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Introduction

Across the vast and vibrant continent of Africa, Bibletime is leaving an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of thousands of children, families, and church communities. Inspired by the profound truths of the Bible, Bible Educational Services (B.E.S.) brings these teachings to life by creating engaging materials and actively delivering them through its partners - Emmaus Worldwide, Hopespring Foundation, IOI (Ireland Outreach International), Revival Movement, SIM (Serving in Mission), TFC (Teens for Christ), and ZAM (Zentral Afrika Mission) - to reach children and young people. From the bustling cities of Kenya and Tanzania to the expansive landscapes of Congo and Zambia, Bibletime is more than just a curriculum; it is a catalyst for spiritual growth, personal transformation, and community enrichment. This report takes you on a journey across 18 African nations, revealing powerful stories, key statistics and the remarkable transformation taking place as children come to faith in Christ and grow spiritually. Their lives are being changed through the work of God, made possible by the unwavering dedication of volunteers and partner organisations using Bibletime.

Day 1: Burkina Faso

Priscilla Kabore and Christine Bonkougou

The Bibletime programme continues to have a significant impact in Burkina Faso through widespread distribution and heartfelt engagement, especially among children and youth. Last year, approximately 150,000 students benefited from the material across approximately 100 schools and over 200 churches, spanning 10 denominations, including Assemblée de Dieu (Assembly of God) and the Alliance Chrétienne (Christian Alliance). Notably, Assemblée de Dieu uses 70% of all distributed booklets.

The programme's success significantly relies on strategic collaborations with educational and religious organisations. More than 1,000 teachers and Sunday school leaders have been trained to incorporate Bibletime into both classroom and church environments. A recent shipment of 170,000 booklets in May 2025 will ensure that the work continues.

Testimonies highlight the transformative power of Bibletime. Jacqueline, a 14-year-old girl from Tanghin Barrage, previously traumatised due to childhood experiences, now speaks with renewed faith and hope through Jesus, inspired by the booklets and the love shown to her by her foster family. Similarly, Grace, a high school student at Providence School, overcame self-doubt and academic struggle, growing into a confident and active participant in her Bible group through using the B.E.S. materials to learn about the Lord.

In the face of poverty, terrorism, and displacement, Bibletime stands as a beacon of light. The team requests continued prayer for peace, perseverance, and fruitfulness with every booklet used by a student. The hunger for God's Word is growing—especially among the youth—and Bibletime remains a vital instrument in nurturing their spiritual journey.



Day 2: Cameroon

Noel Tanekeu (ZAM)

In Cameroon, schools are off-limits for religious programmes, but churches and camps are alive with Bible learning. Nearly 4,800 students, 190 teachers, and 13,000+ French Bibletime booklets testify to the growth. Despite the lack of access to schools due to secular policies, camps and outreach events are planned for the West, North, Far North, and Littoral regions, reaching beyond church walls to whole communities.

One powerful testimony is from Déborah, a student from the Mabanda district in Douala-Bonaberi, who gave her life to Christ during a teacher training Bibletime session and was baptised two weeks later. Her pastor, Christian Ngatsi, shared that entire families have followed her lead.

Day 3: Central African Republic

Abed-Négo Ndjama (ZAM)

Despite significant logistical challenges, Bibletime continues to reach children and youth in the Central African Republic (CAR), particularly in Bangui and regions 600 km beyond. In 2024–2025, over 2,300 students engaged with the Bibletime programme across 2 schools and 12 churches, with the help of 36 trained teachers from 5 denominations. The largest distribution occurred at the Complexe Scolaire Évangélique de Yaloké and Complexe Pascal Gonofe in Bangui.



Testimonies show the material's spiritual impact. Mardochée, a 5th-grade student, initially uninterested, grew to enjoy Bibletime, prompting his father to buy him a Bible. A teacher also shared how the programme deepened his biblical understanding and brought joy to teaching children in a clear, engaging way. Another parent, initially dismissive, later requested a copy for himself after reading his son Jean's Bibletime booklet, highlighting how Bibletime reaches beyond classrooms.

The team calls for prayer and support for renewed resources and funding to strengthen teacher training and promote the programme in more communities. Bibletime has proven effective, but its potential remains limited without a consistent supply. New French material is expected within the next few months, so the team plans to expand Bibletime to more primary and secondary schools.



Day 4: Congo

**Emmanuel Ngoy (Lubumbashi), Jacques Kitulu (Kinshasa),
and Thomas Kamana (Bukavu)**

Bibletime has made notable progress in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), especially in Bukavu, Kinshasa, and Lubumbashi. The adoption and utilisation of Bibletime in these areas are impressive. Bukavu recorded 11,890 students, 39 churches, and 66 schools actively engaging with Bibletime. Kinshasa reported 13,902 students and 21 schools involved. Lubumbashi demonstrated significant involvement with 17,460 students, 250 churches, and 6 schools participating in the Bibletime programme. These statistics demonstrate the widespread adoption and integration of Bibletime into educational and church contexts.

The impact of Bibletime is illustrated through personal testimonies. In Bukavu, Léa, a fourth-year student, shared how Bibletime booklets helped her overcome loneliness and deepen her faith. Another testimony from Bukavu comes from a teacher who noted the positive changes in students' behaviour and their eagerness to learn more about the Bible. In Kinshasa, Abraham, a school secretary, recounted how Bibletime booklets transformed his spiritual life and positively influenced his own children. Nathalie, a 14-year-old student, shared how Bibletime helped her understand biblical stories. Now, she and her mother read the Bible together every evening, strengthening their bond and her faith. In Lubumbashi, Jean, a Sunday School teacher, expressed gratitude for the training provided by Bibletime, which significantly enhanced his teaching and personal spiritual journey.

Bibletime's success in the DRC is evident through various initiatives and developments. Bukavu focused on strengthening ties with schools and churches and increasing training sessions for teachers. Kinshasa organised training sessions for primary school teachers and planned extensive promotional activities for 2025. In Lubumbashi, they use a software system for managing Bibletime materials and organising regional conferences and summer camps. These efforts have significantly enhanced the reach and impact of Bibletime.

Despite the successes, Bibletime faces several challenges. In Bukavu, the security situation hampers distribution efforts, making it difficult to access certain areas. Kinshasa struggles to reach children in peripheral zones and meet the diverse needs of students. Lubumbashi's challenges include logistical issues and the need for financial support to expand its mission. These obstacles highlight the need for continued support and prayer from the global community.

Bibletime's journey in the DRC is a testament to the power of faith and education. Through dedicated efforts in Bukavu, Kinshasa, and Lubumbashi, Bibletime has touched thousands of lives, fostering spiritual growth and community development. While challenges persist, the successes and testimonies underscore the transformative impact of Bibletime, inspiring hope and resilience in the face of adversity.

Day 5: Egypt

Sary

In a season of growth, transformation, and hope, the Bibletime initiative in Egypt is touching lives, inspiring hearts, and opening doors for young people to engage with God's Word like never before.

From January 2024 to May 2025, the reach of Bibletime extended across Egypt. With over 86,500 Arabic Bibletime booklets distributed, this initiative has become a vital bridge between the church and the next generation. These aren't just numbers—they represent children and youth eagerly engaging with the Bible, asking deep questions, and discovering the joy of faith in Jesus. This year, 86,500 students have taken part in Bibletime lessons through 190 churches, spanning six denominations. The Methodist Church, now a key partner, has not only embraced the curriculum but helped officially accredit it, giving the materials a firm place in Christian education within Egyptian churches. Even more exciting, Bibletime is now being used in three Christian schools forming part of their formal education system. To support this growth, 18 teacher training sessions were held, equipping 238 teachers to deliver the lessons with passion and purpose.



One unforgettable story comes from the remote village of Al-Gezira, 450 km south of Cairo. During a visit to a small Methodist church, the team witnessed two children sitting under a street lamp late at night. Their home had no electricity, but that didn't stop them. With their Bibletime booklets in hand, they sat in the glow of the streetlight, eagerly studying God's Word and answering questions. This moment was a vivid reminder of Bibletime's heart—to bring the light of the Gospel to every child, no matter how remote or difficult their circumstances.

But this is just the beginning. Plans for 2025 are bold and visionary. The team is aiming to partner with 25 more schools, the Bible Society, and three national ministries to expand Bibletime's impact even further. Looking ahead, the team aims to extend the Bibletime curriculum to other MENA countries such as Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Turkey, carrying with it the same hope, love, and biblical truth.

As the work grows, so do the needs. The team is praying for a dedicated distribution and training team to support expansion, a long-term warehouse to store large quantities of booklets, and continued favour with ministries, schools, and new regional partners.

Yet amidst the challenges, there is great excitement. "This is more than a programme," says Sary, who leads the effort. "It's a movement of God's Spirit across Egypt."

Day 6: Ethiopia

Daba Garadew - (Ethiopian Christian Brethren Churches - ECBC)

In 2024, 240,000 Bibletime booklets were received in Ethiopia in both Oromo and Amharic. Due to delivery delays, distribution commenced in early 2025, with this report covering just four months of activity.

So far, 63,000 booklets have been distributed, benefiting 15,120 students across six denominations. The largest recipient is the Full Gospel Believers' Church. The Oromo series (A7-A12) has seen wider initial use, particularly levels 1, 3, and 4, while the Amharic series (B1-B6) has started distribution with the lower levels. Due to Ethiopian law, Bible teaching is not permitted in schools, which restricts the distribution of Bibletime materials there. However, plans are underway by the Christian Brethren Churches for a massive summer campaign, aimed at youth Bible camps across the country. The team requests prayer support as they navigate logistical challenges related to reaching children during the summer Bible study season.



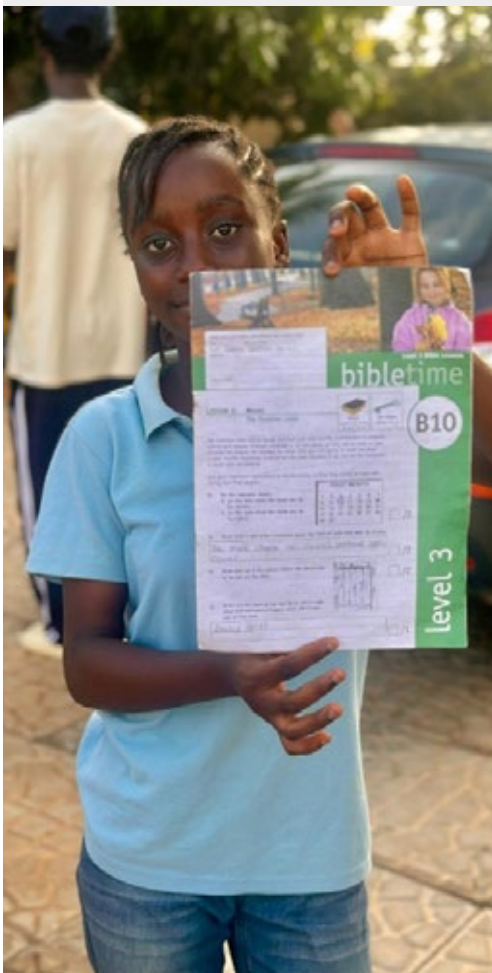
Day 7: Ghana

Afia Darkwa (Hopespring Foundation)

The past decade has been a remarkable era of growth and transformation for the Bibletime ministry, expanding its influence across Ghana and even into Togo. This year's theme, "...Towards a Decade of Abiding Fruitfulness," honours the extraordinary efforts being made and presents an optimistic vision for the future, especially for the "NextGen" in West Africa, a generation often characterised as lonely, hungry, and neglected. The Hopespring Community, under the leadership of Afia Darkwa-Amanora, plays a pivotal role in these efforts and feels both excited and humbled to participate in this divine endeavour.

A notable area of growth for Bibletime has been Northern Ghana, led by Mrs. Hilda Ukwewke, the Northern Ghana Field Representative for Bibletime through the Hopespring Community. Since acquiring Bibletime resources in 2022, Hilda has profoundly increased her ministry's impact, utilising these materials to reach a large number of children. Initially intended as an auxiliary resource for her Good News Club, Potter's Masterpiece Foundation, and the Children's Ministry at High Powered Ministries International, where she serves as a pastor and coordinator for the Upper East Region, it has evolved into a substantial ministry resource for all seven branches of High Powered Ministries International in the Upper East Region of Ghana.

The statistics from Hilda's ministry are genuinely inspiring: over 500 children are reached weekly with the Bibletime resource solely within the High-Powered Ministry environment. Remarkably, many of these children have dedicated their lives to Christ and are being actively disciplined using Bibletime. This is particularly significant given the strong presence of Islam in Northern Ghana, as many Muslim children have been invited to church by their Christian friends. The influence has even spread to the Northern Region, where one of Hilda's team members moved and established Good News Clubs in the Tumu Area, further broadening its outreach to children. Hopespring aims to train at least 100 active ministers in the north to enhance and amplify the Gospel's reach.



Bibletime has become a driving force in church planting and youth outreach, especially through projects like the mission at Crossroads Community Church in Accra. From May to July 2024, in partnership with Operation Christmas Child and Hopespring, Bibletime was used to run vibrant Good News Clubs in Kisseiman, drawing dozens of children, including many Muslims, each weekend. Many gave their lives to Christ and completed foundational lessons. This sparked a surge in volunteer involvement, culminating in a Vacation Bible School in August that extended outreach to nearby communities.

In Lapaz, God's Glory School used Bibletime on June 8, 2024, for a major outreach event, followed by a month-long discipleship programme. Seventy-six children completed their lessons and earned certificates. The overwhelming interest led to Bibletime becoming a weekly Bible Club, now engaging 44 students.

At Dzen Ayoor, the Goshlight Good News Club—founded by Mrs. Charlotte Hephzibah Briandt and her husband—has used Bibletime weekly since July 2024 to reach Muslim and unchurched children. Some of the 35 enrolled have made commitments to Christ, with Bibletime as their primary discipleship tool.

In Tema, Bibletime powered school outreach and children's rallies run by African Enterprise Ghana and local churches. Over 20,000 children heard the gospel, with 2,700 actively engaged in Bibletime lessons. Ten schools have since requested regular visits.

The Presbyterian Church of Ghana's Faith Congregation in Shashie has also seen transformation through Bibletime, with Muslim children gradually returning to its Good News Club despite early resistance.

Looking ahead, Bibletime may soon launch in Togo through a new partnership with Compassion International, marking its first step into Francophone West Africa.

Across Ghana, Bibletime is bearing lasting fruit—bringing children to Christ, equipping volunteers, uniting churches, and opening doors for regional impact. The journey continues, filled with hope, collaboration, and the power of God's Word.

Day 8: Ghana

Raymond Johnson (Ireland Outreach International - IOI)

In Ghana, the Bibletime ministry, supported by IOI, continues to flourish. Raymond reports that in 2023, they dispatched over 84,000 C1-C12 Bibletime booklets to 31 churches across 18 denominations and 10 schools, reaching a total of 1,798 students. Their commitment to empowering local leaders is evident in the training sessions conducted, with 15 sessions in 2024/2025 equipping 394 teachers. These sessions spanned various regions, including the Greater Accra, Eastern, Bono, and Northern regions.

Ms. Emelia, a parent from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Ghana, shared, "As a mother of three, I've seen a big change in my children since they started using the Bibletime materials. They now spend more time answering the questions and colouring the lessons instead of watching TV or being on their phones. It's been such a blessing for our home, and I'm grateful for how Bibletime is helping to build their interest in God's Word." Madam Rejoice, a teacher at Ebenezer Methodist School in Madina, reports, "I have observed a noticeable improvement in the attitude of my pupils since we introduced Bibletime in class. They are more attentive, disciplined, and eager to learn—not just during RME, but in other subjects as well. Bibletime is truly helping to shape their character positively."

However, challenges persist. One of the main hurdles is finding committed volunteers to be trained as Bibletime teachers. As outreach expands across schools, churches, and communities, the demand for trained individuals to guide and mentor children is steadily increasing. Their hope for the future is that God will raise willing and passionate volunteers with a heart for children's ministry, ready to be trained and effectively utilise Bibletime materials. Their plans for 2025 include focusing on schools and churches in the Greater Accra, Eastern, Bono, and Central Regions, aligning activities with the school calendar, and conducting more teacher training sessions.

Day 9: Nigeria

Raymond Johnson
(Ireland Outreach International - IOI)

In Nigeria, IOI has been a crucial conduit for Bibletime resources. Over the past few years, B.E.S. and Revival Movement have sent significant quantities of booklets: 48,000 in 2021, 70,000 in 2022, and 24,000 in 2023.

This translates into tangible impact: 25,150 students are currently using Bibletime materials across 78 churches (representing 48 denominations) and 38 schools. A significant partnership exists with the Brethren Assemblies, to whom 10,000 booklets are regularly sent. Their efforts in teacher training have been robust, with 10 sessions in 2024/2025 training 330 teachers. A highlight was the children's session at the Brethren National Conference in Abuja in April 2025, where over 300 students attended, demonstrating their enthusiasm for Bibletime.

Sheret, a nursery 3 pupil at Haven of Hope Academy in Jos, professed her trust in the Lord Jesus during a devotion using B.E.S. materials. Samson, a teacher at the children's conference during the Brethren National Conference in Abuja, discovered the effectiveness of B.E.S. materials and has requested additional material for his home assembly in Kano.

Yet, obstacles remain. Accessing crayons in the quantity needed is a persistent challenge, as is the consistent availability of materials in the correct sequence. They often have to use whatever series are available, even if it means skipping ahead. Their fervent prayers are for a warm welcome from churches and schools as they continue to distribute B.E.S. materials.

Looking ahead to 2025, they plan to hold more training sessions for teachers within the Brethren Assemblies, aiming to expand Bibletime's reach into Southern and Northern Nigeria. They also intend to increase awareness of B.E.S. materials in other churches and encourage the establishment of more Bible clubs in Jos, Plateau State, to foster local child discipleship.





Day 10: Gabon

Gilbert Essone Obiang (ZAM)

In Libreville, Gabon, Gilbert plays a key role in bringing Bible-based learning to children across the nation using the B.E.S. Bibletime booklets. The sheer scale of this undertaking is evident with over 8,500 students in 17 schools and 80 churches. He is eagerly awaiting the next shipment of 42,000 French booklets, which stands as a testament to the growing demand and effectiveness of the programme.

Gilbert's work is not just about distributing materials; it's about fostering a deeper understanding of the scriptures in young hearts. Sister Hermine, a Sunday school teacher, eloquently shares the impact of these resources: "Teaching children is my passion... with the B.E.S. Bibletime booklets, my service is easier because each child has their book and follows the lesson and does the homework during the week." This personal testimony highlights the practical value of the Bibletime series in engaging children aged 6-8 and simplifying the teaching process.

Pastor Marie-Florence's account further illustrates the growth of the programme at the primary school of Pk 8 Christian Alliance. With 1,300 students aged 6-12, the school received 4,800 B.E.S. Bibletime booklets. Pastor Marie-Florence's vision extends beyond her school, as she aims to distribute these resources to children in other churches and train others in their use. This initiative signifies a significant expansion of Bibletime's reach within the Gabonese community, culminating in the exciting prospect of students receiving certificates for completing B.E.S. Bibletime courses – a first for the region.

Despite the progress, Gilbert and his team face challenges. A key concern is securing adequate budgets to facilitate large-scale mobilisation efforts involving both children and Sunday school teachers, who are crucial in effectively disseminating the Bibletime textbooks. However, these challenges are met with a spirit of optimism, fuelled by the "freedom to distribute the textbooks anywhere and in all churches without restriction." This open door presents a significant opportunity for continued growth and impact within the Gabonese biblical community. The dedication of individuals like Gilbert, coupled with the transformative power of the Bibletime resources, paints an inspiring picture of faith in action, nurturing the next generation in Gabon.

Day 11: Kenya

Lazarus and Jane Kisau (Emmaus Worldwide)

Since the arrival of Bibletime resources in 2016, Scripture has been making its way into classrooms, churches, and homes across the country. What began with just a handful of booklets has blossomed into a nationwide movement, with thousands of children now actively engaging with God's Word through Bibletime.

Between January 2024 and January 2025, the Bibletime programme saw remarkable growth in student numbers and distribution reach. Detailed records kept by Lazarus and Jane show that over 285,000 booklets were distributed to more than 150 schools and 1,240 churches spanning over 80 denominations. The largest recipient, Global Network



Children, alone accounted for more than 100,000 Bibletime booklets. From urban centres to rural communities, the hunger for spiritual learning is evident and growing.

A strong emphasis on training has bolstered this surge in participation. In 2024, more than 200 teachers were trained to lead Bibletime sessions, equipping them with the tools to bring Scripture alive for children of all ages. The introduction of B.E.S. materials has transformed these sessions into vibrant, interactive experiences.

Teachers and pastors across the country are sharing powerful testimonies of impact. Susan, a Sunday school leader, shares how Bibletime has revitalised her ministry. “Our children are reading the Bible more confidently,” she says. “They’re also developing skills like critical thinking and communication. Parents have noticed children are more engaged at home and in church because of the Bibletime booklets.”

Teacher Edwin from CCI Grace of God in Juja adds, “Before B.E.S., we had no structured curriculum. Now, each child has their book, and they’re bringing friends. Attendance has grown, and the content meets children right where they are.”

Even pastors are seeing the change. Pastor Benson Mwangi of KAG Bahati notes, “Bible reading has improved drastically. The Bibletime materials are so accessible and bring new life to our children’s ministry.”

But perhaps the most touching stories come from the students themselves. Sharon, a Grade Five student, beams as she talks about what Bibletime means to her. “Thanks to B.E.S. and Revival Movement, we now know more about God through Bible stories and memory verses. Even our school grades are improving!”

Looking ahead, plans are in place to expand into new regions, enhance teacher training, and intensify distribution efforts, particularly in underserved rural areas. Churches are preparing Bible-themed events, and summer camps will offer new opportunities for outreach. Meanwhile, a growing social media presence promises to connect even more people to the stories of change happening across Kenya.

Challenges remain, particularly in delivering materials to remote locations and ensuring consistent teacher support. But programme coordinators Lazarus and Jane remain undeterred. “The harvest is plentiful,” they affirm. “Bibletime is not just a booklet; it’s a seed of hope in every child’s hand.”

And with every hand reached, that hope grows stronger.



Day 12: Malawi

Anne Vallance (South African Literature Trust, SALT)

Since the start of 2024, the Bibletime programme has gained remarkable momentum, bringing the Word of God to life for thousands of children through Scripture-rich booklets in the Chichewa language.

So far, over 10,000 students have engaged with Bibletime, supported by a network of 165 trained teachers and around 100 churches across 43 denominations. This broad involvement suggests a deep and growing hunger for biblical education among Malawi’s youth. The effort is supported by a major distribution of 122,000 A Series booklets in 2024, with steady rollout continuing into 2025. Though the next set of Booklets (A7–A12) are only now beginning to be distributed, plans are already underway for a significant expansion into schools beginning in September 2025.

But the numbers tell only part of the story. The real impact of Bibletime in Malawi is found in the testimonies—voices from classrooms and churches where hearts and minds are being shaped by God’s Word.

Levi, a teacher at a private school, recalls the moment his students learned about

the days of creation for the first time. “It was eye-opening,” he said. “Despite being in a ‘Christian’ country, many children had never heard this before. Bibletime is filling a critical gap.”

At the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), Clifford captured the joy of children engaged in the programme through a short video. “They’re not just reading,” he explained, “they’re learning Bible verses by heart. It’s bringing Scripture closer to their lives, and they love it.”

The Evangelical Baptist Church of Malawi currently leads in participation, receiving 1,229 booklets, while a growing number of schools, currently around five, have begun integrating Bibletime into their weekly lessons. With the new academic term on the horizon, even more are expected to join.

The rollout has been accompanied by seven well-received training sessions, mainly in Malawi’s Southern and Central regions. Another 17 sessions are planned, reflecting increasing interest from churches and local leaders. The long-term goal? To develop a self-sustaining model, where trained participants become trainers themselves, expanding the programme organically across regions.

Of course, rapid growth brings its own challenges. Organisers are seeking prayer for wisdom and grace as they manage logistics, teacher training, and resource delivery. But the vision remains strong: to reach more children, in more communities, with biblically sound and culturally relevant material.

In a country where access to structured biblical resources is limited, Bibletime is becoming an essential tool—not only for teaching Scripture but for shaping a generation of young believers who are grounded in truth and eager to learn.

As one coordinator summed it up: “Bibletime isn’t just about reading—it’s about transformation and Malawi is ready.”



Day 13: Mali

Youssef Dramane Dao (ZAM)

The Bibletime syllabus in Mali is actively utilised by approximately 600 churches across six denominations, reaching over 100,000 students.

Recent developments in 2024/2025 include an annual conference in January 2025, which gathered 85 church leaders who expressed appreciation for the B.E.S. courses. There’s also a continuous effort in training new and existing Bibletime instructors in various regions, with 202 teachers trained across 11 sessions.

Looking ahead to 2025, Bibletime aims to integrate new denominations and communities that the courses have not yet reached. Plans also include organising ceremonies to motivate children and award certificates upon completion of their Bibletime courses in churches.

Day 14: Mozambique

Helder Celestino and Patrick Mulenga

Currently, Bibletime in Portuguese is being used by 16,255 students across 97 churches and 65 denominations in Mozambique. While there are no schools currently using the material, 5 training sessions have been conducted, equipping 115 teachers. The distribution of booklets between 2023-2025 has been extensive, with many of the lower levels being fully distributed.

The impact of Bibletime is evident in the lives it touches. One encouraging testimony highlights a 10-year-old child whose regular attendance at Sunday School and enthusiastic sharing of Bible teachings at home led to noticeable positive changes in his behaviour, including increased respect, obedience, and improved academic performance. This transformation prompted his mother, who was not a church member, to visit and subsequently attend church services, deeply moved by the impact of God's Word on her family. This story highlights how the children's ministry, facilitated by Bibletime, can positively influence not only children but also their entire families.

Looking ahead to the future, the B.E.S. team in Mozambique wish to strengthen partnerships with churches, organise training sessions, and hold a children-focused tournament. There are also plans to promote the educational material in daycare centres and private schools in Maputo. A special event for International Children's Day is scheduled in July, promising a full day of teaching, games, and fun for children. Additionally, the annual "Children's Holiday Club" will continue to offer dedicated activities during school holidays.

Despite these successes, challenges remain. The vast geographical expanse of Mozambique and poor road conditions make it difficult to reach distant areas like Cabo Delgado province, where there is a strong desire to bring God's Word to children. Another concern is the current storage location for materials, a local church in a flood-prone area, which puts the resources at risk. There is a pressing need for a safer, more suitable office space for receiving, organising, and distributing materials, as well as for teacher training. The situation of children in refugee camps, particularly in Nampula and Cabo Delgado, is also a deeply felt concern, with the belief that B.E.S. materials can offer hope and comfort to these displaced families. The team invites prayers for these challenges, trusting in God's faithfulness to provide and open doors for more children to be reached.



Day 15: Niger

Henry Odjo (ZAM)

The B.E.S. ministry in Niger, in partnership with Alliance du Niger, is actively working to instil biblical knowledge and values in children across the country. Their core mission involves raising awareness among church leaders about the importance of teaching children in Sunday schools with effective Bible materials and equipping competent teachers through training and follow-up programmes. The ultimate goal is to help children establish and maintain a close relationship with Jesus, enabling them to grow in wisdom and stature before God.

Since 2022, and up to March 2025, Henry and his team have successfully trained 246 teachers from various churches in



three major cities: Niamey, Douchi, and Maradi. The training focuses on teaching the Bible to children, emphasising the significance of Sunday school, and demonstrating how to effectively use the B.E.S. children's teaching manuals. A recent exciting development is the request for the translation of courses into the Hausa language, which could significantly broaden the programme's reach.

Both teachers and children are experiencing the benefits of Bibletime directly. Mrs Blandine from AD Zaria shared that the training transformed her prayer life and equipped her to extract biblical truth and prepare biblical content. She is committed to applying these lessons to her own children and guiding others to know Christ. Favour, a teenager, enthusiastically shared how the Bibletime booklet helped her understand Bible stories, such as the creation of the world, and even memorise verses more easily, particularly enjoying the biblical crosswords and word searches. Marie Joel's parents noted a significant positive transformation in their children's lives since they began the Bibletime programme, observing their increased interest in the booklets and their readiness to question adult behaviours based on their biblical learning.

The programme also includes follow-up activities, such as the distribution of Bibles to children at churches like Eglise Vie Nouvelle, as part of a reward system for Sunday schools that consistently follow the B.E.S. syllabus. These efforts collectively demonstrate Bibletime's powerful role in nurturing faith and fostering spiritual growth among the younger generation in Niger.

Day 16: Rwanda

Elyse Iradukunda (Teens for Christ)

The Bibletime programme continues to touch thousands of lives in Rwanda through engaging and Bible-based educational resources. Between January 2024 and May 2025, the programme reached an impressive 68,415 students across 102 schools and 29 churches, with materials distributed in all three major denominations: ADEPEL, PEFA, and Inkurunziza. Led by Elyse Iradukunda and the TFC team, the initiative is showing remarkable promise in a nation eager for youth-focused discipleship.

A total of 23,000 new booklets have just arrived for distribution, building on the initial 195,000 distributed since 2021. Materials were used across all four levels, particularly in Level 3 and Level 4, where there is steady engagement among older students and teens. In this period, 99 teachers were trained in four sessions, including one especially for teenagers committed to mentoring their peers. These training sessions for young people were held both in schools and at the TFC office in Kivugiza.

One testimony comes from Clarisse, a student at GS Gatenga, who was raised without religious instruction and often felt empty and confused. Through Bibletime lessons, she discovered her identity and purpose in God, becoming a witness to His transforming power. Another comes from Antoine, a Sunday School teacher at ADEPEL Rebero: "Since we began using Bibletime, the children are more enthusiastic about learning the Bible. It's simple, impactful, and it helps us as teachers as we no longer struggle to prepare lessons."

Despite this success, rural access is limited due to poor roads and high transportation costs, making it difficult to distribute booklets to remote areas. There's also a pressing need for more volunteers to help with coordination and marking student lessons.

Looking ahead, TFC in Rwanda plans to expand the distribution of Bibletime into five new schools, host further teacher training sessions, and present the Bibletime programme to over 50 church leaders in August 2025. Additionally, the upcoming TFC Youth Camp will feature Bibletime devotionals, deepening the programme's reach among teenagers. The team uses the Bibletime Teacher Lesson Plans to prepare their weekly assemblies at school to teach the children about a Bible story. With faith, community support, and dedicated leadership, TFC in Rwanda are not only educating, they're discipling a generation.



Day 17: Tanzania

David Ombeni (World Vision Tanzania)

In a remarkable year of spiritual growth, Tanzania has experienced a profound awakening among its children, driven by the expanding reach of the Bibletime programme. This Scripture-based educational initiative, a core element of the Spiritual Nurture of Children (SNC) partnership between World Vision Tanzania (WVT), Bible Educational Services (B.E.S.), and Revival Movement (Every Home Crusade), has achieved extraordinary results, reaching nearly one million children by March 2025.

The latest milestone began with the September 2024 arrival of over 205,000 Bibletime booklets from Revival Movement. Distributed across 13 regions, the resources reached churches of diverse denominations—Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Assemblies of God, and many independent congregations—spanning urban and remote areas from Arusha to Kigoma and Lindi to Mtwara.

The launch of the Bibletime B-Series (B1–B6) in January 2025 marked a turning point. An astounding 90% of participating children engaged with the materials right on schedule, highlighting both the widespread enthusiasm for faith-based learning and the tireless commitment of church leaders and teachers nationwide.

One standout example of this dedication comes from southern Tanzania. Responding to a request from Bishop James Almasi of the Anglican Diocese of Masasi, WVT delivered 6,960 Bibletime booklets and Teacher Guidelines. Capt. Catherine Lugunda, Head of the Children’s Department, and a devoted driver, Sandey, personally undertook a 1,240-kilometre round trip from Masasi to Arusha to collect the materials, underscoring the deep commitment to spiritual education.

In February 2025, B.E.S. conducted a three-day training in Lindi for 25 Sunday School teachers, empowering them to deliver Bibletime effectively in their communities. This hands-on training approach remains central to the long-term success of the programme.

The Masasi Diocese alone, which supports over 10,000 children across 11 deaneries, held a major workshop in partnership with WVT. The goal: to equip Sunday School teachers with Bibletime’s age-appropriate curriculum, ensuring children receive a strong biblical foundation while also nurturing their emotional, social, and physical well-being.

Beatrice Kayosaya, says, “I’ve taught Sunday School for years at Mary and Bartimaeus Church, but the Bibletime training transformed my entire approach. I now understand how to group children by age, use structured materials effectively, and engage parents in their child’s faith journey. I plan to share this with fellow teachers and host a seminar for parents. Thank you, World Vision, B.E.S., and Revival Movement—you’ve changed our ministry.”

In Arusha, where the final B1–B6 booklets were distributed by January 2025, the demand remains overwhelming. Distribution continues on a “first request, first served” basis. Meanwhile, excitement is building for the arrival of 240,000 B7–B12 booklets shipped in April from Northern Ireland, and due to arrive in Tanzania as we write this report.

Tanzania’s progress toward its ambitious SNC goal of reaching one million children by 2025 has been exceptional:

2021: 200,000 children

2022: 417,983

2023: 737,094

2024: 918,643

March 2025: 961,447 children and young people.



This places Tanzania as a regional leader in spiritual child development across East Africa, with recognition from World Vision for its outstanding impact.

Though the Bibletime shipment has been fully distributed, the work is far from over. With continued support from B.E.S. and Revival Movement, WVT is more committed than ever to nurturing the next generation in faith. Together, they are raising a spiritually grounded generation, bringing hope and the Word of God to every corner of Tanzania.



Day 18: Zambia

Willie Bunda

Between January 2024 and April 2025, B.E.S. Zambia witnessed remarkable expansion, with over 102,000 students reached across 1,247 churches and seven denominations. Led by Willie Bunda, Patrick and Chishimba, the initiative successfully distributed hundreds of thousands of Bibletime booklets, deepening roots in both urban and rural communities.

More than 500,000 Bibletime booklets and lessons were distributed, including over 45,000 each of Level 1 and 2 C Series lessons, and 30,000 at Level 3 and 4. The materials reached new churches and schools across Lusaka, the Copperbelt, North Western, Luapula, and Northern provinces. Two new orphanages—Itimpi in Kitwe and Life Community in Luano, Chingola—were also brought into the programme.



The Christian Brethren (CMML) denomination remains the largest partner, receiving over 2.9 million pamphlets and booklets since 2010. Over 50 training sessions have been conducted, empowering an incredible 8,840 teachers with skills to teach Bibletime materials effectively. Ndola, in particular, stands out with 40 well-organised churches, regular teacher training, and structured zones for Bible quiz competitions.

Among the many lives touched is Keke, who began attending Sunday school using Bibletime as the main resource. Now 21, she is a business administrator and has recently trained as a Sunday School teacher, serving at the Miracle Word Centre, Chingola, using the same materials—an inspiring journey from student to leader. In the Copperbelt of Ndola, Mr. Joseph Sondashi, a Sunday School coordinator, has mobilised dozens of churches into using Bibletime, ensuring material distribution and spiritual engagement through organised training events and inter-zone quiz competitions.

Despite the growth, challenges remain. Transporting materials across vast distances relies on buses and personal vehicles. There is a pressing need for a dedicated ministry vehicle, bicycles for rural volunteers, and basic supplies like sleeping bags, tents, and Bibles for teachers in under-resourced areas.

B.E.S. Zambia's vision for 2025 includes major expansion into Luapula Province, with upcoming training seminars in Mansa, Chembe, and Samfya. The Evangelical University has requested that the B.E.S. programme be included in its curriculum, ensuring graduates are equipped for children's ministry. The team also aims to increase outreach in Kaleni and Ikeleni districts in the North Western Province and expand to churches in Mazabuka, Southern Province using both English and Bemba Bibletime booklets.

From consistent training to transformative testimonies, B.E.S. Zambia's progress illustrates a compelling story of growth, perseverance, and hope, with the clear goal of reaching every child, church, and corner of the nation.

Day 19: Zimbabwe

Nyasha Chimanzi (SIM Serving in Mission)

Between January 2024 and May 2025, the Bible Educational Services (B.E.S) programme in Zimbabwe, led by Nyasha at SIM, made notable strides in children's ministry across the nation. The materials reached 10,141 students in churches from 57 denominations. United Baptist Church of Zimbabwe (UBCZ) emerged as the largest partner, with around 3,600 children using Bibletime. Nine schools, including a major UBC mission school, also adopted the Bibletime materials.

Training was a major focus, with 11 sessions equipping 264 teachers. Notable events included large-scale trainings in Manicaland and Kadoma, as well as smaller sessions with Pentecostal churches. In addition, Nyasha and her team engaged Biriiri High School and is pursuing clearance to operate in government schools.

Powerful stories emerged. Leoba Ziyebangwa, a mother in Chimanimani, created a Sunday class for children using B.E.S. to help both kids and young mothers. In rural Mutare, Mrs. Zikuyumo, the headmistress, introduced the Bibletime booklets to her students, including those with special needs. This marked the first time they received personal textbooks and it generated considerable enthusiasm and excitement. The students have come to highly value these B.E.S. resources.

However, transport limitations and funding shortages hinder wider distribution, especially to remote areas like Manicaland's border with Mozambique. B.E.S. is run under the non-funded LEARN (Leaders Equipping and Resourcing Network), requiring grassroots support to thrive.

Looking ahead, B.E.S. aims to deepen its impact by expanding into public schools, mission orphanages, and neglected rural regions. The "Today for Tomorrow" (T4T) initiative also offers a growing opportunity, reaching 75 at-risk children weekly in the Federation area through Bible teaching and games.

Despite obstacles, the heart to serve remains strong, and 2025 holds great promise for B.E.S. Zimbabwe's growth.



Day 20: Editor's Epilogue...

Other Countries

B.E.S. has valued partners who are actively using Bibletime in several other African countries, including Angola, Benin, Chad, Guinea-Conakry, Ivory Coast, South Africa, Togo, and Senegal. While no reports of usage have been received from these locations at this time, updates will follow in the near future. Please continue to pray for the important work being carried out in these regions.

Bibletime in Uganda is still in its early stages, with a small pilot shipment recently introduced to the country. A few organisations and schools, including Fields for Life, are currently trialling the materials. We hope they find the content both inspiring and useful as they explore how it can support their work and enrich the lives of the children they serve.

Funding

We are excited to present a match-funding opportunity designed to support translation and training initiatives worldwide. This initiative holds tremendous potential to create a significant spiritual impact on children around the world. We encourage you to

reflect on this prayerfully. For more information, please refer to the advert on the back page.

B.E.S. do not fund distribution, printing or storage in any country unless we receive designated funds to support this.

Training (LMS)

Hundreds of teachers have engaged with and completed the training modules on our LMS system in English and Swahili. We are excited that by the end of summer, we will launch the LMS training in French, which will be a massive blessing for French-speaking Africa. Training via LMS, bespoke training via Zoom, and in-person training are provided free of charge to our key partners. Contact Stevie at training@besweb.com to arrange this for your group.

Revival Movement

B.E.S. would not have the impact or reach globally without the valued partnership with Revival Movement. They have been printing for us since 2009. Since 2015, they have printed and shipped in excess of 15 million Bibletime booklets free of charge to over 22 countries. Praise God for this and pray that their daily needs will continue to be met by our faithful God.

Editorial Update

Editorial work is ongoing, with current revisions focused on updating the A5 English booklets to include the B.E.S. and Friends characters. In parallel, B.E.S. has developed two A4-size booklets, each covering six months of lessons. These align with the content of both the existing A4 lessons and the A5 six-month booklets (e.g. A1–A6 and A7–A12). Additional A4-size booklets are planned for the B and C series.

These new A4-size resources were launched in January 2025 and have already been positively received by over 180 primary schools and several Sunday Schools, particularly in Northern Ireland.

Please continue to pray for the team and designers as they develop Bibletime materials in various languages and formats.

Staff Changes

In December 2024, Glenda Magee, our dedicated Resources and Editorial Officer, stepped down from her role at B.E.S. Glenda has been a deeply valued member of the team since joining the ministry in 2016. Over the years, she made a lasting impact through her creativity, attention to detail, and heartfelt commitment to the work of B.E.S. One of Glenda's most significant contributions was the development and introduction of the B.E.S. characters, which have become a central and much-loved feature of the materials. These characters have brought the Bibletime lessons to life for countless children around the world, helping them to engage with God's Word in a way that is both meaningful and memorable. We are so grateful for Glenda's hard work and unwavering dedication to the ministry throughout her time with us. Her warmth, vision, and tireless efforts have helped strengthen the resources we offer and extend their reach globally. We ask you to join us in praying for God's continued guidance and blessing upon Glenda, her husband Iain and children Erin and Oscar. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Glenda and wish her every blessing for the future. She will always be a treasured part of the B.E.S. family.

In January 2025, we welcomed Alison Somerville as the new UK and Ireland Resource Officer. Alison works one day a week in the office. She is married to Paul, and they have a daughter, Elsie. A qualified primary school teacher, Alison brings a wealth of experience to the role, and we are delighted to have her join the team.



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We praise God for this wonderful provision as we seek to increase our reach to children and teachers worldwide with the Gospel.

Bibletime Translation Project - aims to prioritise and complete the translation of Bibletime into many languages already in progress, including Chinese, Portuguese and Urdu.

The LMS Training Project - aims to expand access to Bibletime's Learning Management System by translating training modules and videos into 10 languages, including Mandarin, Mongolian and Farsi. This will enhance lesson delivery, safeguarding, and child protection, empowering educators and volunteers to effectively teach and share the Gospel with children worldwide.



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