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Dear Friend,

Pray without ceasing. That's what this prayer community did. In a year unlike any we've encountered before, you never stopped praying. We embodied the words of Psalm 18:6 (GNT), "In my trouble I called to the Lord; I called to my God for help. In his temple he heard my voice; he listened to my cry for help."

Even in the midst of a global pandemic, natural disasters, and political and social unrest, God did extraordinary things. As a praying community, we grew to more than 35,000 prayer partners in more than 25 countries. By God's grace, your prayers supported the provision of biblical resources for people in crisis, transforming lives through the hope of the gospel.

As you read our report for 2020, I invite you to reflect with us on the countless ways God heard our cries for help and did exceedingly more than we could ask or imagine. Take a moment to celebrate with us, and let your faith arise!

In Christ,

Laura Gish

Director of Prayer Mobilization



A Year of Miracles

This year, we prayed fervently. And God moved. Here's what your prayers accomplished in 2020.



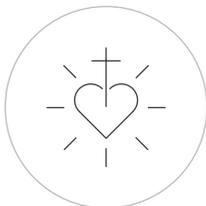
GOD'S WORD FOR THE NATIONS

The first Sign Language Bible was released in November 2020, making God's Word available to 3.5 million people in the Deaf community.

As of July 2020, the full Bible exists in **700 Languages**—making the Scriptures accessible for 5.7 billion people.

In 2020, we worked with our global Bible Society partners to deliver **315 Million Scriptures** where needed most around the world.

PRAY: *For the 1 billion people still living without the Word of God in their heart language to have access to Scripture.*



GOD'S COMFORT FOR HURTING HEARTS

As of this year, Bible-based trauma healing groups are active in **112 Countries**, or **58% of the world!**

We equipped **1,554 healing group facilitators** with the training they need to bring God's comfort to their churches and communities.

PRAY: *For our Trauma Healing Ministry to expand, answering the cry of suffering hearts with the restoration power of God's love.*



GOD'S UNITY FOR A DIVIDED NATION

Your prayers paved a way for construction to continue.

On May 1, 2021, the **Faith and Liberty Discovery Center (FLDC)** will open in Philadelphia, offering 250,000 visitors per year the chance to engage with the Bible and rediscover our nation's spiritual heritage.

The broader **Faith and Liberty Discovery Initiative** will meet curious Americans with the truth of the Bible's influence in our nation's history.

PRAY: *For a spiritual revival in our nation as Americans discover the truths of God's Word in the context of our history.*



GOD'S STRENGTH FOR OUR MILITARY

This year we put more than **1 Million Bibles** into the hands and hearts of U.S. military members, veterans, and their families.

Discovering New Life in Christ

A decade ago, Michael met a fellow Military Member named Chris. Michael told us: “[Chris had] let the horrors of combat harden his heart. By the time I left for another assignment in 2012, he had softened to the point of asking me to pray for his doomed soul, but in a cynical way.”

While they stayed in touch, Chris's life began to fall apart. He lost his marriage, retired from the Military early, and battled depression.

In 2017, Chris reached out to Michael, asking his friend “to study the Bible with him so he could learn to pray again.”

Since 2018, Michael and Chris have studied God's Word together daily. They recently completed the Basic Training devotional provided by the Armed Services Ministry. For Chris, this series helped him grow into a personal expression of his new faith. For Michael, "the work of the Spirit during these last few months has been truly refreshing."

PRAY: *For more Military members like Chris to find new life in the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

JOIN US

Continue with us in prayer as we uplift God's work in our nation and around the world.



SHARE YOUR PRAYER

Over the last year, the American Bible Society team prayed through nearly 400 prayer requests received from this prayer community. We'd love to pray for you. Share your personal prayer request with us at prayer@americanbible.org.



STAY CONNECTED

In 2020, this prayer community regularly engaged in prayer with us. We hope to keep you encouraged with fresh content in blog, video, and podcast formats in the year ahead. See these latest ministry resources updated weekly at news.americanbible.org/blog.



SPREAD THE WORD

Over the last year, nearly 8,000 new intercessors joined us in prayer. To share the resources you're receiving from American Bible Society, invite your friends and family to join our prayer community through our signup link: abs.bible/prayer. Let's experience the power of prayer alongside this growing community of prayer warriors.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. –Romans 12:12



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