



Canadian Bible Society

BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

— Psalm 46:10

Impact Report 2025

KNOW GOD

Open yourself to grace and love.
Journey to safety and peace.
Surrender to healing and restoration.
Embrace reconciliation and justice.
Join in proclamation and service.
Abide in faith and hope.

Knowing God IS Salvation

When we hear God speak, we hear our Creator. Imagine! He loves us beyond all human limitations. He sacrificed so much for us. He wants only good things for us. And we are never alone.

Light dawns in our hearts – a relationship with our Creator *IS* salvation.

Seeing through God's eyes, we become compelled to help more people hear God's voice by encountering His Word. Only then can they accept His invitation to the relationship for which we all were created.

“Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” — John 17:3

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS, PARTNERS, AND FRIENDS!

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” — Isaiah 41:10



LONGING FOR SALVATION

I won't catalogue the conflicts, catastrophes and cruelty that darken our days. You know them. You feel them. And if you're like me, you crave deliverance.

But we are not alone. To know God is to find our salvation. In Him we find shelter, strength and peace.

And every day, more people are transformed by the Living Word, who comes to them through the Written Word.

That's why we are so profoundly grateful for your commitment in the face of tremendous challenges to faith. You know that the stakes are eternal, and you persevere.

Please accept this report as a thank you for the past year. We invite you to continue delivering God's Word to more people desperate to be saved.

May God's presence be powerful in your life, every day.

Rev. Dr. Rupen Das, President



YOU HELP PEOPLE TO KNOW GOD

We are in this work together, throughout Canada and around the world.

Your faithfulness transforms lives.

Together, we offer more ways to help people hear and understand. *More translation. More publishing. More distribution. More engagement.*

You answer God's call.

Together, we seek every opportunity to make Him known. *Remove barriers. Bridge gaps. Resource the Church.*

You fuel progress.

Together, we collaborate more widely to empower more partners. *New approaches. New products. New channels. New impact.*

You nurture the spirit of mission.

As we know God and live in His presence, more people accept His invitation. *“Be still and know that I am God!”*

OUR VISION

CBS’ vision is to help people hear God speak through His written Word, the Bible, so that they would encounter and know the Living Word, Jesus Christ.

OUR MISSION

As a national religious charitable organization, the purposes of the Canadian Bible Society are to translate without doctrinal note, publish, and distribute the Christian Scriptures, and to promote and encourage the use of the Bible, throughout Canada and worldwide in cooperation with members of the United Bible Societies and other organizations.



WHY: THREE BARRIERS

- > Bible Poverty: Lack of Access
- > Bible Literacy: Difficulty understanding
- > Bible Relevance: Difficulty in applying to life

WHO: OUR PRIORITIES

When and where:

- > Lives are at risk
- > Faith is suppressed
- > Trauma is profound
- > Youth need hope
- > The Church seeks help

WHAT WE DO:

How we break down those barriers

- 1 We Translate:** We make God’s Word available in the languages that speak to the hearts of people.
- 2 We Publish:** We produce God’s Word in formats people can use.
- 3 We Distribute:** We get God’s Word into the hands of waiting people.
- 4 We Engage:** We help people find their way to the message God has for them.

EVERY DAY YOU HELP THE WORLD HEAR GOD SPEAK

28,790 CBS supporters generously stepped up in 2024-2025 with support for 69 projects and ministries in 47 countries outside of Canada.

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CBS supported
22 translation
projects



Over **30 M**
children and adults
reached through
our programs.



71
number of languages in which CBS
distributed Bibles in Canada.

555,260
Bibles, Testaments, Scripture
portions and selections
distributed by CBS in Canada.



Top Ten Languages

distributed in Canada:

- > Spanish
- > Persian (Farsi)
- > Haitian Creole
- > Punjabi
- > Chinese
- > Arabic
- > Plautdietsch
- > Ukrainian
- > Hindi
- > Tagalog

COUNTRIES WHERE YOUR SUPPORT HAD AN IMPACT



Albania, Angola, Arab-Israel, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Palestine, Peru, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, Ukraine, Vietnam.

IN A WORLD OF SUFFERING, YOU BRING HOPE

The people you help reach around the world know war, deprivation, and exploitation. They have deep first-hand experience of danger, oppression, neglect and abuse.

They eagerly seize God's Word as a lifeline. Hearing God speak gives birth to hope, and His Word transforms their hearts.



UKRAINE – OFFERING SOLACE IN THE FACE OF PAIN

The ongoing conflict has devastated countless lives. Tens of thousands have been killed, cities ruined, and millions displaced. Amid this despair, Ukrainian churches and organizations are determined to provide aid and spread the Gospel. Bible demand is surging, including in frontline areas, liberated territories, and displaced communities.

Last year, your gifts provided 150,000 Bibles and New Testaments: 39,500 regular Bibles; 11,000 youth Bibles; 52,000 NTs; 48,000 children's Bibles.

You have helped distribute more than 1.2 million Bibles and Scriptural resources since the war began.

“Soldiers regularly ask for prayer and tangible support. Chaplains continually reach out, pleading for spiritual literature for the soldiers. Pastors and priests are seeking Bibles and children's Bibles—essential tools for their pastoral care among those broken by war. Thank you for doing all that is possible to ensure that our war-weary and broken-hearted people can receive their own copy of God's Word, hear the tender voice of the Lord, and feel His gentle, healing touch.” — The Ukrainian Bible Society team

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BIBLE SOCIETY PARTNERS

One-fifth of the world's Bible Societies face disruption and danger due to conflict and violence. By providing as much funding as possible, CBS helps partners sustain translation, publishing, distribution and engagement efforts.

HAITI – SHINING A LIGHT IN A NATION IN CHAOS

In Haiti, despite the terror of warring gangs, the Bible Society perseveres in its mission. With 37% of the population illiterate, the Jesus film serves as a crucial tool for introducing people to Christ. Last year, over **50 screenings reached 60,000 people**, leading to **170 new believers**. Additionally, more than **2,500 schoolchildren** received Bibles, each impacting 3-5 others.

“Getting my own Bible is so special to me. I’ve wanted to read God’s words for myself and feel closer to Him. Every time I open it, it’s like He’s speaking to me and bringing me peace.” — Student in Haiti

“We are making it possible not only to protect children and grandparents with physical food, but spiritually, through discipleship and Biblical teachings, and we see God’s power and love at work in their lives. We thank the Peruvian Bible Society.”
—María Canilla, missionary in Peru

PERU – FEEDING THE FUTURE FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

Peru, where 32% of children live in poverty, many are forced into labour, leaving education and hope behind. The Peruvian Bible Society addresses this by providing nutritious meals, Bible studies, and age-appropriate materials in **38 communities**. In 2024, the program reached **over 7,000 children**, benefiting not only the kids but also teachers and families.

HONDURAS – BRINGING PEACE TO THE MOST VIOLENT COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

Amid extreme violence, the Bible Society of Honduras is working as peacemakers, using Scripture to promote peace, justice, and moral values. In collaboration with the Roman Catholic Church and the National Evangelical Association, they began distributing **7,000 Bibles to prisoners** and **3,500 Bibles to police forces** in 2024, laying the foundation for broader outreach to all “justice operators” in the country.

“I was a womanizer and a drunkard; I lived a disorderly life. I received the Word of God, and my life has been transformed. Today, I am a completely different man, a servant of God, a good father, and husband. Thanks to Jesus, I am fulfilling my God-given purpose here in the Navy. I want to start working with young people...I am sure I have a special calling to serve God. I do not know when, but I am ready to serve.” — Commander Canales

“This is a project we, as a church, will support passionately. It is really disturbing the way we are losing these young teenage girls to prostitution.”

— Rev. Aryee of the Methodist Church, Takoradi

GHANA – RESCUING VULNERABLE TEENAGE GIRLS

The 2008 oil boom in western Ghana has fueled a rise in child prostitution. The Bible Society of Ghana empowers young girls to resist predators and pressures from family and peers. Last year, they distributed over **1,600 Bibles** and **3,600 Scripture portions**, reaching **8,500 girls** through counselling and education on abuse, peer pressure, and teenage pregnancy.

NIGERIA – HELPING PEOPLE WHO LOST EVERYTHING

Multiple calamities in Nigeria have displaced over two million people, leaving them in overcrowded camps without basic necessities. CBS supports the Bible Society by providing clothing, bedding, toiletries, and Bibles, along with Bible-based Trauma Healing sessions. In the past year, over **2,000 Bibles**, **1,000 sets of school supplies**, and **food** were distributed.

BENIN – HEALING AND GUIDANCE FOR ORPHANS

Orphaned or abandoned children often face mental health and behavioural challenges, leading to isolation and trauma. In 2024, the Bible Society began training orphanage supervisors in spiritual guidance and child care. The program engaged **1,527 children** last year and plans to expand to **10 orphanages**, providing **5,000 illustrated Bibles** for children.

GUATEMALA – RESCUING GIRLS FROM SEX TRAFFICKING

Guatemala faces a trafficking crisis, particularly among Indigenous girls exploited for sex tourism, domestic work, and forced labour. The Bible Society provides shelter, safety, and restoration, while working to prevent trafficking through awareness and education. In 2024, they conducted outreach and training, and in 2025, they aim to intervene with **400 victims** and **engage another 400 girls still in school**.

“Before coming to the shelter, I felt like my life was over. I couldn’t sleep without nightmares, and I didn’t think anyone could love me. But through the sessions and reading the Bible, I learned that Jesus never left me. I’m learning to believe that I’m more than what happened to me.” — María, 15



STANDING WITH THE CHURCH UNDER SIEGE

“There’s no hope here, but Jesus can bring hope. I’m trying to share this message of hope with other young people.” — A persecuted believer

Across the Middle East, historic Christian churches and communities face violent attacks. CBS funds efforts to provide encouragement, practical support, networking, and solidarity.

CBS supports Bible distribution, Bible-based trauma healing, live-streamed worship and studies, children’s drama teams, and outreach. The Bible Society visits dozens of churches and serves in numerous refugee camps each year.

Additionally, we assist ministries supporting Christians worldwide who endure persecution for their faith.

In two Middle Eastern countries*, a total of 3,039,500 beneficiaries, including those in diaspora, were reached through calendar deliveries, camp visits, church leader engagements, and the distribution of 250,000 printed Scripture copies, with 90,000 delivered in Iran.

- > Over 380 million Christians worldwide face persecution, with **12+ killed daily for their faith**.
- > The persecuted church is the **fastest-growing movement**, and in some countries, Christians are seen as national security threats.
- > **Bibles are disguised for safety**, with each Bible reaching an average of three or more readers.
- > In persecuted areas, **home churches are raided**, and members often arrested.

* For confidentiality and safety, we are not naming two Middle Eastern countries where persecution is high.

THE SIGHT, THE SOUND, THE TOUCH OF GOD'S WORD

“Every Deaf person who will come to know Jesus through this project will be a living testimony to the transforming power of the gospel.” — Jacqueline, in Nicaragua

Tens of thousands of people with disabilities face poverty, neglect, and isolation, often cut off from education. Multiple Bible Societies provide Braille and audio Bibles, large-print materials, and sign language videos, transforming lives. They also run a Scripture radio show, a ‘verse of the day’ on Facebook, and add captions to DVDs for families. Their outreach includes local engagement, education, and advocacy, along with expanding church networks for those with visual or hearing impairments.

SIGN-LANGUAGE SPREADING AS A MINISTRY TOOL

BY MID-2025

- > **The Bible Society of Lithuania** is underway with sign language translation and videos from the Book of Acts, the Creation story, and other Old Testament events.
- > **The Cuban Bible Society** has begun the Book of Acts, to add to Bible stories already circulating on DVD.
- > **The Thailand Bible Society** focuses on outreach to Deaf believers, with 30 Genesis chapters and a Gospel of Mark summary in progress.
- > **The Bible Society of Nicaragua** recruited translators, built a studio, and began a sign language dictionary, completing drafts of 14 Gospel of Mark stories.
- > **The Bolivian Bible Society**, with trained translators, made strong progress on portions of Luke and 20 videos seeking community approval.
- > **The Bible Society of Guatemala** launched its first sign language translation with Mark and continued engaging hearing-impaired children in schools.

“Most blind people don’t know God because they have not been introduced to the Bible, nor do they attend church due to mobility problems. The blind are often ignored and neglected by their loved ones and society.”

— Rugira Julius, Uganda

BEYOND WHAT WE CAN SEE

- > **The Bible Society of Kenya** reached 5,000 visually impaired people through churches, prisons, elder homes, service centres, and refugee groups.
- > **The Bible Society in Angola** launched new courses, equipped a new classroom with Braille typewriters and a printer, added Braille math resources, and expanded awareness.
- > **The Bible Society of Uganda** served over 5,000 people, focusing on Braille literacy, audio Scripture access, and training 100 facilitators.

PREPARING FOR THE NEXT WAVE IN CUBA

“The Bible is a spiritual book; if you read it, you will end up believing in it; it ministers to the reader and the listener. It confronts you, encourages you, cleanses you, comforts you; it shows you God’s love. The Bible transforms you from being a sinner into a man of God. From a life of sin and constant failure, the Bible has changed my life!”

— Manuel, a Cuban Christian

“I love the church where I came to understand the Word of God. It was a very nice experience to discover all that I have never seen. [The Bible] transformed me so much! I do not think in the same way anymore; once you receive the Holy Spirit, He shapes and transforms you, for good. Every morning, I read the Bible.” — María Luisa Obares

CBS and Bible Society partners provided one million Bibles to churches and Christians in Cuba in 2018, meeting a long-standing need. This achievement has opened new opportunities to deepen Scripture engagement across the island. The Cuban Bible Society has grown, and the distribution network is stronger, with expanded capacity in every province. As a result, the new goal is to **distribute another 1 million Bibles** over

the next few years, targeting youth, children, churches, prisons, and leaders in all 15 provinces and 168 municipalities.

Your generosity provides God’s Word to Cuban churches, supporting evangelism, discipleship, church growth, and leadership. It fuels the mission to reach all of Cuba for Christ, aids in producing Scripture for the Deaf and visually impaired, and engages youth in Biblical teaching and leadership development.



LIFTING UP THE POOREST BELIEVERS IN CHINA

“It was a little difficult for my family to buy a Bible because of my family’s difficult situation, but now that I have received a Bible, I am really happy and delighted, and my heart is touched beyond words. Thank you very much for your concern for me and for giving me this Bible. I don’t know how to express my gratitude in words.” — Huang Jingyu

Christians in China deeply treasure God’s Word, especially in rural areas where false teachings are rampant. Without affordable or free Bibles, many would never own one. These Bibles are crucial for evangelism, as churches give them to new believers and seekers. With 96% of China’s 1.4 billion people unreached, CBS has long supported Scripture provision by funding Bible distribution and subsidizing printing costs through Amity Press, making Bibles more accessible.

Since 2020, we have been part of a major effort to provide 1,580,000 Bibles over five years. At the end of 2024, that goal was **98% fulfilled, with 1,320,000 new Bibles** in the hands of the church. That includes many free large-print Bibles for the elderly.

TRANSLATION INTO LANGUAGES OF THE HEART

A NEW ERA OF CANADIAN COMMITMENT

“Anna is a 70-year-old woman in Benin. Although her legs trembled, nothing was going to stop her from hiking 10 miles to the site of the launch and celebration of the Bible—newly translated into her language, Fon. Anna walked for hours to bring just one Fon Bible home. There was joy in every step. Her children could now read the Bible, and their lives would be changed forever. For the first time in their lives, Anna and her family could read the Bible in their heart language. Now that Anna has God’s Word in her native tongue, she can help her family and friends come to understand and embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”



TRANSLATION MILESTONES IN 2024

By UBS members around the world, including CBS

- > Overall, Scripture translations – **105 languages for 580 million people**
- > First translations – **74 languages, including 13 sign languages, for 100 million people**
- > New translations, revisions and study editions – **32 languages for 480 million people**

While significant progress has been made in translating Scripture, 53% of the world’s 7,000+ languages have little or no Scripture. Many of these languages, spoken by small communities, are at risk of extinction. Bible Societies play a vital role in preserving these languages and their cultural heritage. In 2024, CBS expanded translation efforts to 22 unreached communities across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. Thanks to key support, we continue moving forward in faith to complete these projects, trusting in God’s desire for all people to hear His voice—even as financial challenges remain.



COUNTRIES WHERE WE SUPPORT TRANSLATION PROJECTS:

Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Cameroon, China, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Guatemala, India, Laos, Lithuania, Malaysia, Peru, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Uganda, Vietnam.



O CANADA

PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF OUR WORK IN CANADA

OUR FOCUS IN CANADA

- > **INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES SEEKING HEALING**, and the churches walking with them
- > **NEXTGEN YOUTH UNDER PRESSURE**, and leaders guiding them toward faith
- > **PEOPLE FACING TRAUMA** or life-controlling challenges, in need of restoration
- > **DIASPORA CHURCHES NURTURING** their people and reaching out in service
- > **VULNERABLE SENIORS NEEDING COMFORT** and assurance of God's love
- > **MINISTRY LEADERS HELPING OTHERS** hear God, and grow in faith and peace

*“I learned that all I do is for the glory of God... that I’m not “too young” to be used for His glory because my God dream came true this year and the Lord used me in ways I didn’t ever expect... I learned that when I pray God definitely hears and answers those prayers, everything has become so much clearer to me now... I’ve never felt more **ALIVE!**”* — Student leader at Inspire Conference in Manitoba



WALKING WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

“I was struggling with anxiety and my faith. I was lost. Through this (mentorship) program, I found practical help and a community that encouraged me to lean into my faith. As my faith grew, I began to see changes in my outlook, my habits, and even my character. I became more patient, compassionate, and even wiser and grounded in values. God was shaping me into the person I was meant to be.” — Kyra, student leader from Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation

Indigenous Christian leaders are deeply concerned for their people’s spiritual needs, facing a battle for their future. There’s a growing demand for God’s Word in their languages, and Bible translation is crucial for preserving their culture. Indigenous communities are embracing CBS programs like *Caring for the Wounded Heart* (Bible-based trauma healing) and *Overcomers* (Bible-based recovery and support program), both of which focus on community-based group study. CBS also distributes Bibles, Scripture, and resources to many Indigenous communities.

TRANSLATIONS YOU SUPPORTED IN FY 2025

- > **INUINNAQTUN SCRIPTURE PORTIONS** – Audio recordings of selected passages and a Gospel of Mark film were completed in Inuinnaqtun, with several Scripture portions finished since 2017.
- > **COMPLETE BIBLE IN BLACKFOOT** – This long-cherished dream of the Blackfoot people began with discussions, experimentation, training, and project setup and now is making steady progress.
- > **COMPLETE BIBLE IN INUKTITUT (REVISION)** – The revision team, now with seven new community reviewers, is updating the Inuktitut Scriptures and will produce a children’s Bible format, audio New Testament, and *Mission: Literacy* series.
- > **NORTH ALASKAN IÑUPIAQ OLD TESTAMENT** – Translation of the Old Testament is underway for the Iñupiaq language, alongside audio recordings of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Psalms 1-50.

“Our church is the only place remaining where Inuinnaqtun is used, so this translation project is an important calling.” — Edna Elias, team member for Inuinnaqtun Scripture revision



BRINGING HOPE: THE CHRISTMAS REFRESHER TOUR

In partnership with *I Am Compelled*, CBS supported the Christmas Refresher Tour, providing essential resources like Bibles, sticker books, comics, warm clothing, and other items to four remote Indigenous communities. As

over 100 children, youth, parents, and grandparents received gifts, hope, and encouragement, there were powerful moments of transformation: a young girl recommitted her life to Jesus, a father found emotional release through prayer for his daughter struggling with addiction, and leaders were renewed by the Holy Spirit. God’s presence was felt, lifting spirits and creating genuine connections among all involved.



SPREADING HOPE TO YOUNGER HEARTS: BIBLE DISTRIBUTION AT CAMPS AND EVENTS

CBS is making a lasting impact on the next generation by putting the Word of God into the hands of children and youth across Canada. Through our partnerships with camps, clubs, and Christian organizations, we distributed **20,800 camp Bibles** and **3,508 additional youth Bibles** to help young people connect with Scripture and grow in their faith.

Ministries like Catholic Christian Outreach and Ontario Camping Ministries are seeing firsthand how these Bibles transform lives.

“I’m really excited to navigate through the Word of God with these kids. They’re actually excited now as well, since they feel a sense of ownership and contribution to their own learning through these Bibles.” — Debora Campbell, Catholic Christian Outreach.

The impact of these camp Bibles extend beyond campgrounds. Children often bring their new faith home, sharing it with their families and friends. One camp leader, supported by The Salvation Army’s Ontario Camping Ministries, shared, **“I had the honour and joy of being able to pray with a 12-year-old camper who wanted to be free from her anxiety. She truly felt the joy of the Lord, because of the work of His Holy Spirit!”**

Thanks to your support, CBS continues to equip ministries across Canada with Bibles, amplifying the transformative power of God’s Word in the hearts of young people.





YOUTH EVENTS: REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION WITH THE GOSPEL

CBS is deeply invested in reaching youth across Canada through dynamic, life-changing events.

LAST YEAR, WE PARTNERED WITH MORE THAN TWO DOZEN YOUTH-FOCUSED EVENTS, IMPACTING 39,435 NEXTGEN YOUTH (under 30 years of age). One highlight was the Change Conf. National 2025, where 5,055 students from coast to coast heard the life-changing message of Jesus. Many of them experienced transformation:

“The conference was a life-changing experience for me. I used to think my life didn’t have a purpose, now I know it does!”

— Student from Thompson, MB

At the Inspire Our Nation Conference, 719 students made commitments to Christ, and 257 Bibles were distributed to those who requested them. These Bibles were deeply meaningful to students, as one participant shared, *“Thank you so much for preaching the good news! I really felt a connection with God in how we were able to gather and make connections with other kids our age who believe in the one true God.”*

These events foster an incredible hunger for God’s presence, and CBS is proud to provide the tools necessary for youth to grow in their faith. We are grateful for your partnership in making these life-changing moments possible for the next generation.



“Last week’s laments (part of the group sessions) opened up a big wound I hadn’t prioritized and wasn’t ready to deal with. After spiralling for decades, I finally started the grief journey for this one thing. I hurt a lot, but now I have tools, and together with my weekly meetings with my professional counsellor, I am looking forward to finally healing. I am grateful I now have that hope.” — Pastor Yonatan Hiruy

CARING FOR THE WOUNDED HEART

RECRUITS AND TRAINS MORE LEADERS

Every person trained in Bible-based Trauma Healing (TH) becomes a long-term agent of healing.

Trauma healing group sessions and personal work help participants identify their pain, share their suffering, and bring it to the Cross of Christ for healing. The Bible-based curriculum includes basic mental health concepts and helps individuals forgive those who caused their trauma. Facilitators progress from Apprentice to Certified to Master status, with training being the top priority. Notably, several remote Indigenous communities have embraced *Caring for the Wounded Heart* as a healing pathway.

Debra Karman, CWH Consultant and Master Facilitator in Classic and Story-based TH, has been leading Healing Groups and Equipplings with CBS for 5 years.

PROGRESS YOU SUPPORTED THIS PAST YEAR

Training:

128 trained in Canada + 128 in 8 countries by CBS staff, contractors, and Master Facilitators.

Healing Groups:

360 participants in Canada and 249 internationally completed 6+ core lessons.

Remote Reach:

Facilitators based in 6 remote communities: Aklavik, Fort Smith, Yellowknife (NT); Split Lake (MB); Sheshatsiu (NL). Healing Groups & Equipplings held in 9 locations including Iqaluit (NU), Tuktoyaktuk, Fort Providence (NT), and Mistissini (QC).



The craving for drugs. The compulsion to gamble. The impulse to dangerous and self-destructive acts. Overcomers is for anyone who wants to escape these and other life-controlling behaviours that imprison them.

Overcomers is a **Bible-based, 12-step recovery and support program** revamped by CBS for a Canadian audience and designed to guide individuals toward freedom. Groups meet online or in person as they journey together.

FINDING FREEDOM

“Overcomers has helped me grow closer in my relationship with God. It’s been an incredible healing journey in this season in my life. It’s enabled me to make new friends and find a sense of togetherness in my walk with God.”

— Nathan, Overcomers group member at Lakemount Worship Center, Grimsby, ON

“I lived most of my adult life under the blinding grip of sin, leaving a trail of pain and destruction behind. While in prison, I became an active member of the Overcomers group. I loved how the program outlined God’s Word and doctrine so clearly and practically, so much so, I asked my church leaders back home if we could start a group once I was released, and we did. The group has now grown to over 100 people!” — Marcello F

“In our ministry to the incarcerated, the Overcomers Bible and workbook have become an indispensable resource. Its clear, practical and uplifting commentary has enabled us to touch lives. We are grateful to CBS for its vision in making this resource available to churches like ours.

— Robert Greaves (Senior Pastor, Ottawa Seventh-day Adventist Church)

2,211

Overcomers Bibles distributed to people in need of hope.

2,930 Overcomers

Workbooks distributed to serve people searching for a path to freedom.

270 Overcomers

Leader’s Guides distributed to help train new program facilitators.



DIASPORA MINISTRY RAPIDLY EXPANDS

Diaspora churches in Canada, made up of immigrants and newcomers, are vibrant with outreach and deep spirituality, though limited resources hinder their ministry. CBS provides Scripture in their heart languages and hosts Intergenerational Seminars and preaching workshops for clergy and lay leaders. Our growing network connects newcomer leaders for mutual support.

THANK YOU
FOR HELPING
TO ACHIEVE
THESE
MILESTONES

- > **168** new diaspora partners, with **51** formalized through signed MOUs.
- > **4** Intergenerational Seminars with more than **240** participants.
- > **2** Preaching Seminars with more than **55** participants.
- > Printed **6,000** Gospels of Luke in Farsi, distributed by more than **15** partners.
- > Translated **2** outreach tracts into Tigrigna, Amharic, and Punjabi.

“I had the pleasure of attending a great seminar provided by CBS. It was truly impactful...a perfect blend of Biblical depth and practical application, equipping participants with fresh perspectives on delivering meaningful and impactful messages... I left feeling motivated and equipped to apply what I learned!”

— Pastor Yonatan Hiruy



EXPANDING SUPPORT FOR THE VULNERABLE ELDERLY

The COVID-19 pandemic isolated seniors, creating significant challenges. In response, CBS launched audio Scriptures on user-friendly MegaVoice devices and giant-print Bibles. Five years later, MegaVoice players remain essential tools for chaplains, activity directors, and others serving seniors. Thank you for helping to bring comfort and warmth to seniors.

“When her husband was hospitalized with a serious illness, she felt utterly weak and devastated—she even wished for death. The audio Bible became her lifeline, giving her strength to hold on to God. She expressed that without Jesus and His Word, she would have completely crumbled under the weight of her struggles.”

— Arthur Surjadi, Chaplain in Vancouver about a recipient’s experience.



Since the MegaVoice program began:

6326

MegaVoice units provided

699

Giant Print Bibles

229

Partner long-term care homes and steadily growing

Content is now available in 50 languages in Canada

PLUS

- > Distributed over 1,000 Cantonese and Mandarin-language MegaVoice Audio Bibles to Chinese-speaking seniors in B.C. and Ontario, in partnership with Pentecostal Tabernacle Vancouver
- > 100 MegaVoice Audio Bibles in Easter Cree were distributed in the James Bay area. The elders love to hear God speak in their language.



GATHERING STRENGTH

Ministry is difficult. Challenges are daunting. Society's problems are perplexing, and the days can be lonely. But when leaders come together, they find support, inspiration, encouragement, guidance – and best of all, colleagues.

CBS uniquely brings together people from across the full spectrum of Christian witness and service. For CBS, gathering means meeting and hearing God together, then going out to serve; stronger and better connected.

> THE BIBLE IS TRENDING

Subtitled “How to Untangle Scripture for This Generation,” this event brought together over **350 ministry and youth leaders**, and CBS partners in Markham, St. Catharines, and Calgary to explore next-gen engagement with Scripture.

> ENCOURAGEMENT ON THE MENU

Pastors met in CBS-sponsored “Leaders Luncheons” on the theme of “Inspiring Bible Engagement in Our Time.” More than **900 leaders** enjoyed the connection and encouragement, gathered in two dozen locations.

> WE LIKE TO SAY “YES!”

Last year, CBS was also invited to participate in **15 gatherings in Quebec** and another dozen events across Canada. These included several prayer breakfasts, as well as seminars and workshops, and denominational and synod gatherings.



New partners added

In 2024, CBS engaged 330 new church partners, bringing the total of CBS church partners with formal agreements to 1959.



“Just shows the thoughtful attention and detail that we matter, because we are so busy as ministers pouring into others so this was a beautiful reminder of a time for self reflection, care and wellness for ourselves and to network, and meet other believers in unity. There are so many sections and so many denominations but today was a reminder of how unified we are as we work together towards the same goal of Kingdom building. God bless you.” — Pastor Georgina Johnson, Pure Worship Ministries





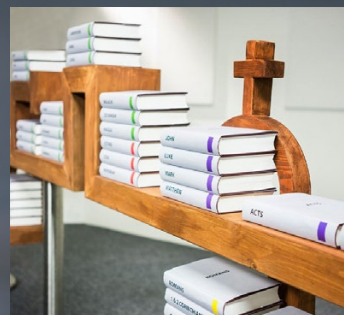
GLIMPSES OF GOD AT WORK

THE BIBLE COURSE EXPANDS ITS IMPACT ACROSS CANADA

Whether you're new to the Bible or well-versed, **The Bible Course** offers a powerful overview of Scripture through videos, diagrams, and interactive guides. Launched in 2020, it has impacted over **7,800 people across Canada**.

"The Bible course has truly been an eye-opener for many in our community. Through the structured teaching, provision of Bibles, and engaging discussions, participants have deepened their faith, gained interpretation skills, and strengthened their spiritual walk."

— Rev. Sandrah Mashingaidze, Wexford Presbyterian Church, Scarborough



COMING
SOON: THE NEW
BIBLE COURSE.



MEGAVOICE GETTING A HEARING IN PRISONS

A CBS-led pilot in BC, in partnership with chaplains, showed that audio Bible devices can powerfully bring God's Word to inmates in Canada's correctional institutions.

"Many inmates have difficulty reading. Literacy, even with easy-to-read Bible translations, is a challenge for the guys. Having the Word of God in an audio format reduces that obstacle. Several inmates told me how hearing the Bible through the MegaVoice devices encouraged them and gave them hope on some hard days." — Prison Chaplain in B.C.

Thanks to our donors, in 2024, CBS provided inmates across Canada with **10,083 Bibles** and **2,052 New Testaments**. As funding allows, we plan to expand to federal and provincial institutions nationwide.



CBS MEDIA MINISTRY

Big questions. Honest wrestling. Powerful insights

The Scripture Untangled podcast reached a major milestone, passing 170,000 listens/views and 128 episodes (and counting) since May 2022. The podcast is now available on 30+ podcast platforms.

"Some exciting news from NS. Many young Christians listen avidly to your podcast and quite a few are finding answers and boldly telling their friends. It cheers my heart and makes Jesus smile. Great work!" — Kim Muirhead



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MEET OUR PODCAST HOSTS: UNRAVELING SCRIPTURE WITH INSIGHT AND HEART

Our podcast hosts bring out the best in helping guests untangle the depths of Scripture.

Learn more:



Lorna Dueck has spent over 30 years exploring the intersection of journalism and Christianity. She served as CEO of Crossroads Christian Communications and was also a columnist for The Globe and Mail. A frequent media commentator, she has reported globally on church-led humanitarian responses.



Joanna la Fleur is a speaker, podcaster, and communications consultant. She hosts the Word Made Digital podcast, consults for Alpha Canada, advises Wycliffe College's Institute of Evangelism, and sits on Tyndale University's Board of Governors.



Rev. Dr. Andrew Stirling is currently serving as Ambassador for the Canadian Bible Society, fostering relationships with churches and institutions across Canada. He previously served as Senior Minister at Timothy Eaton Memorial United Church in Toronto from 1998 until his retirement.

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

This snapshot is a summary of the Canadian Bible Society's activities across Canada and the world completed in FY 2025.

2025 AT A GLANCE

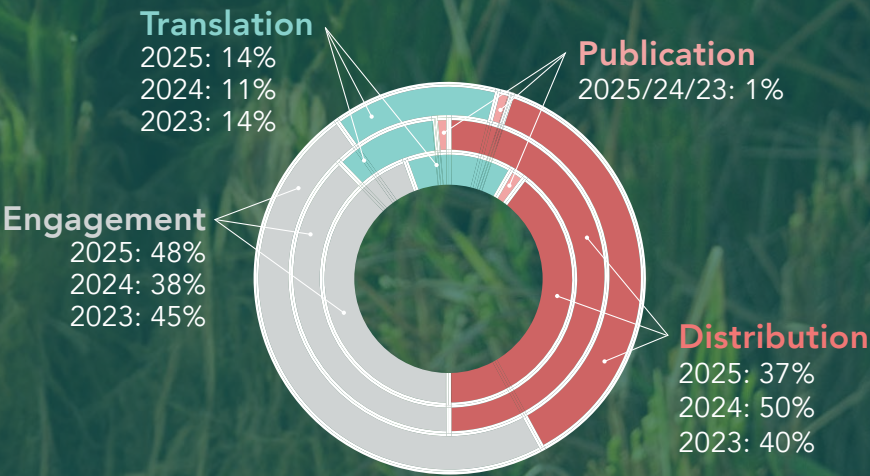
Over 30M children and adults reached.

69 projects
47 countries

\$14,054,000 invested in areas of need in Canada and around the world where people have limited or no access to God's Word.

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

FY 2025 (outer) / FY 2024 (middle) / FY 2023 (inner)



Projection based on current strategies; subject to change with regional focus and initiatives.

FOUR PILLARS IN A SNAPSHOT



2025 | **69** projects
47 countries

2024 | **58** projects
36 countries

2023 | **46** projects
35 countries

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TRANSLATION

GLOBAL Reach

2025: 22 projects 23,694,424 people	2024: 9 projects 12,440,302 people	2023: 8 projects 6,502,000 people
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Minority Language Groups in Asia

2025: 7 projects 5,283,800 people	2024: 5 projects 5,187,502 people	2023: 3 projects 2,388,000 people
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Deaf Communities

2025: 6 projects 16,214 people	2024: 5 projects 15,214 people	2023: 4 projects 4,014,000 people
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CANADA Reach

2025: 4 projects 34,051,360 people	2024: 4 projects 34,051,360 people	2023: 6 projects 34,052,190 people
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PUBLICATION

GLOBAL Reach

2025: 9 projects 6,833,414 people	2024: 6 projects 6,015,214 people	2023: 4 projects 4,014,000 people
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Deaf Communities (video publication)

2025: 6 projects 16,214 people	2024: 5 projects 15,214 people	2023: 4 projects 4,014,000 people
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CANADA Publishing

2025: 64 Scripture types (Bibles, NTs, Portions) 230,000 people	2024: 60 Scripture types (Bibles, NTs, Portions) 205,000 people	2023: 63 Scripture types (Bibles, NTs, Portions) 260,000 people
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Canada – New Products

2025: 41 new Scripture products launched	2024 & 2023: 32 new Scripture products launched
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Global publication numbers reflect instances where publishing is most likely a secondary component of an active translation project.

FOUR PILLARS IN A SNAPSHOT

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DISTRIBUTION

GLOBAL Reach		
2025: 17 projects 4,150,725 people	2024: 6 projects 1,724,921 people	2023: 8 projects 2,916,095 people

Vulnerable Children
2025, 2024 & 2023: 1 project 150,000 people

Persons with Visual Disabilities		
2025: 7 projects 392,709 people	2024: 3 projects 63,921 people	2023: 4 projects 55,095 people

CANADA Distribution		
2025: 555,260 Scripture items distributed reaching as many people or more.	2024: 631,298 Scripture items distributed reaching as many people or more.	2023: 525,466 Scripture items distributed reaching as many people or more.

Scriptures Distributed in Canada	
2025 & 2024: 71 languages	2023: 75 languages

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ENGAGEMENT

GLOBAL Reach		
2025: 27 projects 3,492,692 people	2024: 28 projects 5,638,164 people	2023: 28 projects 5,940,100 people

Vulnerable Children		
2025: 6 projects 19,448 children	2024: 5 projects 17,400 children	2023: 3 projects 12,000 children

Persecuted Church	
2025: 1 project 3,000,000 people	2024 & 2023: 2 projects 3,063,000 people

CANADA – Vulnerable People		
2025: 7,025	2024: 5,120	2023: 949

Podcast + Videos (listens and views)		
2025: 170,000	2024: 109,902	2023: 78,080

Note: People groups examples shown above under all four pillars are illustrative and do not reflect all people groups served.
Calculation: These figures are based on reported project outcomes, communities served, and CBS funding – offering a clear, high-level view of reach and investment.

The Canadian Bible Society has a presence across Canada with five Regions:

- > British Columbia and Yukon
- > Prairies and Northwest Territories
- > Ontario and Nunavut
- > Quebec
- > Atlantic

These regions serve and support the Ministry Leadership Teams and Districts within each region.

Members of the Board of Directors:

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Colette Stewart
Darren Young
Guest: Mrs. Beverly Daniels, President of the Bermuda Bible Society

FINANCES

Canadian Bible Society
Statement of operations
(000s)

	Year ended June 30, 2025	Year ended June 30, 2024
Revenue		
Contributions	9,230	9,816
Legacies	3,351	2,076
Bible sales	2,493	2,365
Investment income	2,097	1,976
Other income	38	39
	17,209	16,272
Expenses		
National ministries	10,721	8,569
World ministries	3,333	4,175
Fund development	1,702	1,400
Administration	2,171	1,939
Amortization of capital assets	141	147
	18,068	16,230
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before undernoted items	(859)	42
Gain on sale of asset	1,426	—
Unrealized gain on investments	2,921	1,518
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	3,488	1,560

**All excess funds are designated to support the ongoing work of CBS.
Audited financial statements are available online at www.biblesociety.ca*



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