



Planting God's Word to Change the World

ANNUAL REPORT 2010



Planting God's Word



from our **EXECUTIVE TEAM**

The impact of what we've been able to achieve in 2010, despite the economic downturn, is evidence that magnificent things happen when those in the body of Christ join together for a common cause. With God's blessings, our donors, staff and prayer warriors partnered together, allowing us to achieve great things.

As we look back over our fiscal year that ended in August, we feel blessed that your support enabled us to partner with local churches in more than 55 countries to train 304,000 Philips (Bible study leaders), lead 235,600 Bible study groups, welcome 479,200 new church members and plant 3,700 churches.

Your faithful support also helped Bible League International share the message of Jesus Christ worldwide, despite natural disasters like the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile and the flood in Poland. Even with the devastation of the earthquake and cholera outbreak in Haiti, Bible League staff trained more than 17,000 Philips in evangelism and discipleship so they can deliver hope and God's love to those who have lost so much.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

John 6:35 ESV

We would like to thank our donor partners on behalf of the multitudes who satisfied their hunger for the Bread of Life because of your partnership with us. This report represents the impact we've had together in sharing God's Word using funds you entrusted to us.

Clockwise from front:

Chief Executive Officer Robert T. Frank

Executive Director of Global Ministries Jeff Hale

Chief Financial Officer Jeff Eder

Executive Director of Global Development Joseph Owens

Chief Operations Officer Lori Hoekstra



Enhancing our **GLOBAL IDENTITY**

“Planting God’s Word to Change the World.”

You will see this tagline and our new logo more as we enhance our global presence. As an international ministry that operates in more than 55 countries, it’s vital that we maintain a consistent appearance. Our new logo includes a new brand mark (symbol) that gives us a unique identifier. We have already started placing it on materials used by our field ministries in their evangelism and discipleship outreach efforts. We want our resources and materials to be readily identified by our partners, donors and general public.

The brand mark presents three open Bibles as a head of grain. Bibles are the absolute focus of our ministry life. The Bible, as a seed, presents our belief that God desires His Word planted into the lives of individuals, families, churches and communities. Our brand mark’s open Bibles symbolize that a Bible planted produces fruitful lives in individuals, families and churches through obedience to God’s Word and helps believers positively change the world around them. We also made subtle changes to the way we present our ministry’s name, Bible League International. The fresh logo and warmer colors present a more positive image to our name.



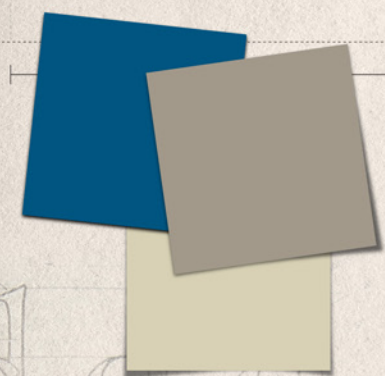
Stating our **MISSION**

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.

Defining our **FOCUS**

As we seek to accomplish our mission, the things we will see as evidence of our success...

“Every person who wants a Bible can have one, every neighborhood has a vibrant Bible study group and every community has a thriving church grounded in God’s Word.”





Victory Despite **OPPOSITION IN CHINA**

Through partnerships with Bible League International (BLI), thousands of persecuted Chinese Christians like Chang are better equipped to spread the Gospel.

He is one of millions of Chinese Christians living out their faith in the midst of government opposition to evangelism. During one evangelism training session for students, police confiscated tables and chairs – most of which Chang got back. During another session, police conducted a raid, and he and some of his friends were detained and spent 15 days in prison.

Everyday many visitors came, some bringing food, so the prisoners could see the love of God in their actions. God used Chang and his friends to lead other people to Christ.

“During a police raid, several of us were detained,” Chang says. “While in prison, I shared food with other prisoners. Eventually, they listened to the message of salvation. Words I had read in my Bible rose up inside me, and God moved many prisoners to give their lives to Him. For this one thing, my time in prison was worth it.”

Chinese Christians don’t take the Bible for granted. “I waited six years for a Bible,” Chang says. “When a woman in my village offered a Bible to me ... I couldn’t put it down.”

ABOUT CHINA:

- Approximately **102 MILLION** Chinese Christians
- Tens of **MILLIONS OF CHRISTIANS** in China still **DON'T HAVE A BIBLE**
- BLI seeks to **EXPAND ITS INFLUENCE** to the house church and Chinese Christians in 2011



Guillermo proudly reported one encounter as a testimony to the Bible's impact. He asked a young man how many wives he planned to have. The young man said, "One," even though his father has three. "The Bible says I can have only one."

Changing Old Ways **IN ECUADOR**

Guillermo is a descendant of a warrior people, the Achuar, who established their homes by invading villages and murdering everyone they found. After receiving a scripture portion, Guillermo gave his life to the Lord and became an evangelist to his people by training as a Philip. Instead of following his traditional Achuar ways of bringing death to communities, he's now spreading the Good News about life in Jesus Christ.

"He comes to Bible League's office every four months, because that is how long it takes him to save up for the fare," says Milton Bustos, Bible League's national director in Ecuador.

During vacations from his job, Guillermo has visited—on foot—180 communities to share the Good News. New small groups in many of these communities are continuing to read and share the Gospel. Guillermo plans to be trained as a church planter by Bible League International.



“God Himself has protected me.”

'Islam' Accepts **CHRIST**

A young man named Islam grew up in a Muslim family. They named their youngest son after the word meaning “submission,” a sign of their devotion to Allah.

But as he grew older, he became increasingly dissatisfied with his traditional religion.

Islam was 17 when his family moved to Ukraine for work. Impressed with the Ukrainians’ passion for God, he visited a church where the pastor worked with Bible League International.

Islam attended church services regularly without telling his parents. He knew his father, a devout Muslim, would be angry. Surprisingly, his mother agreed secretly to go with him to church.

All was well until his father found out and showed up outside the church with a machine gun.

“Come out, and lead out everyone who brought you here!” he yelled. “I’ll kill them all.”

When Islam said that he had come to church of his own free will, his father warned him, “You have a week to reconsider; otherwise, you are dead to me.”

Facing threats from his father and brothers, he left that local church to protect it from his family’s retaliation.

For 13 years, he tried to hide from his relatives and father, relying on the kindness and generosity of Christians and churches. He ended up in Kiev as the music director for a congregation in the heart of the city.

“God Himself has protected me,” he said.

People asked Islam why he didn't change his name when he became a Christian.

“I want MUSLIMS to see GOD’S IRONY,”

he said. **“Even though I’m named Islam, I want people to know I FOLLOW JESUS CHRIST.”**

Islam Accepts

Planting God's Word WORLDWIDE

When Bible League International's founder, William Chapman, began the ministry in 1938 by distributing Bibles with his wife in Walkerton, Indiana, he probably didn't envision that the steps he was taking would lead to a worldwide ministry some decades later. And yet it did. Going beyond Bible distribution, Bible League International is a leader in providing local churches around the world with evangelism and discipleship programs.

We're not alone in changing the world. In addition to working with local churches and congregations, we have relationships with like-minded organizations—including those listed below. We continue to cultivate others.

American Bible Society
Biblica
Church of God
Compassion
Crossway
Digital Bible Society

Faith Comes by Hearing
Lead Like Jesus
Tyndale House Publishers
World Bible Translation Center
Wycliffe Bible Translators

AMERICAS REGION



*MIDDLE EAST REGION

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EUROPE REGION



ASIA REGION



AFRICA REGION



*We are
going beyond
Bible distribution*

A Communist **TURNS CHRISTIAN**

Michael was a member of the Communist Party years ago and had served in the Soviet military. Michael was shocked to discover that a friend at work, a Party member, had secretly become a Christian ... and had a Bible.

He could have easily turned this man in to the KGB, but instead he went to a Bible study at his friend's home. As soon as he became a Christian, he put himself at risk by openly acknowledging his faith.

"It was a huge scandal!" he laughs. "They didn't know what to do with me. A former Communist military man became a Christian, and it was hurting their reputation. They sent some security service people to my home to question me about my faith. I was more than happy to tell them about Jesus!"

Eventually, he was kicked out of the military, but his life had changed for the better.

Michael now works with Bible League International to minister to children. About his past, he said, "God used me to reach many other Communists, even military officers, for Christ."

Turn to Christ





Haiti: Delivering a Different **DISASTER RELIEF**

Armando Louis is a Bible League International-trained church planter in Haiti who ignored the darkness of the devastation around him to focus on God's light. He lost his own house and everything he owned as the buildings around him came crashing down January 12, 2010. After the earthquake, Jean Bilda Robert, Bible League International's national director in Haiti, and Alfredo Vallellanes, Bible League International's regional director of the Caribbean, came to console him and see the impact of the natural disaster on his ministry.

On a return visit months later, they asked Armando if he had begun to re-build his own home. Surprisingly, Armando responded, "No, I did not. I began to build a church for God."

In spite of his personal hardships, Armando is on fire for God. "Because He gives me life after the earthquake, I think it's time for me to praise the Lord," he says.

The impact of God's blessing was evident by the growth in one church's membership that went from 120 members before the earthquake to more than 300 after it. Since the earthquake, Bible League has trained more than 17,000 Philips to lead Bible study groups and share God's Word in the midst of the damage and despair. "It's important for us to have more Bibles!" exclaims Bilda Robert.

"In the midst of disasters, **EVERYONE** has a lot of questions about **ETERNAL THINGS**. We help those who are **AFFECTED** and first responders remain emotionally and **SPIRITUALLY STRONG.**"

Joseph Owens, executive director, development

Tribal Leader Burns Tools, **TURNS TO CHRIST**

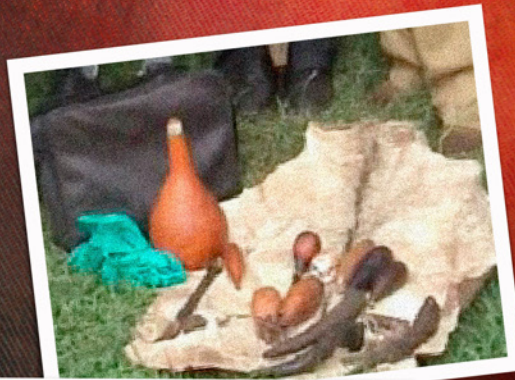
*“...so as to live for
the rest of the time
in the flesh no
longer for human
passions but for the
will of God.”*

1 Peter 4:2 ESV

In African Maasai villages, tribal leaders are both respected and feared as guardians of spiritual heritage. They give orders and judgments on all kinds of personal and family matters, and their powerful status and influence are rarely challenged. In one Maasai community where Bible League International ministered this year, the leader had long held the village hostage in idol worship.

Finally, after being persuaded to attend a Bible League International-led Bible study, the Maasai leader repented and gave his life to Christ. As evidence of his conversion, he burned all of his fetishes, potions and other tools in a bonfire for the whole village to see. He then joyously received the new Bibles presented to him by Bible League International.

Bible League International's Kenyan ministry director witnessed the event and reported, "He (the tribal leader) was given a Bible and the entire village got to witness him coming to Christ. I'm telling you, it was exciting!"





Sowing the SEEDS

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.”

Isaiah 55:10-11 ESV

Bible League International has several ways of planting God’s Word around the world.

Project Philip

At the heart of our Bible planting, Project Philip teaches Christians from local churches evangelism and discipleship so they can share the Good News throughout their communities. This method of delivering God’s Word is based on the story in Acts 8, where Philip explains an Old Testament passage to a traveling Ethiopian, who then accepts Christ. As new believers study side-by-side with local Christians, their understanding of scripture increases, their relationships with local churches deepen and their faith is fed by fellowship with other believers.

Bibles and Bible study materials

Each year, Bible League International prints Bibles, New Testaments and Bible study materials in more than 120 languages. In addition, for more than 40 years, Bible League International has worked with Wycliffe Bible Translators, bringing God’s Word to more than 700 indigenous language groups around the world.

There is increasing demand for scripture year round. Scripture is the seed that you provide and we plant to feed the growing hunger of those who have no access to God’s powerful and life-changing Word.

Church Planting

Together with partner churches, Bible League International is involved in planting churches in thousands of communities around the world. Crime and desperation grow in places with no spiritual connection. We’ve seen communities thrive when there’s a church grounded in God’s Word. Our Church Planter Institute trains local people and equips them with the materials needed to plant a church, even in restricted areas where Christian worship is illegal.



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 protect your investment in our ministry through their supervision of our mission.

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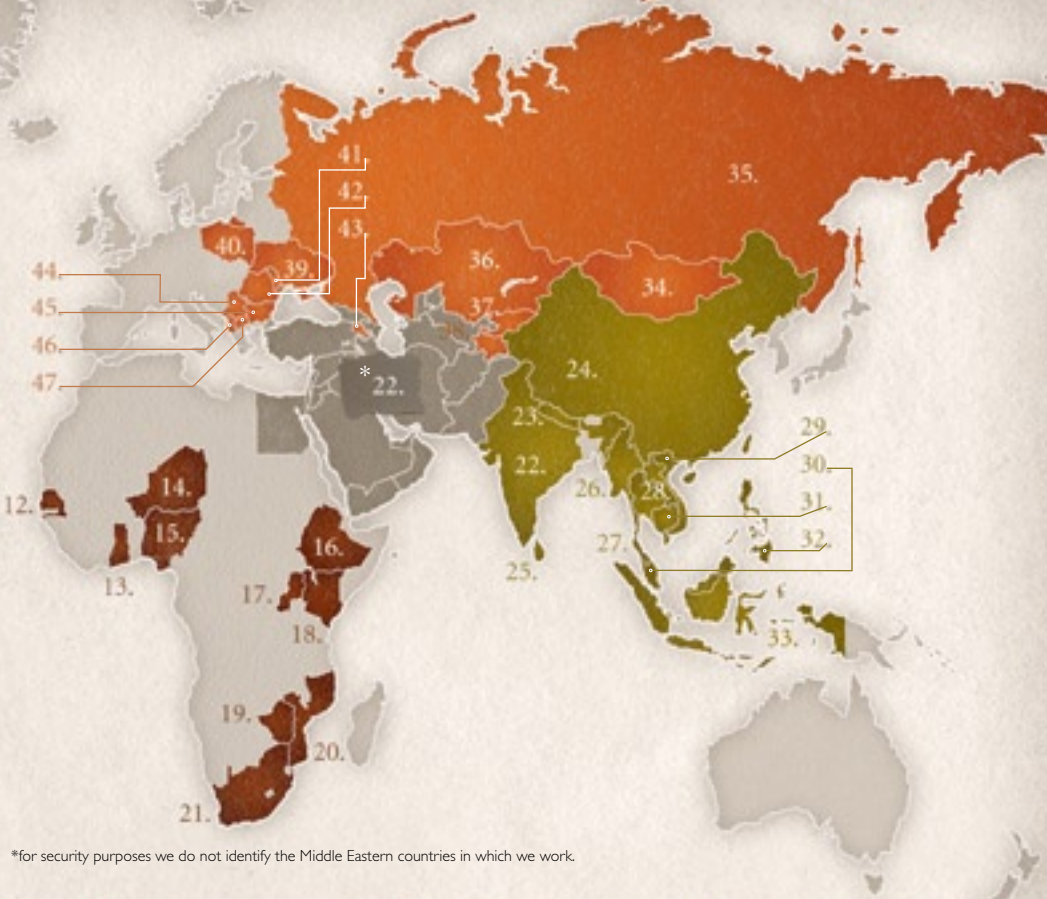
• Resources at a Glance

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Bible League International (BLI) is a non-profit evangelical Christian ministry dedicated to making disciples and training Bible study leaders and church planters using the Word of God. Since its founding in 1938, BLI has placed millions of Bibles in the hands of people in more than 80 countries around the world. BLI's goals are that every person who wants a Bible can have one, every neighborhood has a vibrant Bible study group and every community has a thriving church grounded in God's Word.



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SP COURSE GRADUATES:

2,715,904

BIBLE STUDY GROUP (CELL) MEETINGS:

235,636

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NEW CHURCH MEMBERS:

479,181

NEW CHURCHES PLANTED:

3,663

NATIONALS TRAINED:

304,019

AMERICAS REGION

1. United States
2. Mexico
3. Central America
4. Puerto Rico
5. Haiti
6. Dominican Republic
7. Venezuela
8. Colombia
9. Ecuador
10. Peru
11. Chile

AFRICA REGION

12. Senegal
13. Ghana
14. Niger
15. Nigeria
16. Ethiopia
17. Uganda
18. Kenya
19. Zimbabwe
20. Mozambique
21. South Africa
22. MIDDLE EAST*

ASIA REGION

22. India
23. Nepal
24. China
25. Sri Lanka
26. Myanmar
27. Thailand
28. Laos
29. Vietnam
30. Malaysia
31. Cambodia
32. Philippines
33. Indonesia

EUROPE REGION

34. Mongolia
35. Russia
36. Kazakhstan
37. Kyrgyzstan
38. Tajikistan
39. Ukraine
40. Poland
41. Moldova
42. Romania
43. Armenia
44. Serbia
45. Bulgaria
46. Albania
47. Macedonia



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MINISTRY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



AMERICAS



	SP Course Graduates	Bible Study Group (Cell) Meetings	New Church Members	New Churches Planted	Nationals Trained
Central America	13,911	2,270	603	0	3,882
Chile	12,024	2,161	1,926	1	5,024
Colombia	55,927	8,056	17,890	43	4,555
Dominican Republic	24,549	3,160	4,911	40	3,736
Ecuador	80,048	13,828	11,651	120	10,323
Haiti	214,439	35,762	15,515	214	17,983
Mexico	203,720	30,475	84,129	302	11,233
Peru	22,879	3,524	2,001	35	6,037
Puerto Rico	14,230	1,686	3,099	19	2,263
US Hispanics	37,750	5,479	3,053	59	2,270
Venezuela	26,688	4,848	13,266	52	5,916
TOTAL	706,165	111,249	158,044	885	73,222

AFRICA



Ethiopia	78,356	6,878	6,224	2	6,721
Ghana	28,522	1,266	1,266	3	1,938
Kenya	56,679	8,081	19,152	99	25,795
Mozambique	36,038	2,044	3,780	99	1,125
Niger	3,889	418	271	0	160
Nigeria	178,071	10,823	5,633	102	30,518
Senegal	4,735	711	872	18	420
South Africa	19,180	2,764	8,367	4	4,767
Uganda	28,016	2,081	3,874	32	6,986
Zimbabwe	12,461	2,217	3,684	137	3,859
TOTAL	445,947	37,283	53,123	496	82,289

*Middle East 41,043 465 5,359 110 925

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ASIA



Cambodia	93,537	13,764	33,505	713	14,949
China	331,488	4,789	3,322	49	25,670
India	172,437	10,648	62,242	192	35,938
Indonesia	20,418	1,419	898	49	1,740
Laos	23,380	2,540	5,898	215	7,306
Malaysia	87,589	5,126	53,993	167	10,723
Myanmar	42,372	7,960	5,215	185	7,093
Nepal	13,300	416	10,644	17	5,416
Philippines	308,873	18,846	62,574	268	8,704
Sri Lanka	2,994	35	222	6	1,484
Thailand	4,430	231	3,017	15	402
Vietnam	29,206	238	4,830	44	585
TOTAL	1,130,024	66,012	246,360	1,920	120,010

EUROPE



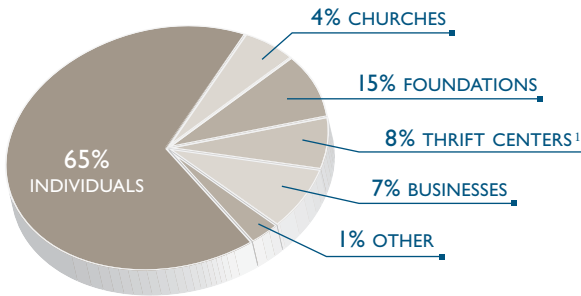
Albania	11,376	334	618	16	430
Armenia	2,373	245	759	44	78
Bulgaria	11,207	507	1,753	52	529
Kazakhstan	31,180	333	1,861	0	259
Kyrgyzstan	10,142	62	677	20	1,879
Macedonia	419	91	49	3	45
Moldova	21,177	888	628	6	556
Mongolia	7,135	1,095	989	12	2,540
Poland	1,050	40	44	1	357
Romania	87,649	7,015	3,268	25	7,867
Russia	117,046	5,799	4,550	38	12,062
Serbia	3,426	34	218	4	0
Tajikistan	5,846	165	387	4	288
Ukraine	82,699	4,019	494	27	683
TOTAL	392,725	20,627	16,295	252	27,573

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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.

In my dream I saw seven heads of grain, full and good, growing on a single stalk. Gen. 41:22 (NIV)

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



¹Bibles for Missions Thrift Centers are operated by more than 1,000 volunteers. Each center "adopts" a country of ministry and supports the sharing of God's Word in that region from the 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 • BIBLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL & BIBLE LEAGUE FOUNDATION

Income		Expenditures	
Partner Contributions	17,640,000	Total Programs	\$18,783,000
Bibles for Missions Thrift Centers	1,613,000	Administration	2,968,000
International Funding Partners	3,201,000	Fundraising**	5,379,000
Gifts-in-kind	265,000	Expenditures Total	\$27,130,000
Legacies and Bequests	1,325,000	Net income vs. expenses	(\$2,184,000)
Income Total*	24,044,000	Net Assets	
		Unrestricted Net Assets	
Revenue		Undesignated	2,467,000
Scripture sales	262,000	Land, building and equipment	10,232,000
Change in Trust Value/Investment Loss	640,000	Board designated—Annuities & other	4,147,000
Revenue Total	902,000	Total Unrestricted Net Assets	\$16,846,000
Grand Total	24,946,000	Restricted Net Assets	
		Temporarily restricted	1,978,000
		Permanently restricted	440,000
		Total Restricted Net Assets	\$2,418,000
		Total Net Assets	\$19,264,000

*The Ministry previously reported in its combined financial statements the revenues and expenses of foreign entities with which the Ministry has a relationship but that the Ministry does not control (as control is defined in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States). During the year ended August 31, 2010, the Ministry determined that its combined financial statements more appropriately reflect the financial position, changes in net assets and cash flows under the control of the Ministry without inclusion of such activity, and the Ministry discontinued the inclusion of these revenues and expenses in its combined financial statements. Total net assets as of September 1, 2009 were not affected by this change.

**Includes planned giving expenses.