equipment	10,663,000
Board designated—Annuities & other	3,705,000

**Total Unrestricted** **\$18,442,000**

##### Temporarily Restricted

Scripture placement & church planter training	2,594,000
Pledges, Annuities & Trusts	412,000

**Total Temporarily Restricted Net Assets** **\$3,006,000**

**Total Net Assets** **\$21,448,000**

\* Participants in ministry programs worldwide are encouraged to make a very minimal gift to receive God's Word and help others benefit. This shared-cost model adds value to the Bible for the recipient and allows the most people to share in the cost of ministry.

\*\* Includes planned giving expenses and partial expenses for other funding countries.