

Faith Comes By Hearing

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A group of children are gathered around a portable cassette player. The children are looking intently at the device, which is being held by an adult. The scene is set outdoors, and the children are dressed in simple clothing. The cassette player is black and has the text "Faith Comes By Hearing" printed on it.

"Let the little
children come
unto me..."

Precious in His Sight

Children have long been very dear to us at Faith Comes
By Hearing.

In fact, the whole idea of a dramatized Audio Bible originally came from our desire to produce something which would appeal especially to these youngsters.

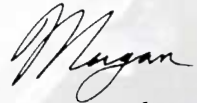
As you read this newsletter, I hope you'll take time to really let the images and statistics sink in. More than 25% of the world's population is under the age of 15; children are our future and our present. And studies show that a majority of people who come to faith in Christ do so before their 18th birthday.

As a father (and now a grandfather), my heart breaks for the 'little ones' all around the world who are growing up without Christ and therefore without real hope.

But it also thrills my heart that we have so many partners using Audio Bibles to minister to children in every imaginable setting.

And all this takes place because of your support, which allows more and more children to hear His Word and realize they are precious in His sight.

A Servant of Christ,



Morgan Jackson

International Director



Morgan with schoolchildren in Kenya.

“...the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to these.”

Our Children: A Staggering Crisis!

- ▶ 2 million have HIV/AIDS
- ▶ 15 million have lost one or both parents to AIDS
- ▶ As many as 100 million live on the streets
- ▶ 73 million working children are under the age of 10
- ▶ 1.2 million are involved in human trafficking
- ▶ Up to 300,000 are child soldiers

Schooling, sports, youth groups – the comforts of a middle-class childhood aren't even fantasies to the vast majority of the world's 1.8 billion children.

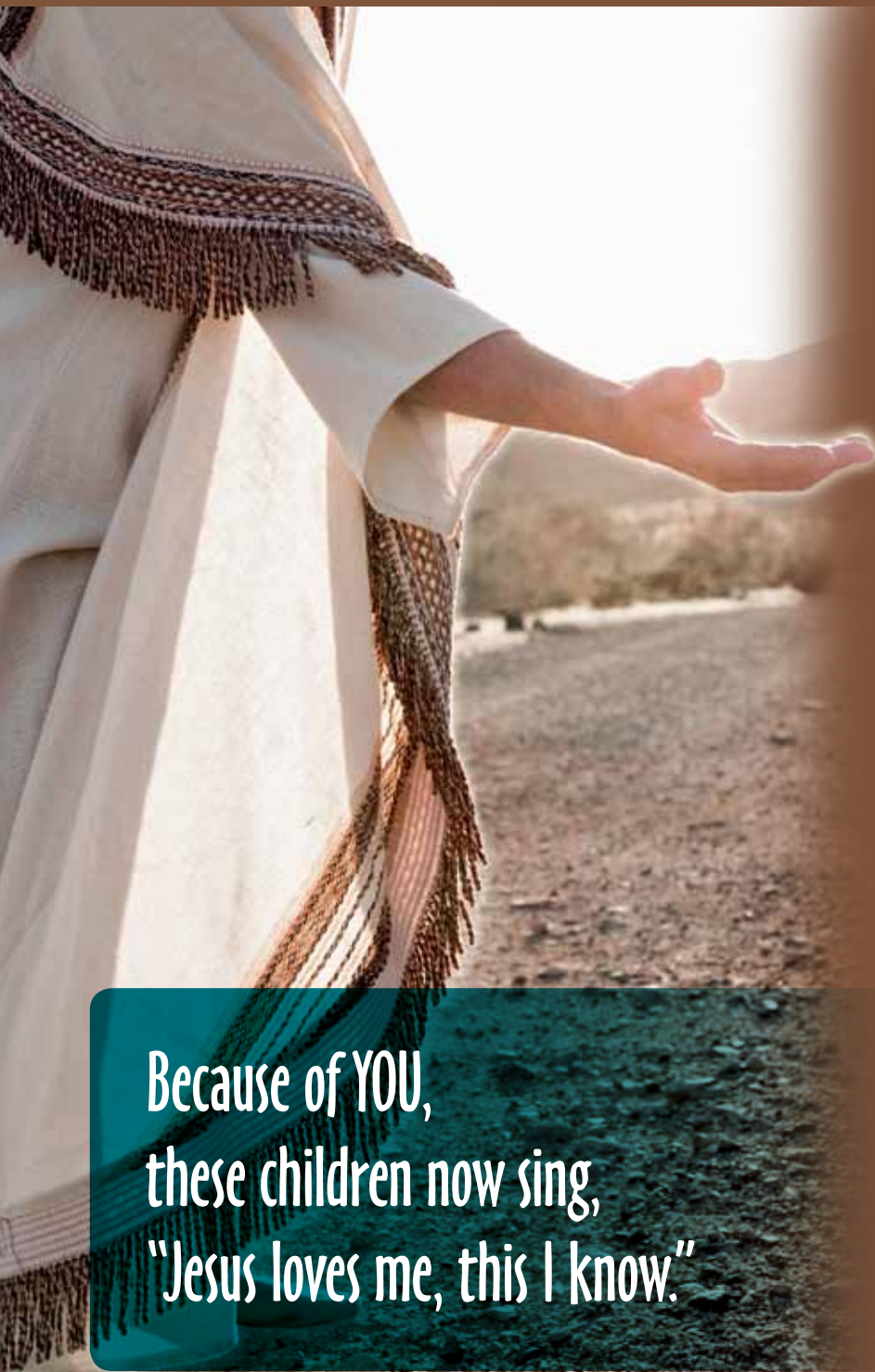
Most are very poor and live without hope, without any knowledge that they have a Father who loves them and whose Word declares that each boy and girl has infinite and eternal worth.

From the very start, Faith Comes By Hearing has shared God's heart for these little ones. And so have you. Through your support and the dedication of our partners, we are ministering to children in nearly 150 countries. Already, the KIDZ Bible has reached almost 750,000 boys and girls. In Africa, half of listening-group participants are children, and in India and the Americas nearly four in ten are young people. And these children, disciplined through Bible listening programs, go on to share Christ with their families, churches, and entire communities.



Your generosity and God's Word are bearing fruit in these tender lives, offering them a future and a hope in Christ, raising up a generation for His glory.

“Let the little children
come unto me...”



Because of YOU,
these children now sing,
“Jesus loves me, this I know.”



Village in Nigeria



School in Philippines



BibleStick in Mexico



Polish Bible Camp



School in Cambodia



Orphanage in Guatemala

He Sent His Word, and Healed Her

In the Jungles of Panama

She touched her mother's hand. It was cold. She wanted to hug her one more time, wanted to feel her mother hug her back...

She walked home, climbed into her hut, and crawled as far as she could away from the opening. She wanted to ask her mom what she should do now. But her mom wasn't there to answer. For as long as she could remember, it had just been her and her mom. And now she was gone.

It was day, then night, then day. She rocked back and forth, staring at the door, hoping desperately her mom would come through it, and afraid that whoever had killed her, might. She clutched her stomach and bent over. She had never felt such pain.

Day, night, shadows, grief, fear.

Finally someone came.

They picked her up and took her outside "Are you ok?"

No response. Voices swirled around her – "What's wrong with her?"

They took her to a doctor, who said she was traumatized because her mother was killed and she was left alone. He gave her some pills, but no one knew what to do. They took her to the church and offered her a mat to rest on.

The pastor put a black box on a chair. He pressed a button. **A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ...** The voice was strangely comforting, and was in her language. She listened.

Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more...

Like her mother... no more...

Jesus went through Galilee... healing every disease and sickness...

She listened, the words washing over her.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you...

She had spent the last month staring at the empty door, hoping her mother would come back in. Now, when she heard, **I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture**, she saw a large shining door with Jesus standing in it, welcoming her. She began to cry.

The pastor says, "By the third day of listening to Scripture, she had completely calmed down and was speaking coherently once again. After a week, she returned to her village, completely healed. The Sword of the Spirit had done its job."

“We want to live at the Boiling Point”

212 Student Ministries – Copper Pointe Church, Albuquerque, NM



They want to be the first youth group to reach a nation.

212 degrees is the boiling point of water – the point at which it turns to steam. It is known as the temperature of power since the water has reached its maximum potential. Dustin says, “We want to live at the boiling point.”

Dustin Woodward, pastor of *212 Student Ministries*, says, “When we heard about the opportunity to sponsor the Audio New Testament recording for the Digo people in Kenya, our students jumped on it. We don’t want to play church – we are the church. One of the problems with the American church is they have youth groups just to have church for teenagers, instead of realizing the youth are the church and God can do something powerful through them.”

212 Student Ministries, based at Copper Pointe Church, has expanded to include mid-high and college students in cities outside of Albuquerque.

In February 2010, the students began raising \$25,596 for the Digo recording and are almost halfway to their goal. They gave up things such as sodas, coffee drinks, and movie tickets, tangibly replacing their favorite drinks and activities to reach the Digo people. The students are working to raise the remaining money by May 2011.

To complete the project, the adults of the church plan to match the youths’ giving for recording the Digo Audio New Testament and provide Proclaimers for church members to take to the Digo people.

Dustin just returned from Kenya and says, “We went into ‘Digo Land,’ an hour into the hills outside Mombasa. We took a Proclaimer to an orphanage, and my dad (Sr. Pastor Galen Woodward) showed it to a couple of ladies. They said, ‘We’ve seen this, we’ve heard it.’ We thought, how could they have seen it before? It ends up that these two women were part of the recording.

They started crying when they heard it. We left the Proclaimer and they’re going to start a listening group.”

**On behalf of the Digo people,
thank you, *212 Student Ministries*,
for “living at the boiling point!”**



No Coincidences in Kingdom Work!

Bill Mitchell



▲ Bill (on left) aboard the Logos Hope, a mission ship, with a new friend from Austria

Bill Mitchell has witnessed firsthand the effectiveness of Proclaimers in the field. His generous support of Faith Comes By Hearing includes Wycliffe language recordings and Bible listening programs for Kenyan schoolchildren. Bill writes:

"Although I have never done anything like this before, I am more than happy to do whatever I can to promote Faith Comes By Hearing as I cannot think of any better way to 'Go into the world and preach the good news to all creation' (Mark 16:15).

I received the Lord during the summer of 2000 at 60 years old. Since then I have been on five short-term mission trips; I've had two occasions when I should have died or been very seriously injured; and I've had the Lord literally speak to me while working on a mission ship in 2004.

Events like these show me that it's not coincidence when the Lord puts things together for His Kingdom. On at least three other occasions, finances came together that allowed me to give to Faith Comes By Hearing. I did not specify how my funds were to be used because after listening to Morgan speak at one of our mission meetings, and then the following year visiting Albuquerque and touring their facilities, I am convinced that the Proclaimer is one of the few ways to reach ALL peoples with His Word. And whether the funds go towards manufacturing the Proclaimer, recording His Word, or taking Proclaimers into the field, it all needs to be done.

There are many organizations promoting God's Word but I can't think of many that are as committed and honest as Faith Comes By Hearing. I'll stay involved as much as I can!

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

– Jim Elliot, Missionary

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It's a privilege to work with someone whose love for the Lord and His Word are evident in so many ways. Thousands of children and adults have heard the love and grace of Jesus because of Bill's support!

– Michelle Seymour, Faith Comes By Hearing