

Canadian Bible Society

SHINE THE LIGHT!

Impact Report 2026

THE DARKNESS **WILL NOT WIN.**

Darkness threatens.
The gloom deepens.
Shadows creep towards us.
But none can defeat the light.

God's people stand in the brightness
of this central truth: Christ is the light,
and Christ will defeat evil.

Our task?
Do not give in to the darkness.
Open our hearts and minds
to the light, every day.
And help others hear God speak
so that they too can live in the light.

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." — John 1:5

Conquering the darkness

Different versions of Scriptures help us grasp the protection we have from the darkness we see around us. That darkness:

- **Did not *overcome* the light**
- **Cannot *put it out***
- **Can never *extinguish* it**
- **Cannot *suppress* it**
- **Has not *overpowered* it**
- **Cannot even *understand* the light**

A MESSAGE FROM REV. DR. RUPEN DAS, PRESIDENT

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS, PARTNERS, AND FRIENDS!



A CONSTANT CHALLENGE

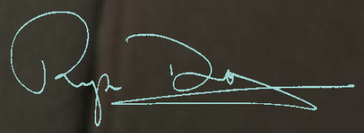
Sometimes I struggle to resist fear and despair. So much of what we rely on is falling apart or being trampled and discarded. If I am not watchful, darkness overtakes me.

Every day, I must turn towards the light to nurture strength, hope, and commitment. And that light never fails. We must help each other to live in the light. You certainly help me. Because of you, people all over the world hear God speak.

Besieged people seek God's word. Entire communities rejoice at their first-ever translation. People who are exploited, isolated and abandoned find God's welcome. Victims of trafficking reclaim their lives. People groan with relief as their trauma is eased. Because of you, they move into the light of God's love.

On behalf of CBS, and me personally, I thank you for choosing light over darkness, and faith over fear. You shine so brightly.

Please accept this report as an act of gratitude for your support. We would be humbled and grateful if you continued to use CBS to shine your light in the world.



Rev. Dr. Rupen Das, President

> *"The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?"* — Psalms 27:1

LIVING IN THE LIGHT

You faithfully enlarge the circle of light, transforming lives.

You empower more translation, more publishing, more distribution, more engagement. **You help break down walls**, shatter barriers, and unlock doors that keep people in darkness. **You help CBS grow its vision**, tackle larger challenges, invent new approaches, and engage more partners. **You shine the Light**, with life-changing impact across Canada and around the world.

OUR VISION

The vision of CBS 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

HOW WE FIGHT THE DARKNESS

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

28,707 CBS supporters generously stepped up in FY 2026 with support for 67 projects and ministries in 53 countries outside of Canada.

CBS supported **27 translation projects**

Over **31 M** **children and adults** reached through our programs.

65
number of languages in which CBS distributed Bibles in Canada.

439,488
Bibles, Testaments, Scripture portions and selections **distributed by CBS in Canada**.

COUNTRIES WHERE YOUR SUPPORT HAD AN IMPACT

Angola, Arab-Israel, Armenia, Brazil, Benin, Burkina Faso, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iran, Dominican Republic, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Nigeria, Palestine, Peru, Romania, Tajikistan, Uganda, Ukraine, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Top Ten Languages

distributed in Canada:

> Arabic
> Chinese
> Haitian Creole
> Persian (Farsi)
> Spanish
> Tagalog
> Tigrigna
> Ukrainian
> Inuktitut E. Arctic Baffin
> Hindi

PLEASE PRAY.

CHURCHES UNDER PRESSURE. PEOPLE IN PERIL.

The deeper the crisis, the greater the desire for God's light

"When the Word of God came into my life...I began to realize that all my efforts weren't enough. I needed something greater. I surrendered to God. I invited Jesus Christ into my heart and let Him take control. Immediately, I felt a massive burden lift. I started sleeping again. My health began to improve. For the first time since my husband's death, I felt peace. I realized that God has never left me." — Tetiana, in Ukraine

CHURCHES, PRIESTS AND CHAPLAINS PERSEVERE IN UKRAINE

Ever since Russia invaded Ukraine four years ago, you have been part of getting God's Word in the hands of people living under constant risk.

Almost 6 million Ukrainians have had to flee the country, and another **3.7 million** have been forced from their homes but are still in Ukraine. More than 70 priests have been killed, and more than 700 religious buildings have been reported destroyed.

"We continue moving forward together in this ministry. We do not stop, because we simply cannot and must not stop." — Leader in the Ukrainian Bible Society



HEALING HEARTS. SHARING HOPE.

Last year, nearly **1,000 people** in Ukraine took part in trauma-healing camps, facilitator training, church equipping sessions, and national gatherings. The outreach drew in children, widows, military families, and faith leaders with sustained psychosocial and spiritual support.

Yet church leaders continue to minister, distributing God's Word throughout Ukraine. More than 1.6 million Bibles have been distributed since the war began—nearly 1,000 each day. Each Bible is expected to reach at least two people. Soldiers are very eager to receive a Bible. The "Blue Bible" for children is pored over by children and mothers alike.

The Bible is central to thousands of trauma-healing programs, support groups, small gatherings, children's camps, and other places that provide refuge, moments of peace, and light in the darkness of war.

WHERE PERSECUTION PREVAILS, GOD'S WORD STILL SHINES

Every year CBS makes a priority of finding ways to support churches ministering where religious freedom is curtailed, Christian churches are monitored and harassed, or Christians are persecuted.

WHERE CANADIAN DONOR SUPPORT WAS COMMITTED IN FY 2026

Middle East	Iran, Bahrain, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Arab-Israel
Central Asia	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan
East & Southeast Asia	China, Laos, Vietnam
Africa	Nigeria, Mali, Burkina Faso, Egypt

PICTURE YOUR GIFT AT WORK IN 2026

- Scriptures for impoverished children and families in Egypt
- A community-based discipleship initiative in Palestine
- A Study Bible for Hmong people facing systematic mistreatment across Southeast Asia
- God's Word for refugees in Jordan
- Bible translation for ethnic minorities in China
- Trauma healing for Iraqi and Syrian refugees in Lebanon

To protect the churches and the participants, much of the work is kept low profile. But all these activities have a very human face - real people finding hope, strength, encouragement, and light.

Here are some of the ways your support touched lives this past year:

CHRISTIANS IN IRAN AND THE DIASPORA

In Iran, Christians are seen as a Western threat. Authorities heavily and systematically repress them. Converts are especially in danger. House churches are commonly raided, often followed by arrests, interrogations, pressure to report other believers and long-term imprisonment. CBS is helping establish the Iranian Bible Society in Diaspora (IBSD), which is already supporting Iranian Christians living under persecution and in exile.

IBSD is providing Scripture in Iran, often at great risk, as well as discipleship resources and spiritual care. More than **38,000 copies** of Scripture were distributed in FY 2026.

To the diaspora, IBSD distributes Persian Bibles, offers trauma healing and counselling, and especially engages women and youth through digital programs and partner networks.

"A tangible glimpse of hope to a scattered community of faith."
— from an IBSD report

ISOLATED WOMEN AND GIRLS AT RISK IN KYRGYZSTAN

"The story of the woman who was about to be stoned...I felt like her. I knew I had made mistakes. But I began to see that those mistakes became important lessons for me. It's not only important to understand that God has forgiven me, but also to learn to accept that forgiveness."
— Zarina, project participant

Women and girls in Kyrgyzstan can face domestic violence, social pressure, isolation, and religious restrictions. Many dare not openly read the Bible and can never attend church. Reflecting their isolation, the project produced "You Are Not Alone"- Bible readings in Russian and Kyrgyz. Translation is proceeding in Uzbek and English. Leaders organized Bible groups and other gatherings, while podcasts and social media reach out to young women and those unable to safely access physical books.

WOMEN STRIVING FOR LITERACY IN BURKINA FASO

Women in Burkina Faso who cannot read or write face higher levels of poverty and unemployment. They are highly likely to be exploited. Together, they learn to read, write, do basic numeracy, develop skills in health, family care and income generation, and become more confident and less vulnerable. Introduced to Scripture in their heart language, they engage personally with God's Word for the first time.

"The first day I learned to read a letter of the alphabet, I was filled with joy. Later, I learned to write my own name—a great achievement for me. The teacher taught us to read simple verses. That was the highlight. I had been eagerly awaiting the chance to read the Bible... those who enabled us to learn are angels whom God sent to us." — Gouba Miriam

INTERVENTION FOR BRIGHTER FUTURES

“When children come to the Bread of Life program, I see joy on their faces. The Word of God brings peace to their hearts, and that makes me very happy.”

— Teacher Benito Anccalle Quispe, Peru

CBS partners with Bible Societies in multiple countries that serve children who otherwise have dark futures. These ministries share key features:

- The children have little hope unless someone intervenes.
- Working with parents is crucial.
- Often, no parents or family are present.
- The Bible is an incredible source of comfort and healing as children realize they are loved and have worth.
- Scripture provides a bedrock of education in values on which they can build their lives.
- Care must be consistent so children and youth learn they can trust it.
- Support, guidance and nurture often last for years.
- For many children, these ministries are the only face of community, care and concern for their well-being.
- The work is emotional and intense, and often feels like a battle for the souls of kids.

IN FY 2026 YOUR GIFTS SUPPORTED THESE SCRIPTURE-ORIENTED MINISTRIES TO VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

ARMENIA—outreach to children facing poverty, displacement, disability, illness, or family breakdown

BENIN—illustrated Bibles for orphaned or other highly vulnerable children, spiritual guidance and support, plus training for counsellors in orphanages

GHANA & GUATEMALA—rescuing young victims of sex trafficking and providing shelter, education, and care throughout their teenage years

PERU—nutrition support such as breakfasts and snacks, plus Scripture distribution, and weekly Bible classes

ROMANIA—breaking down isolation for children with Down Syndrome and providing support to parents; engaging children and parents with Scripture

URUGUAY—children aged 3–12 living in poverty facing food insecurity, family instability, and exposure to violence, providing food, age-appropriate Bibles and Bible classes

“I am happier than ever before. I can see a brighter future ahead of me—full of learning, purpose, and possibility. May God bless the Bible Society of Ghana for standing with me when I felt powerless. When I finish Junior High School, I want to become a Rescue the Girl facilitator—so other girls like me know they are seen, they are valued, and they have a voice.”

— Hafatu Mohammed, Ghana, saved from being married as a child

DIFFERENT DARKNESSES. SAME SHINING LIGHT.

“We are longing to have the Word of God in a language we can understand.”

— Deaf community member, Nagaland, India



Around the world, people who cannot hear, see, or read often experience isolation, neglect, bigotry, and mistreatment. Bible Societies in many countries work continuously to draw them into the circle of God’s light through Scripture.

Projects include translating, printing and distributing Braille Scriptures and audio resources, as well as producing and sharing video content through portable studios, DVDs, podcasts, YouTube and social media.

Yet each outreach has the same effect: People encounter God in new and deeper ways, understand the Gospel more, grow in faith, and share that good news. They also feel included in church life, develop a sense of belonging, and live with more dignity.

CBS has 11 ongoing international partnerships in outreach to those who are hearing or visually impaired.



SIGN LANGUAGE BASED
Armenia, Bolivia, Cuba, Guatemala, India, Lithuania, Nicaragua, Thailand



BRAILLE AND AUDIO-BASED
Costa Rica, Sri Lanka, Uganda

“One of the greatest blessings in my life has been access to the Bible in Braille. More than a book to me, it is a source of freedom. With it, I can read independently. I have grown not only in knowledge, but also in my relationship with Jesus Christ. It has truly become a guiding light in my life.”

— Poojane Sakuntala, Sri Lanka

TOUGHER CONDITIONS YEAR BY YEAR BUT CUBAN CHRISTIANS PERSIST

Despite deteriorating political and economic conditions, Cuban Christian leaders press on to bring the Bible to more people.

An outpouring of joy marked the initial distribution of one million Bibles among Cuban Christians. Yet growing economic pressures and social challenges make life harder for everyone and create new obstacles to church life and ministry.

Now a fuel and energy blockade has decimated tourism and caused widespread power outages. Day-to-day life is enormously difficult. Yet backed by CBS and other Bible Societies, Christian leaders are determined to distribute more Scriptures and help more people engage in God's Word.

Cuba Bible project phase 2 reaches 49% completion

The pace has slowed but the work persists. In FY 2026, **43,224 new Bibles were distributed**. By the end of 2025, **more than 491,000** of the second million new Bibles were in the hands of Cubans.

> **Includes** Scripture distribution and training

> **Targets** youth, children, pastors, young leaders, prisoners and cultural leaders

> **Involves** 60 denominations in 168 municipalities in all 15 provinces

SIGN LANGUAGE TRANSLATION DRAWS IN THOSE WHO CANNOT HEAR

Bible Society leaders produced seven sign language videos last year with six more underway. Acts is the next book to be translated, expected in 2026. More translators are being trained and an estimated 5,000 people have already benefited.

"[People who are Deaf] have been my best teachers. From them, I have learned, beyond sign language, the sovereign grace of God over our lives." — Yaily Valdés Jorge, lawyer-turned-translator

FEEDING BODY AND SOUL

Christian leaders face a battle for the future of children. In a new outreach, the Cuban Bible Society provided 500 children and adolescents, and their families with food, multivitamins and hygiene kits. They also offer Bible-based workshops, and life-skills training, to foster Scripture engagement, nurture positive life choices, and renew a sense of dignity and hope.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION IN 17 PROVINCES OF CHINA

Every year, CBS is part of providing and distributing Scripture to the millions of Chinese Christians who cannot afford a Bible. They often live in remote, less-developed regions with very modest incomes. Churches especially seek large-print editions for elderly readers and formats they can freely share with seekers.

HERE'S WHAT YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO ACCOMPLISH IN FY 2026:

- **241,549 Bibles distributed in FY 2026 in 17 provinces.** Of those, 42,000 were free copies, with the balance of support invested in buying specialized Bible paper for printing, bringing the costs of a completed Bible within reach and far below the norm.
- **Continued introducing new formats,** including large-print editions for elderly and visually impaired readers, and additional formats for evangelistic outreach, younger generations, and new readers.

SUPPORTING BIBLE TRANSLATION FOR ETHNIC MINORITY COMMUNITIES

CBS continued investing in Bible translation for three ethnic minority communities across China through August 2026, helping make Scripture more accessible in people's heart languages: Bai Yi (BY) in Yunnan Province, and Small Flowery Miao and Waishu Miao in Guizhou Province.

The translation is implemented in partnership with the registered Church in China. Support has included Bible translation, Study Bible development, and audio Bible production—laying foundations for Scripture access for about 1.3 million believers.

"If we do not have a Bible in our own language...we cannot understand God's will for ourselves. Reading it feels like receiving the Word directly from God."

— BY-speaking believer

"I once prayed to have a Bible of my own...I heard others say that any problem in life can be answered in the Bible, so I longed for its guidance. Having my own copy means I can read it anytime. Especially in difficulties, God speaks to me through it, giving me strength and hope." — Meng Xianzhen, age 80



Following this reporting period, work on these translation projects entered a temporary pause as our church partners navigate the current regulatory environment. We remain committed to supporting them as opportunities emerge.

TRANSLATION–
TURNING ON A LIGHT THAT CANNOT BE EXTINGUISHED

Through CBS and United Bible Societies, you help turn on the light for millions of people around the world. In FY 2026, the combined efforts of UBS members resulted in:

- Translations published in **100 languages** used by **566 million people**
- First translations in **66 languages** used by **32 million people**
- New and revised translations in **34 languages** used by **454 million people**

In addition, CBS continued to grow its long-term funding commitments to translation work. Your support is underwriting our direct involvement in 25 translation projects in 21 countries and areas.

LOCATIONS WHERE CANADIAN DONORS DIRECTLY SUPPORT TRANSLATION:

Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Bolivia, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Guatemala, Gulf States, India, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mali, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Suriname, Thailand, Togo, Uganda.

"When I entered the church for the first time and heard the word of God being read in my language, I was startled and said, 'Wow! God doesn't know us, how can they be reading the Word of God in this language?' When I visited my village, I found my uncle with the New Testament in Umbangala. My joy was so immense that I burst into tears."

— Eva Alberto, Umbangala speaker, Angola

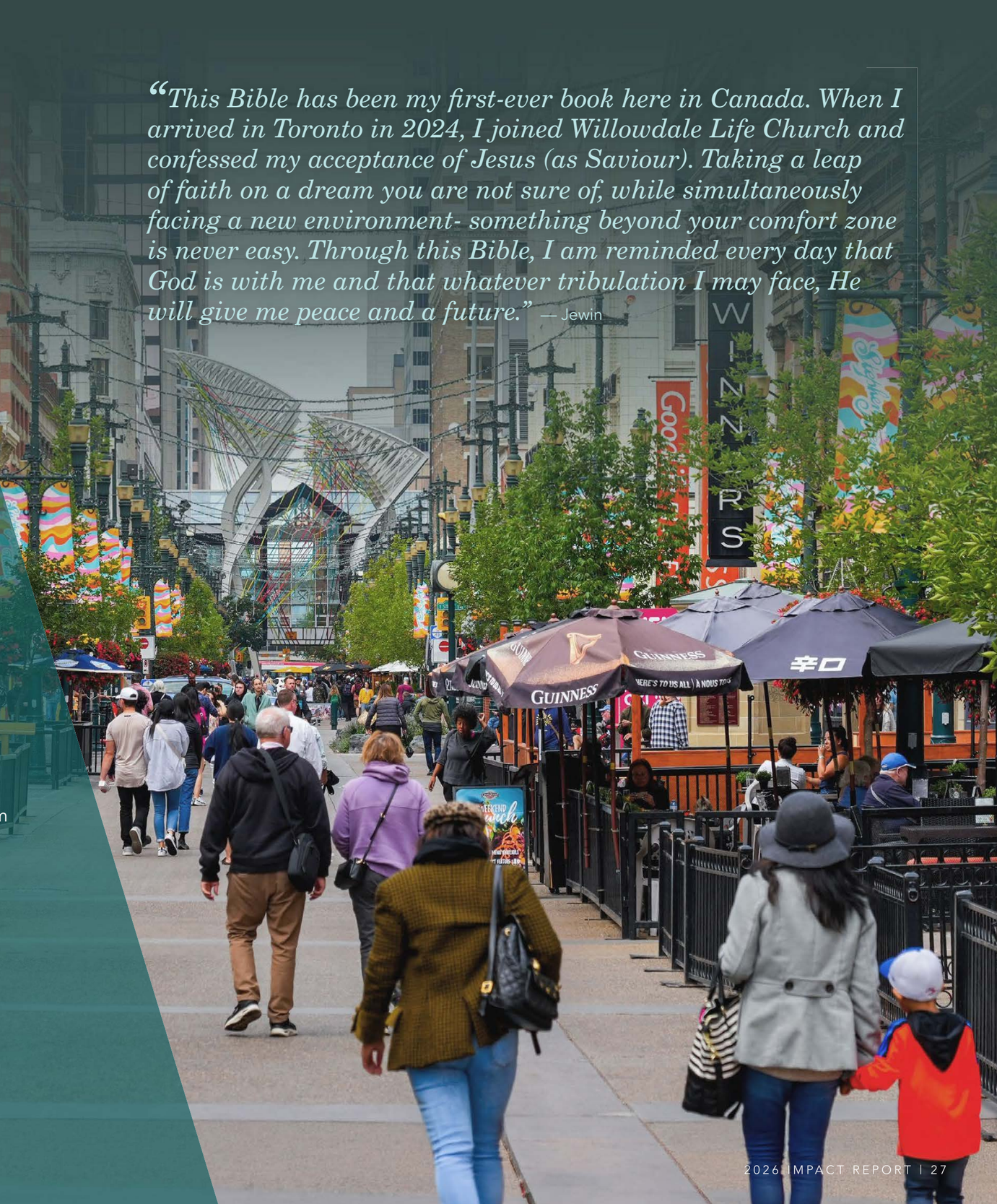
GOD'S LIGHT FOR CANADA

The Bible in people's hands, opening their hearts, shining God's light into their lives, bringing healing and salvation.

PEOPLE AT THE HEART OF OUR WORK 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
- > **CHURCHES COAST TO COAST** serving their communities

"This Bible has been my first-ever book here in Canada. When I arrived in Toronto in 2024, I joined Willowdale Life Church and confessed my acceptance of Jesus (as Saviour). Taking a leap of faith on a dream you are not sure of, while simultaneously facing a new environment- something beyond your comfort zone is never easy. Through this Bible, I am reminded every day that God is with me and that whatever tribulation I may face, He will give me peace and a future." — Jewin



SEEKING THOSE WHO MAY BE OVERLOOKED

VULNERABLE SENIORS CRAVING COMFORT AND ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

When the COVID-19 pandemic locked everyone's doors, many seniors were confined without visitors in care facilities or their own homes. CBS launched audio Scriptures on user-friendly MegaVoice devices and provided giant-print Bibles.

Six years later, MegaVoice players are increasingly in demand by chaplains, activity directors, churches, and others serving our isolated elders.

In FY 2026			
	66 new partners *(long term care homes, hospitals, churches caring for seniors at home)*	More than **3,239 audio devices** in people's hands	**1,884 large-print Bibles** now brightening people's days

"The MegaVoice audio Bibles are a wonderful innovation, and have been very helpful to our residents [who] welcomed the opportunity to listen at length to the reading of God's Word...and beautiful spiritual songs. One resident commented that she has enjoyed listening to God's Word and songs of faith at the end of each day, as this relaxes and blesses her as she retires for the night. Thank you so very much for this gift to our seniors."

— Nancy Lahn, Chaplain, Shepherd Village Retirement Home, Toronto



Sanida (Sandy), a resident at Shepherd Lodge, Toronto, enjoys a moment with chaplain Joanna while using a MegaVoice audio Bible provided through the Canadian Bible Society.



PEOPLE SEEKING FREEDOM FROM DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOURS

Compulsive gambling. Drug addiction. Self-destructive habits. These imprison millions, often for their whole lives.

Overcomers is a Bible-based, recovery and support program designed to guide individuals toward freedom. Groups meet online or in person as they journey together.

In FY 2026, CBS distributed **1,990** Overcomers workbooks, **1,826** Overcomer-themed Bibles, and 111 leader guides.

"This is one of the toughest government housing buildings in Hamilton. Everyone struggles with addictions, disabilities, poverty and trauma. Of the eight people who participated last night, six have been in prison, and more have a history of addiction. We sat in the lobby of this building, in the middle of the hustle and bustle, where everybody could hear us speaking about Jesus, sharing the gospel and praying. I was surprised by how curious, open and hungry people are for the Word and to be around healthy people talking about positive things." — Pastor Trevor DeBenning

INMATES BEHIND BARS HUNGRY FOR GOD'S LOVE

Last year, CBS provided 15,847 "Key to Freedom" Bibles and 9,210 "Child of Woe" Scripture selection booklets through chaplains and others working with Canada's inmates.

Inmates are embracing the Overcomers program, discovering God's love and forgiveness. CBS is also testing audio Scriptures with encouraging early responses, with plans to expand gradually given the complexities of the prison system.

"I've taken A.A. a couple of times now. Hasn't really stuck. Never had a lasting change. The real difference is Jesus. He is the only way recovery can work. I like that Overcomers puts the focus on him."

— P., an inmate at the federal Springhill Institution in Nova Scotia

CONTINUING ON THE JOURNEY WITH INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Indigenous Christian leaders wrestle with how to meet their people's spiritual needs amid great obstacles and risks.

From a position of humility, affirming hope, and engaging with the complexities of reconciliation, we are honoured to be invited to work alongside Indigenous Canadians in their communities. We bring all the resources and support we can, always under community leadership and direction.

THIS PAST YEAR YOUR GIFTS SUPPORTED:

- Official "memorandum of agreement" partnerships with **10 Indigenous communities**, including Anglican, Catholic, Pentecostal, Alliance, and Indigenous-led churches
- **10,609 Scripture resources distributed** to those partners—Bibles, youth editions, and Bible activity books
- **6 ongoing translation projects and 1 revision project.**
- **6 Indigenous people trained** as Caring for the Wounded Heart (CWH) facilitators, equipping them to lead healing groups
- **12 CWH healing groups launched** in Indigenous communities

"Through the support of the Canadian Bible Society, more children across the North are receiving God's Word directly in their little hands and hearts. A gift they can return to again and again. One that will guide, comfort and bring them joy in years to come."

— Shauna Huber, Ministry Manager, On Eagle's Wings

RENEWED HOPE FOR LANGUAGE AND CULTURE

CBS AND PARTNERS ACHIEVING MILESTONES IN INDIGENOUS TRANSLATION

In many Indigenous Canadian communities, Scripture translation and engagement renew hope for the revitalization of local language and culture. CBS works with partners to translate and revise Bibles, New Testaments, and Bible portions in the Indigenous languages of Canada. These partners include language speakers, local organizations, and local and national churches.

"We don't want overdosing, and we don't want suicide; we want the gospel to come in...to our people and make changes. Within healing, there is unity...we're seeing unity in our own people and unity with those who are coming alongside to support us. This project is bringing hope that we could understand the gospel in a new way because it's being translated." — Brody Naknakim, Kwak'wala Translator

BENCHMARKS THIS YEAR IN INDIGENOUS BIBLE TRANSLATION

- **Anihshininiimowin:** Published the Gospel of Mark with English text on facing pages. Translation of John nearing completion.
- **Blackfoot:** Published the Gospel of John and prepared text and audio for digital app; Luke translation is ongoing.
- **Kwak'wala:** Officially began in October 2025; translators are translating specific passages as part of training.
- **Innu:** Experiencing a Caring for the Wounded Heart group in Labrador and seeing CBS Bible distribution, a group of Innu asked for a Bible translation project. Training Innu translators is underway.
- **Iñupiaq:** This year, CBS published a collection of Old Testament history and wisdom literature, following up on the 2021 publication of the Pentateuch and Psalms.
- **Naskapi:** The translation team finished a first draft of Isaiah, began drafting Jeremiah, and had Joel checked by a Bible translation consultant. The book of Judges is also nearly ready to be published. Their New Testament was published in 2007, and Exodus in 2023.
- **Inuktitut Bible revision:** Completed final proofreading of New Testament, and Genesis through Song of Songs.

Vincent Yellow Old Woman, former Chief of the Siksika Nation, is one of the translators of the Blackfoot Bible project.

WITH GRATITUDE FOR NEW COMMITMENTS

- In response to the desire of the Kwak'wala-speaking people of Vancouver Island wanting to translate the Bible as an act of language revitalization, the **Judith Sim Fund of the United Church of Canada Foundation** committed $50,000 a year for three years.
- Senior Pastor Benjamin Carbone of **MCI church in Montreal** heard CBS staff speak at a gathering in April 2024. After discernment, prayer and discussion, MCI committed to give over $100,000 a year for two years to accelerate both the translation of the Bible into Naskapi and the rollout of Caring for the Wounded Heart amongst the James Bay Cree.

TRAINING TO LEAD PEOPLE
OUT OF TRAUMA

Trauma healing group sessions 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.

The highest priority for CBS is training facilitators who then go out to start and run healing groups.

This past year

- > **More than 50 healing groups** were organized by CBS-supported or trained facilitators, with an average of 6 members per group.
- > **149 people were trained** by CBS as CWH facilitators.
- > CWH healing groups expanded in Indigenous communities, with **12 groups launched** and **6 Indigenous facilitators trained**.
- > CBS provided **customized supports** and **translated study materials** for Indigenous and immigrant communities, adapting resources to local languages and contexts.

Andrea Chang has been facilitating Caring for the Wounded Heart healing groups in the GTA since 2020.

"I recently did half a lesson of 'What is a wound of the heart?' with an employee from a company I work with. This employee was receptive and the content hit home in a very profound way. Though there were lots of tears and it drew out a lot of the deep pain the employee was feeling, they said they felt so light and heard after the session. This employee will continue doing all the lessons through short intervals at work. A second employee also wants to go through the material, using online video meetings after work hours. It really amazes me how adaptable this content is for every situation and circumstance." — Name withheld

STRENGTHENING DIASPORA MINISTRY

Diaspora churches in Canada, made up of immigrants and newcomers, are vibrant with outreach and deep spirituality.

However, limited resources hinder their ministry. CBS has significantly strengthened its outreach to diaspora communities, providing Scripture in their heart languages and hosting intergenerational seminars and preaching workshops for clergy and lay leaders.

Diaspora initiatives by CBS involved hundreds of participants, multiple languages, and diverse church partnerships, with ongoing plans for future seminars and ministry expansion.

168 new diaspora partners	**682** total partners	**51** formal written agreements	**25,700** Bibles to Diaspora partners

"In an Afghan family I have been visiting, Reza asked me, 'Brother Akmal, would you kindly provide me with a Kitab e Muqaddas (Holy Bible)?'...I want to read about Hazrat Issa Masih (Jesus Christ)." I showed him a portion of the New Testament, and he read it himself. After reading, he gently kissed the Bible, touched it to his eyes, and then to his forehead, expressing deep respect and reverence. The following week, Reza and his wife, Farhana, attended our Afghan Bible study. They shared that they had already begun reading the Bible at home. I am deeply thankful to CBS for providing Dari Bibles and making moments like this possible." — Akmal Erastus in Winnipeg

GATHERING DIASPORA LEADERS FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT AND LEARNING

- **The Diaspora Bible Engagement Day** in Montreal featured three speakers and sessions in French, and over 50 participants from 10 languages and ethnic backgrounds
- **The Diaspora Advent Preaching Seminar** in Winnipeg included pastors from more than 15 churches for coaching on preaching and introducing them to a new Bible engagement tool from CBS.
- **Diaspora Intergenerational Seminars** were held in Edmonton, Halifax and Toronto. These events foster cross-generational interaction to explore the challenges Diaspora congregations face in retaining and integrating next-generation members. Nearly 100 pastors attended the events.



Participants from more than 10 language and ethnic groups joined a CBS Diaspora Bible Engagement Day in Montreal.

LIGHTING THE WAY
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

"I experienced God through the worship, the Word, and the atmosphere. I felt His peace, conviction, and love in a way that reminded me that He is always near and working in me, even when I don't always see it." — Attendee at the 2026 Inspire Conference in Manitoba, drawing 1,900 participants

"What was most encouraging at the 403 Conference was not just the 300 Bibles we gave to students and young adults, but the spiritual hunger we witnessed. Many students were responding to the Gospel for the first time, recommitting their lives to Jesus, or beginning to explore faith in a deeper way. Throughout the weekend, we saw students carrying their new Bibles into prayer spaces, small group conversations, and worship moments." — Jeremiah Niengor, 403 Network / Youth Ministry, Calgary

What is more important than a generation of children and youth seeking a path for their lives? What could be more precious than a young person finding faith, and therefore, hope and life-long purpose?

CBS continues to increase its commitment to the next generation, deepening partnerships with Catholic, Evangelical, Indigenous ministries, and youth leaders.

We partnered with youth leaders, churches, and organizations across Canada to support major youth rallies and conferences. Those include One Con, which drew more than 4,000 teens, as well as Inspire Our Nation, which reported 1,012 attendees (and 324 commitments to Christ) and 306 Network youth rallies.

CBS facilitated the Caring for the Wounded Heart training for youth leaders and launched Bible engagement tools, such as the 90 Day Reading Plan, on the CBS My Bible app.

More than **39,000 young people** under age 30 were impacted last year.

20,000+ Bibles were put in children's hands at camps across the country.

3,500+ young people received Scriptures through youth events and partner ministries.

59% OF YOUNG PEOPLE POLLED BELIEVE GOD EXISTS

CBS partnered with Cardus to research younger generations' attitudes to faith, with polling over three years by the Angus Reid Institute. Turns out, young Canadians mirror their elders: **59% of those aged 18-34 polled "definitely do believe" that God or a higher power exists**. Across all ages, 63% expressed some level of belief in God.

"Each child received a Bible, a "Fear Not" comic and a stick-on tattoo, all donated by CBS, which gave us a grant for our Leader in Training Program (LIT). This year, we trained 18 to be counsellors at camp! CBS also generously donated Youth Bibles for each LIT. We love that we are able to put the Word of God in the hands of the kids and families that cross our path, and we pray that God's Word would transform lives and continue the work He began in our Camps and programs!"
— Mohawk Pastor Kenny Sault on the Six Nations of the Grand River.

"Thank you for being the type of Christian people I can look up to and that my children adore. I've witnessed a lot of evil in this world, and it makes my heart happy that you both and NCFC are a light for the community. My grandson fell asleep with his Bible tonight. Just before he did, he says, 'Grandma, I got a new book about Jesus…but I call him Creator.' He fell asleep, Bible in hand!" — Grandmother of a child in NCFC Kids camp

"We had a great summer with 400 campers coming through our gates....with all the seeds planted and watered, we are so grateful for those opportunities God gave us. We sent home over 50 Bibles over the course of the summer with those campers who didn't have one. We are praying that God uses them in those households to transform families." — Circle Square Ranch Halkirk – Halkirk, AB

"One cabin this summer was all girls who did not grow up in Christian homes or attend church. They engaged in chapel and small-group time and explored the chapel topics more in depth. They had an openness to learn more. At the end of the week, their cabin leader was able to send each of them home with one of the CBS Bibles, with an encouraging message written in the front." — Camp Kahquah, Magnetawan ON

GRATEFULLY SERVING THE CHURCH IN CANADA

CBS partnerships with churches and ministries across Canada have grown deeper this year, including Anglican, Catholic, Pentecostal, Alliance, Coptic Orthodox, and Indigenous communities.

Those partnerships are lived out in Indigenous Bible translation, Bible distribution, Trauma Healing, diaspora ministries, and CBS tools and programs. Partnerships led to new Bible engagement tools, mentoring, leadership development, and outreach to newcomers and migrant workers.

Sponsoring prayer breakfasts and gatherings: CBS sponsored multiple prayer breakfasts across the country this year. Further, CBS served as the premier sponsor at several national church conferences, connecting with hundreds of leaders.

Networking for translation: CBS is quietly networking with potential church partners and donors to support a long-term commitment to international translation. We work with our fellow United Bible Society members, striving to get God's word into the heart languages of everyone on earth.

Congregational legacy makes God's Word heard: Many congregations generously provide indispensable financial support for the work of Canadian Bible Society, and we are always grateful for their partnership.

During its 75th anniversary year, St. Giles Kingsway Presbyterian Church celebrated its longstanding partnership with the Canadian Bible Society by naming CBS its primary mission focus and surpassing its fundraising goal, contributing more than $10,000 to support Bible ministry and outreach.

One church extended that partnership even after it shut its doors. After 59 years of ministry in Woodbridge, Ontario, Maranatha Christian Reformed church closed in 2024. CBS staff member, Angela Lise, was highly involved in the church and kept them up-to-date about all the ways their partnership was helping people hear God speak across Canada and around the world. The church gave CBS $320,000 as part of dispersing their assets so that "many would be able to read the Word of God personally." That is the largest-ever church donation to CBS—an amazing and high-impact investment in helping people hear God speak.

RESOURCES, RECOGNITION & REACH



50,000+ views and counting: CBS was commissioned to create a video for the National Prayer Breakfast. ***Cloud of Witnesses*** premiered before 1,600 guests, including the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and other national leaders. Drawing on Scripture and history, the video explores leadership shaped by faith and has since surpassed 50,000 online views.

Finlays honoured: Susan Finlay, Founder and Executive Director of Nation at Prayer and Mel Finlay, CBS Board Chair, were recognized for their longstanding contribution to prayer in Canada's public life. The Difference Maker award was presented at the National Leadership Dinner in Ottawa, just prior to the annual National Prayer Breakfast in March.

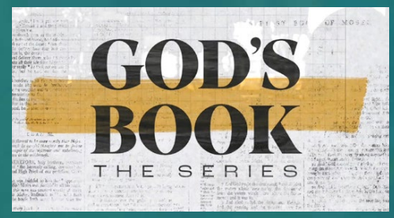


Mel and Sue Finlay with Richard Bragdon, MP, following the award presentation



COMING SOON: The New and Improved Bible Course
Includes coaching videos for hosts, daily Bible reading plans and practical application exercises.

COMING SOON: God's Book: The Series
A new 8-session video series with Dr. Andrew Ollerton that tackles some of the Bible's toughest questions, from suffering and violence to miracles, sexuality, and heaven and hell. Designed to spark honest discussion and deeper understanding, this engaging resource will help participants explore Scripture with confidence and relevance for today.



GETTING TO THE HEART OF LIFE



MEET OUR PODCAST HOSTS

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



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.

Learn more:

"Teaching from David in the Psalms is so needed in today's culture. I need to be more still, wait and listen for that sound—God's still, small voice and not rush on to the next task. So glad I tuned in to this today." — M, commenting on Is God's Voice a "Sound" We've Forgotten How to Hear? (Jason Hildebrand, interviewed by Lorna Dueck).

Courage. Grief. Loss. Fear. Doubt. Faith. Joy.

Across more than 160 conversations, guests have shared honestly about life's hardest questions—and the hope, truth and courage they've found in Scripture. **Here are four moments that stayed with us.**



"I have so many doubts and fears—please help!"

Where Scripture Comes Alive
(Pastor Mark Buchanan | S03: Ep09)



"How can people live in war and still have faith?"

How People in Ukraine are Finding Hope in Scripture
(Anatoliy Raychynets | S08: Ep09)



"Terrible things have happened to me—how can I live in hope?"

How Did the 'Napalm Girl' Find Hope in Scripture?
(Kim Phuc | S10: Ep04)



"I have so much—why do I feel empty?"

NHL Captain to Following Christ
(Ryan Walter | S13: Ep09)

Scripture Untangled has generated more than **262,000** engagements over **160+** episodes.

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

This snapshot is a summary of Canadian Bible Society's activities across Canada and the world completed in FY 2026.

2026 AT A GLANCE

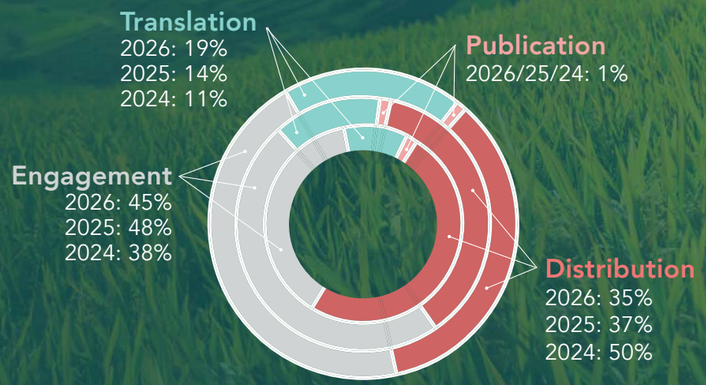
Over 33M children and adults reached through our programs.

67 projects supported in **53 countries**

$14,873,000 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 2026 (outer) / FY 2025 (middle) / FY 2024 (inner)



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

FOUR PILLARS
IN A SNAPSHOT

	2026	2025	2024
	67 projects **53** countries	**69** projects **47** countries	**58** projects **36** countries

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TRANSLATION

GLOBAL Reach

2026: 31 projects	2025: 22 projects	2024: 9 projects
23,559,031 people	**23,694,424** people	**12,440,302** people

Minority Language Groups in Asia

2026: 10 projects	2025: 7 projects	2024: 5 projects
5,322,500 people	**5,283,800** people	**5,187,502** people

Deaf Communities

2026: 8 projects	2025: 6 projects	2024: 5 projects
46,820 people	**16,214** people	**15,214** people

CANADA Reach

2026: 4 projects	2025: 4 projects	2024: 4 projects
34,066,726 people	**34,051,360** people	**34,051,360** people

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PUBLICATION

GLOBAL Reach *(as a secondary component of translation)*

2026: 12 projects	2025: 9 projects	2024: 6 projects
7,946,820 people	**6,833,414** people	**6,015,214** people

Deaf Communities *(video publication)*

2026: 8 projects	2025: 6 projects	2024: 5 projects
46,820 people	**16,214** people	**15,214** people

CANADA Publishing

2026: 48 Scripture types *(Bibles, NTs, Portions)*	2025: 64 Scripture types *(Bibles, NTs, Portions)*	2024: 60 Scripture types *(Bibles, NTs, Portions)*
241,180 people	**230,000** people	**205,000** people

Canada – New Products

2026: 56 new Scripture products launched	2025 & 2024: 32 new Scripture products launched

Note: The number of people reached through global publication often overlaps with those reached through translation, as publishing is typically a secondary step in the translation process.

FOUR PILLARS
IN A SNAPSHOT

(continued)



3 DISTRIBUTION

GLOBAL Reach

2026: 16 projects	2025: 17 projects	2024: 6 projects
4,310,261 people	**4,150,725** people	**1,724,921** people

Vulnerable Children

2026: 1 project	2025 & 2024: 1 project
280,000 people	**150,000** people

Persons with Visual Disabilities

2026: 6 projects	2025: 7 projects	2024: 3 projects
129,421 people	**392,709** people	**63,921** people

CANADA Distribution

2026: 439,488	2025: 555,260	2024: 631,298
Scripture items distributed reaching as many people or more.	Scripture items distributed reaching as many people or more.	Scripture items distributed reaching as many people or more.

Scriptures Distributed in Canada

2026: 65 languages | **2025 & 2024: 71** languages

4 ENGAGEMENT

GLOBAL Reach

2026: 35 projects	2025: 27 projects	2024: 28 projects
4,776,370 people	**3,492,692** people	**5,638,164** people

Vulnerable Children

2026: 14 projects	2025: 6 projects	2024: 5 projects
339,950 children	**19,448** children	**17,400** children

Persecuted Church

2026: 2 projects	2025: 1 project	2024: 2 projects
3,039,500 people	**3,000,000** people	**3,063,000** people

CANADA – Vulnerable People

2026: 65,208 | 2025: 59,429 | 2024: 57,500

Vulnerable Elderly *(reached through audio and large print Bibles)*

2026: 5,123 | 2025: 2,112 | 2024: 5,120

Note: *Estimated reach across vulnerable groups; categories may overlap and may not represent unique individuals.*
Calculation: *These figures combine total projected impact and targeted reach across key demographics. They're 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:

Mel Finlay
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Colette Stewart
Darren Young

FINANCES

Canadian Bible Society
Statement of operations
(000s)

	Year ended June 30, 2026	Year ended June 30, 2025
Revenue		
Contributions	10,453	9,230
Legacies	1,444	3,351
Bible sales	2,672	2,493
Investment income	2,314	2,097
Other income	99	38
	16,982	**17,209**
Expenses		
National ministries	10,415	10,721
World ministries	4,458	3,333
Fund development	1,765	1,702
Administration	2,106	2,171
Amortization of capital assets	128	141
	18,872	**18,068**
Deficiency of revenue over expenses before undernoted items	(1,890)	(859)
Gain on sale of asset	1	1,426
Unrealized gain on investments	5,579	2,921
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	**3,690**	**3,488**

**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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