



# A YEAR OF SCRIPTURE STEWARDSHIP 2025

*“This is the right way to do it”*

PRESIDENT AND CEO OF  
GLOBAL BIBLE TRANSLATION  
ORGANIZATION



**EveryBibleCounts**

# A Word of Gratitude and Stewardship

Dear Friends and Faithful Partners,

As we reflect on this past year, we do so with deep gratitude and humility before God. What you will read in these pages is not merely a report of activity, but a testimony of what the Lord has done through His Word, made accessible, taught faithfully, and stewarded through His Church.

At EveryBibleCounts, we believe that Scripture stewardship is sacred work. Every pastor trained, every Bible placed, every listening group formed, and every gospel film shown carries eternal weight. We are keenly aware that behind every number stands a person made in the image of God, often encountering His Word clearly for the first time.

In 2025, a significant milestone was reached in Buyende District, where pastors completed an eleven month journey of theological, pastoral, and spiritual formation. Churches were strengthened. False teaching was confronted. Repentance, reconciliation, and renewed faith took root. And Scripture, read, heard, and seen, continues to shape lives well beyond the classroom.

At the same time, God opened the door to Serere District, where hundreds of pastors are now gathering weekly with a hunger for

God's Word that is both sobering and inspiring. Despite resistance, distance, and personal cost, these leaders are pressing in, not for credentials or recognition, but for truth.

We are deeply thankful for the Bible resource partners and strategic allies who have walked alongside this work. Through their missional insight, prayerful counsel, and generous provision of Scripture resources, God has multiplied what none of us could accomplish alone. Their faithfulness has helped ensure that God's Word is handled with care, integrity, and wisdom as it is placed into the life of the local church.

Above all, we want to honor and express our profound gratitude for our EveryBibleCounts team in Uganda, represented through a faithful local church whose love for their own people is evident in everything they do. This work does not feel imported or imposed because it is not. It is carried forward by pastors, elders, their wives, and ministry leaders who live among the people they serve and who labor out of deep love for their communities.

They steward resources with integrity, lead with humility, and serve with quiet faithfulness. They welcome us as foreigners not as outsiders, but as brothers and sisters, extending hospitality that reflects the very heart of the church. Their



**BIBLICAL RESOURCE PARTNER**

**Faith Comes By Hearing**

[faithcomesbyhearing.com](http://faithcomesbyhearing.com)

**Voice of Martyrs**

[persecution.com](http://persecution.com)

**American Bible Society**

[americanbible.org](http://americanbible.org)

**End Bible Poverty Now**

[endbiblepoverty.com](http://endbiblepoverty.com)

**BIBLICAL STRATEGY PARTNER**

**LivingWay Church**

[livingway.la](http://livingway.la)

**Disciple The Nations**

[disciplethenations.org](http://disciplethenations.org)

commitment, sacrifice, and joy make visible what we believe to be true, that the local church is God's chosen means for the faithful stewardship of His Word. We could not be here without them. They are not a support to the mission, they are the heart of it, one local church loving others so that God's Word may be faithfully taught, heard, and lived.

Just as this work depends on faithful Bible resource partners and the devoted local church in Uganda, it also rests on you, our prayer partners and financial supporters. Your prayers are the backbone of this ministry, sustaining the work in ways we often cannot see. Your generosity provides the fuel that allows the mission to move forward, equipping pastors, placing Scripture into the hands of churches, and supporting ongoing Scripture engagement across communities.

Through your faithful intercession and sacrificial giving, you share in both the labor and the fruit of what God is doing. You stand with us, carrying this work before the Lord and helping make possible what the local church is living out on the ground.

We invite you to read this report not simply as an update, but as a shared testimony of God's faithfulness. Together, we are witnessing the Word of God prevail.

JAMES KIM, FOUNDER  
& EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
EVERYBIBLECOUNTS





## The Quiet Work of God

Along the backstreets near a local church in Buyende, two men sell food to make ends meet. Nothing appears out of the ordinary. And yet, God is doing extraordinary work, quietly awakening souls as His Word is revealed. What unfolds here will not remain hidden. It will endure.

*"The kingdom of God is not built in a day, but in faithful obedience."*

JOHN STOTT



## Why Our Partnership is Vital to the Church

Across much of the world, access to Scripture remains limited, not only by availability, but by understanding, literacy, and faithful teaching within the life of the local church.

While Bibles may be present in some communities, the Word of God is often untaught, unheard, distorted, or disconnected from the local body of Christ.

It is within this reality that EveryBibleCounts exists to serve. At our core, we are a Scripture Stewardship organization.

We believe stewardship goes beyond distribution. Scripture stewardship means honoring the authority of God's Word, ensuring it is handled faithfully, taught clearly, protected from distortion, and entrusted to the local church as God's appointed instrument for discipleship and transformation.

For this reason, EveryBibleCounts works exclusively through indigenous churches, equipping pastors and leaders to steward Scripture with theological clarity, pastoral faithfulness, and enduring sustainability.

Our conviction is simple and biblical. God's Word bears lasting fruit when it is anchored in the church, faithfully taught by qualified shepherds, and actively engaged within the life of a community.

## Our Scripture Stewardship Model

### STEWARD THE WORD

Equipping pastors and ministry leaders with sound doctrine, biblical theology, and pastoral training so churches are shaped by Scripture rather than tradition, dreams, or syncretism.

### SEND THE WORD

Providing access to God's Word through printed Bibles, study Bibles, and Audio Bibles, ensuring people can engage Scripture in their heart language, regardless of literacy level.

### SOUND THE WORD

Establishing Audio Bible Listening Groups and Gospel Film outreaches led by local churches so entire communities can hear and see the gospel clearly proclaimed.

This model ensures that Scripture engagement does not end with distribution. Instead, God's Word continues to be taught, discussed, applied, and lived out week after week within the covenant community of the church.

# BUYENDE DISTRICT

*“I realized I had been giving poison.”*

PASTOR IN TRAINING, BUYENDE

## When the Word of God Takes Root, Communities Rejoice



## What emerged was not merely knowledge, but reform...

Buyende District represents a full cycle of Scripture stewardship, from pastoral training, to church strengthening, to sustained community engagement.

Over the course of the year, pastors and ministry leaders committed themselves to an eleven month discipleship and training program grounded in biblical doctrine, pastoral practice, and spiritual formation. This was not a conference or short term seminar, but a demanding and relational process marked by accountability, repentance, and perseverance.

By the end of the training cycle, 287 pastors and ministry leaders completed the program, strengthening 116 local churches across the district. More than 4,600 Bibles, representing seven local languages, were placed into the hands and homes of believers.

Audio Bibles further extended access beyond printed text, reaching men, women, and children regardless of literacy.

And now in 2026, we are prayerfully exploring new partnerships that will equip local churches in Buyende to disciple children and youth through age appropriate Scripture resources so the next generation will be raised within the life of the church to know, love, and carry God's Word into the years ahead.



More than 4,000 villagers gathered with a Ugandan High Court Justice to witness and celebrate the graduation of 287 pastors who completed eleven months of training.

# Scripture Stewardship in Action

The following snapshot reflects the collective impact of Scripture stewardship through the local church in Buyende District in 2025. These numbers are intentionally conservative and represent both completed milestones and ongoing, multiplying engagement within the covenant community of the church, week after week.

## PASTORAL TRAINING AND CHURCH STRENGTHENING

287 pastors and ministry leaders completed eleven months of biblical and pastoral training, 116 local churches strengthened through doctrinal clarity and shepherding.

## SCRIPTURE ACCESS

4,600 plus printed Bibles distributed across seven local languages, 110 study Bibles entrusted to pastors for faithful preaching and teaching, 100 Audio Bibles deployed to expand access beyond literacy barriers.

## SCRIPTURE ENGAGEMENT AND REACH

89 Audio Bible Listening Groups established and hosted by local churches, approximately 2,600 villagers hearing God's Word weekly through listening groups, more than 380,000 projected annual individual Scripture listening experiences through Audio Bible groups.

## GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

6-8 Gospel Film outreaches are hosted monthly by trained churches, with an average of more than 150 attendees per showing. Professions of faith are followed up through local pastors participating in our training program.

These outcomes reflect not isolated events, but a sustained rhythm of Scripture engagement led by the local church.

Looking ahead, churches in Buyende are preparing to expand this work further. Plans are already underway to increase film showings, and to launch an additional 300 Audio Bible Listening Groups in Q2 2026, significantly increasing access so that even more individuals and families can regularly hear God's Word through their local churches.





Villagers gather to see and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ in partnership with our trained local churches.

**287**

Pastors And Ministry  
Leaders Completed  
11-Month Training

**116**

Local churches  
ready to steward  
God's Word

**89**

Audio Bible  
Listening Groups  
trained and started

**4,600+**

Printed Bibles  
distributed to  
local churches

**5,800+**

Church members  
now have access  
to Scripture

**7,300+**

Villagers saw and  
heard the gospel of  
Jesus Christ

**2,600+**

Villagers are hearing  
God's Word weekly  
in a local church

## Lives Reformed by the Word of God

Statistics tell part of the story. Lives tell the rest.

In Buyende, Scripture stewardship did not remain theoretical. As pastors submitted themselves to God's Word, entire churches began to reform. Pastors who once relied on dreams, visions, and cultural tradition turned instead to Scripture as their final authority. Many publicly confessed false teaching before their congregations and renounced practices that had distorted the gospel.

Marriages were restored as leaders aligned their personal lives with the Word they preached. Long standing rivalries between pastors were replaced with unity and fellowship under the authority

of Scripture. Churches once rooted in false movements chose to rename themselves, signaling a decisive break from their past and a renewed commitment to Christ.

Repentance became common. Conviction became visible. Redemption followed.

Surrounding communities noticed. Churches outside Buyende began requesting training for their own pastors. Villagers who had never heard the gospel clearly were now gathering weekly to listen, watch, and respond to God's Word.

This is what Scripture stewardship produces, not temporary enthusiasm, but lasting reform.



Women and children sit together to hear God's Word in the language they understand best



## Scripture Engagement Beyond Training

Training pastors was never the end goal. It was the foundation.

Following graduation, churches in Buyende immediately moved into sustained Scripture engagement within their communities. Equipped pastors began leading their congregations outward, ensuring God's Word would continue to be heard, seen, and applied long after formal training concluded.

Today in Buyende, Audio Bible Listening Groups meet multiple times each week inside local churches. Gospel Film outreaches are hosted regularly in villages, allowing entire communities to see the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, many for the first time. Church led evangelism teams go door to door, sharing the gospel and inviting neighbors into fellowship.

*“The greatest opportunity that has ever come to Buyende”*

PASTOR PHILEMON, DISTRICT PASTOR, BUYENDE

These efforts are church owned, pastor led, and locally sustained.

Scripture engagement now reaches thousands each month through conservative annualized estimates. More importantly, new believers are being anchored into the local church, where discipleship and pastoral care continue.

## Continuous Stewardship in Buyende

Scripture stewardship requires continuity.

In Buyende, EveryBibleCounts has established quarterly refresher trainings for lead pastors. These gatherings focus on expositional teaching through selected epistles, reinforcing sound doctrine and guarding churches against drift.

These ongoing investments ensure that pastors continue to grow in theological clarity, pastoral faithfulness, and unity with one another. Scripture stewardship is not a moment, but a commitment.

# SERERE DISTRICT

*“Even when it costs us something, we will continue. We have found truth.”*

LEAD PASTOR IN TRAINING, SERERE

## **When Hunger Finds the Word, There’s No Going Back.**





A translator bridges communication between Ateso, the heart language of the Iteso people in Serere, and our EveryBibleCounts staff who speak Luganda.

Serere District has emerged as a significant field of ministry. More than 350 pastors and churches are now participating in Scripture centered training, marked by extraordinary receptivity to God's Word. Pastors are traveling long distances, often more than fifty miles, to attend weekly teaching.

Instruction delivered in English alongside heart language translation has resulted in increased comprehension and clarity. Repentance and a growing desire to conform both life and ministry to Scripture are evident across the district.

Some face resistance, dismissal, or personal loss for their participation. Yet the hunger remains.

In response to this hunger, thousands of printed Bibles, and Audio Bibles have already been secured for Serere.

Localized Scripture engagement programs are scheduled to launch in 2026, ensuring that this foundation of biblical teaching is followed by sustained access to God's Word within each community.

*“I thought I knew the Bible, but now I see it clearly. God's Word has corrected me, and I cannot go back to how I was teaching before.”*

LEAD PASTOR IN TRAINING, SERERE

# Faithful Stewardship, Trusted Partners

## OUR PARTNERS

EveryBibleCounts does not work alone. We are deeply grateful for partners who share our conviction that Scripture must be faithfully stewarded through the local church. We work alongside trusted Bible resource partners who are also engaged in large scale global Bible translation and Scripture access efforts, united by a shared vision to see God's Word made accessible to every people group.

Through collaboration, prayer, and shared commitment, these partnerships allow Scripture that has been faithfully translated and preserved to be placed into the hands of local churches and activated within communities. Together, we help ensure that God's Word is not only available, but understood, taught, and lived out in ways that honor both biblical truth and local context.

These partnerships strengthen the work, extend reach, and safeguard the integrity of Scripture as it is stewarded through pastors, churches, and believers around the world.

## FINANCIAL INTEGRITY

EveryBibleCounts is committed to financial integrity, transparency, and

faithful stewardship. Approximately 90 percent of all resources entrusted to us are directed toward ministry programs, driven by our local church centered model and focused on Scripture engagement, pastoral training, and community outreach.

From equipping pastors to distributing Scripture and activating church led engagement, every dollar is stewarded with care, prayer, and accountability. We view financial stewardship as an act of worship, ensuring that resources are used wisely and purposefully to advance the mission God has entrusted to us.

## LOOKING AHEAD

As we look to the future, our vision remains clear. We seek to continue strengthening local churches, expanding Scripture engagement, and replicating this model district by district. Our aim is not scale for its own sake, but faithfulness, sustainability, and depth.

Through Scripture stewardship, God's Word will continue to be seen, heard, believed, and lived.

Thank you for walking with us. Together, we are witnessing the Word of God prevail.





Children from our host church in Buyende prepared a cultural dance as an expression of gratitude to partner churches and supporters.

Steward the Word. Send the Word. Sound the Word. Through Every Church.

*To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me. (Colossians 1:27-29)*

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