

PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW

FAITH COMES
BY HEARING'S
MISSION IS
ACCOMPLISHED
THROUGH
STRATEGIC
PARTNERSHIPS
WITH MINISTRIES
AROUND
THE WORLD,
INCLUDING:

UNITED BIBLE SOCIETIES (UBS)

This fellowship of over 140 national Bible Societies includes ministries more than 200 years old and is the major distributor of printed Bibles throughout the world, including Third World countries. They have more than 400 translations of the Bible plus an additional 400 of the New Testament. These more than 800 translations represent 90% of the world's population.

At their 1988 World Assembly, UBS recognized that over 50% of the world's population could not be reached through the printed page. A decision was made to make reaching the oral majority a priority. This was the beginning of the partnership between Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH) and UBS. Faith Comes By Hearing now works with UBS in over 85 countries, focusing on FCBH listening programs in churches and villages.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY (ABS)

Founded in 1816, the American Bible Society has a long tradition of distributing the printed Word across America and around the world. ABS and Faith Comes By Hearing have worked together for over 33 years. During 2005-2007 they gave significant help to FCBH to accelerate the following mission for the 50% of the world who cannot read:

- ▶ To record 2,000 languages that are or will be translated by 2016. Upon completion, these translations could reach 97% of the world's population.
- ▶ To start two million FCBH programs, primarily in churches, among the poor and illiterate – these groups will reach one billion Bibleless people.
- ▶ And from these one billion, to see at least 150 million believers disciplined in the faith.

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

This major worldwide Bible translation agency is focused on people groups under one million. They have completed more than 600 New Testament translations and are currently working in more than 2,400 languages. In addition, they have begun "Vision 2025," a vision to begin a translation in every language of the world by the year 2025.

In the late 1980s, FCBH was approached by Wycliffe translators who found that the majority of the people were unable to read what they had worked so hard to translate. They realized that the Audio Bible could bridge that gap. Since then, FCBH and Wycliffe have joined together in more than 90 recording projects, with another 90 projects in process.

Wycliffe has requested that FCBH complete a New Testament recording and start FCBH

programs in every language that they translate. To accomplish this:

- ▶ FCBH/Wycliffe have a joint annual plan to record new languages by region and to start new FCBH programs in these languages.
- ▶ FCBH has agreed to record every language they will translate in their Vision 2025.
- ▶ FCBH/Wycliffe plan to start a FCBH program in every existing church in these language groups and in every village or community where no church exists.

SCRIPTURE UNION

Founded in England in 1867, this ministry has offices in over 130 countries. Scripture Union has an extensive network of volunteers working in schools and camps to evangelize and disciple youth in each of these countries. While attending meetings in Africa, Morgan Jackson, International Director for FCBH, found that many leaders had come to Christ and were disciplined by Scripture Union during their school years.

In early 2000, it became clear that many public schools were open to including a FCBH program as a part of their normal weekly curriculum. So far, 1,000 schools in Ghana, 300 in Kenya, 500 in Paraguay, and thousands more throughout Latin America, Africa, and Asia have FCBH programs. This means that Scripture Union and other partners can expand their efforts from reaching only some of the students in a school to reaching the entire school.

Scripture Union's goal is to have FCBH programs active in every school they work with – and in Kenya, Ghana, and India alone, this represents almost 100,000 schools!

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST (CCCI)/JESUS FILM

CCCI is a network of 70 different Crusade organizations, with over 24,000 workers in more than 190 countries. CCCI has a mission to see that every person in the world has an opportunity to hear the Gospel of Christ at least once. One of their primary tools for fulfilling this mission is the Jesus Film.

In the mid 1990s, the president of the Jesus Film Project found out, after meeting with FCBH, that many of the people coming to Christ as a result of the film were illiterate. This made discipleship difficult, and he asked FCBH to consider helping. Two rounds of test projects were completed to see if FCBH could provide a successful follow-up system to the film. After 4,400 showings of the film in 10 countries and 26 languages, the results clearly show that using the Audio Drama New Testament as a follow up to the dramatized film increases long-term commitment and discipleship, with new churches being planted.

The Jesus Film is available in 840 languages. Time Magazine reports that four billion people have seen the film. Currently, it is being used in 190 countries with about 200,000 showings every year. Their goal in partnership with FCBH is for two million listening groups to begin over the next 10 years, as the follow up to each showing of the Jesus Film.

WORLD VISION

This international Christian relief and development organization works to promote the well being of all people – especially children. In 2004 alone, World Vision offered support to 100 million people in 96 countries.

Their ministry incorporates a comprehensive approach to send hope to the neediest areas around the world, where a high proportion of the population is not only poor but illiterate. Over the past three years, more than 5,000 FCBH listening groups have begun in 18 Area Development Programs (ADP) in Africa. World Vision Africa has established that FCBH can be a primary tool in accomplishing their goal to leave behind a “Christian witness” in every ADP, and may result in FCBH programs for all 600 African projects.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE SOCIETY

The partnership between International Bible Society (IBS) and Faith Comes By Hearing started in 1983 when FCBH was given permission to record the New International Version of the Bible as a tool to reach the American church. Since then, over 50,000 U.S. churches have participated in the Faith Comes By Hearing program, where the majority of their congregations listen through the Word of God, many using the NIV.

A major focus of International Bible Society’s ministry is children and youth. To help in this effort, IBS and FCBH partnered to produce a Bible recording specifically for 7- to 11-year-olds. Internationally, IBS and FCBH are working together with Scripture Union and the United Bible Societies in schools throughout Africa and India. Children’s hearts and lives will be changed as they, too, have an opportunity to hear God’s Word.

RADIO BIBLE

Many illiterate people around the world have access to the radio. Trans World Radio, the American Bible Society and Faith Comes By Hearing have formed a Radio Bible partnership broadcasting the Audio Drama Bible in 15-minute daily segments over some of the most powerful radio stations accessible in Third World countries.

People listen in the car, in taxis, in public places, at home, and at work. Many who are struggling to learn to read also use the broadcast as a literacy tool. God’s Word is going forth through this medium to many people who might otherwise never know about Him or hear His message – and we know His Word will not return void.

The first pilot project was done among the Asante people in Ghana, West Africa, and research showed that 61% of people in the area listened to the Bible program daily. The goal of Radio Bible is to establish 100 broadcasts in the top 100 languages, representing 70% of the world’s speakers. Priority is being given to “restricted access” countries.

PARTNER ENDORSEMENTS

RON BLUE, PRESIDENT, CHRISTIAN FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

“When I visited Faith Comes By Hearing I discovered a ministry that obviously uses sound financial stewardship to fulfill its mission of reaching every village and church in the world with the audio Word of God in their heart language. By partnering with organizations like Campus Crusade for Christ and the Bible Societies the 50% of the world that is poor and illiterate can be reached to fulfill the Great Commission in our lifetime. This ministry deserves your support.”

BOB CRESON, PRESIDENT, WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS

“Millions of poor and illiterate people have access to the Good News message and are able to receive hope for their lives because of the work of Faith Comes By Hearing. Wycliffe feels privileged to be a part of this effort.”

DR. PAUL IRWIN, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

“Faith Comes By Hearing has captured the essence of placing the written Word into an attractive and highly effective spoken format. They do a superb job!”

STEVE DOUGLASS, PRESIDENT, CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

“The Vision of Campus Crusade for Christ is to help establish spiritual movements everywhere. I see Faith Comes By Hearing as a huge step in that direction.”

DAVID G. TUCKER, PRESIDENT/CEO, TRANS WORLD RADIO

“I thank God for a ministry that clearly communicates the Living Word to a world desperate for spiritual nourishment. No doubt, Faith Comes By Hearing will continue to impact generations to come for Jesus Christ, by providing this innovative, relevant version of the Light for every path.”

JAMES CATFORD, CEO, BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

“Everywhere I go, I hear Faith Comes By Hearing is the place where God is doing a marvelous, wonderful work. There is something special about Faith Comes By Hearing. They are bringing Jesus to people, and it is not just what they are doing, but how they are doing it.”

VIRGIL L. DUGAN, PRESIDENT, TIJERAS FOUNDATION

“Faith Comes By Hearing’s worldwide impact in people’s lives, enabling the power of God’s Word through dramatic audio recordings, is remarkable. The efficiency of their partnerships with translators, Bible Societies, and missions organizations is most exemplary.”