



## HELLO FROM THE CHAIR

I wish you could have been with me recently for a 45-minute walk through an impressive shopping mall in Accra, Ghana, where I was leading our four-day board retreat. You would have of course recognized the world-famous brands on sale: Apple and Skechers, Sony and Chanel, even KFC and Burger King. The displays were top-notch, the wide aisles clean and brightly lit. For a moment you could have thought you were in Minneapolis or Phoenix or Birmingham, not West Africa.

And how were the customers paying for their selections? Very few used cash or even credit cards; most simply pulled out their phones. A few taps on the screen, and they were on their way to the next shop. In Ghana it's called MoMoPay (mobile-money-pay—get it?). The international news magazine *The Economist* reported in its September 3, 2022, issue, “A third of adults in sub-Saharan Africa now have a mobile-money account, up from a fifth in 2017.”

Obviously, Africans who shop at a stylish mall—the rising middle class—can afford to buy a Bible, too. (Which is a good thing, because the hard reality is that there's no such thing as a free Bible. Paper mills have to be paid; so do printers and shipping companies. For a Bible or New Testament to get to the end user, somebody has to come up with the necessary dollars/euros/shillings etc.—if not the eager reader, then a friend or donor somewhere.)

Thus at Oasis, we provide God's Word (as well as Christian books) in two ways: We sell copies to those who can pay, and we give already-funded copies to those who cannot. Less than 48 hours after my visit to the shopping mall, I stood in the open air of a schoolyard handing out durable Bibles with a colorful cover (see photo) to entire junior-high and senior-high student bodies. Their parents could barely afford to cover tuition fees and the required uniforms, let alone provide a Bible for their child's R.E. (religious education) course. Yes, in many African nations that's a fourth “R” in the curriculum, alongside reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic. Oasis is a prime source for these young minds.

Thank you for the important part you play in making this “supply chain” work for the advancement of God's kingdom across Africa. It is, after all, the second largest continent (in both land area and population) on the planet.

Dean Merrill  
Oasis International Board Chair





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## OUR MISSION

Oasis International is a publishing ministry that is growing discipleship through publishing African voices.

We **engage** Africa's most influential, most relevant, and best communicators for the sake of the gospel.

We **create** contextual content that meets the specific needs of Africa, has the power to transform individuals and societies, and gives the church in Africa a global voice.

We **cultivate** local and global partnerships in order to publish and distribute high-quality books and Bibles.

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## A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thinking on the last year, there is a phrase that is first in my heart and mind:

“A year of forward progress.”

Oasis has made fantastic forward progress toward living out our calling of growing discipleship by publishing voices from Africa. I was just on Zoom today with a ministry that is working to disciple hundreds of thousands of new Christian Africans and is looking for resources that speak to their hearts and minds. Most of these new disciples do not have a Bible or even access to a Bible to purchase. Oasis will work with this ministry to find solutions, just as we work with over a hundred other schools, churches, and ministries that are in great need of books and Bibles that speak directly to needs in Africa’s contexts.

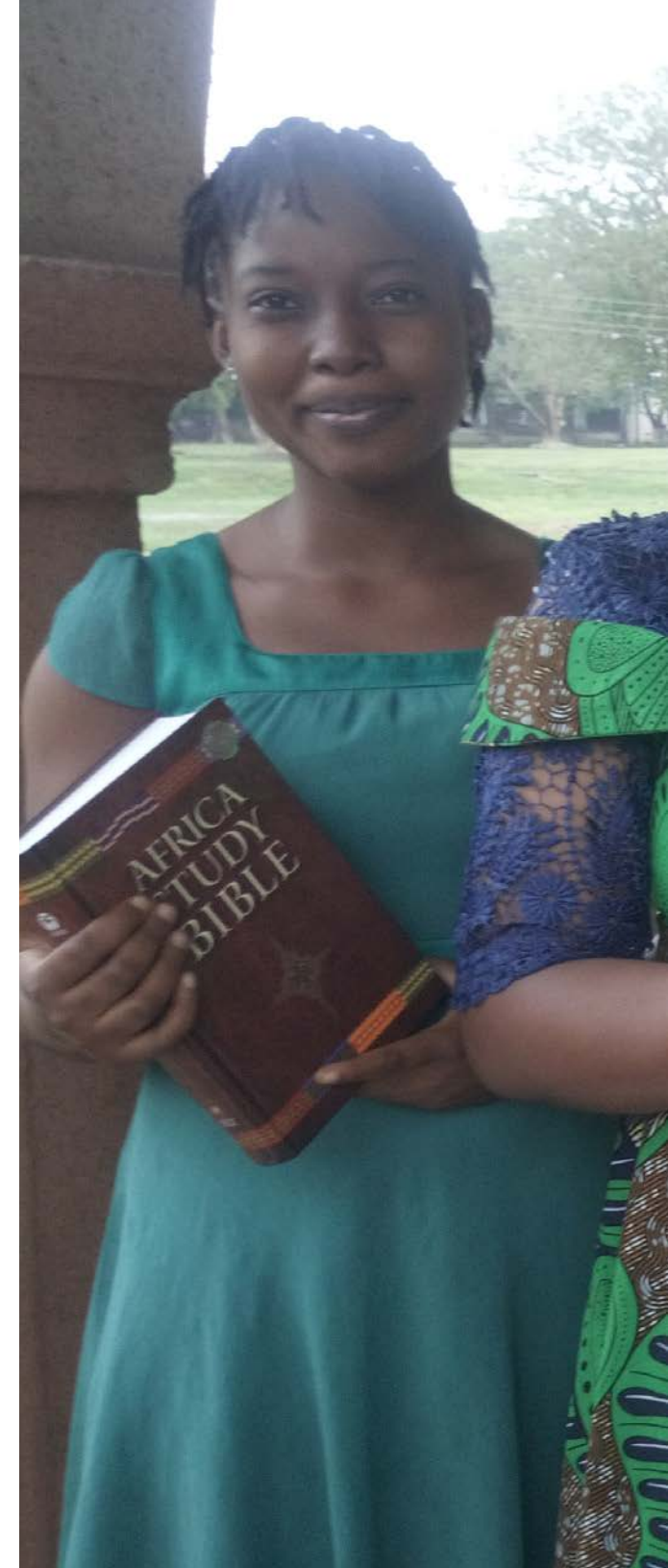
Specifically, in 2022, Oasis will release more books from African authors than ever before in our history, perhaps more evangelical Christian books from Africa than any other publisher in the world – 16! *Baasics* prepares youth for marriage by teaching how to put God first. *The Sisterhood Secret* coaches women how to mentor their younger “sisters” in relationships, life, and godliness – a book my wife is looking forward to reading. And *Stand Up for the Gospel* challenges leaders to teach the true message of the New Testament.

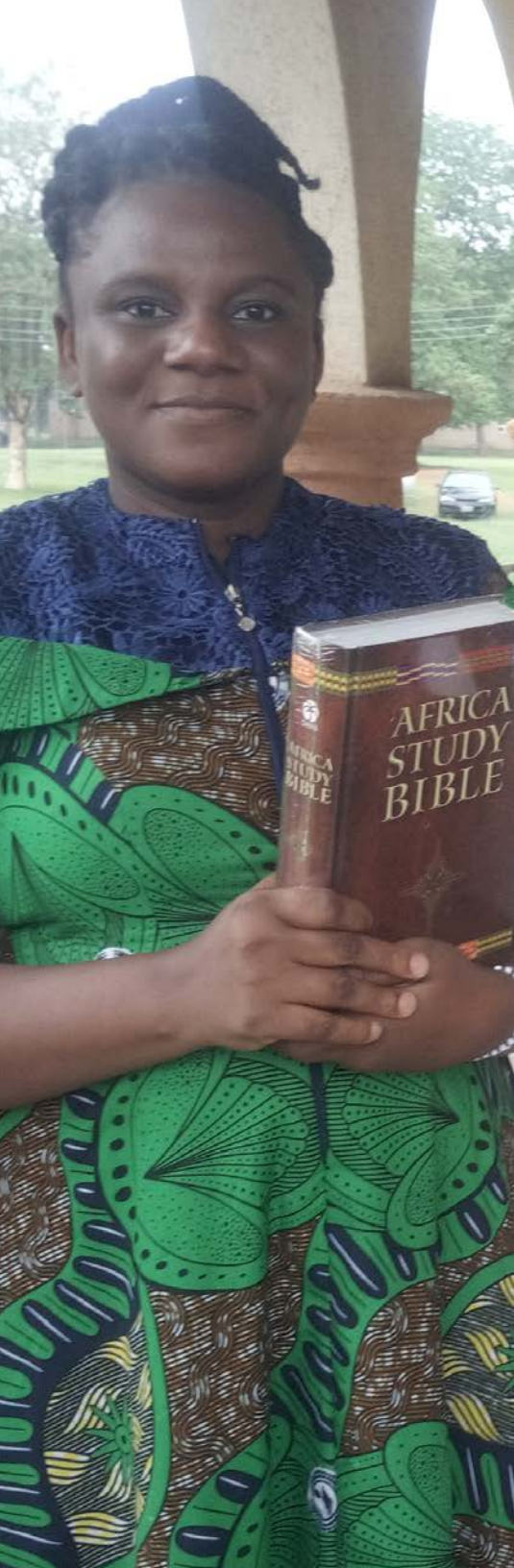
Oasis’s ministry is also becoming truly multilingual with the release of *La Bible d’étude: perspectives africaines* – the French *Africa Study Bible*. I can say just one thing with confidence about this amazing achievement. Read this slowly and think on it just a bit. **This will be the #1 leadership resource for Christian leaders discipling over 120 million Christians living in Francophone Africa.**

Let me highlight a few other areas of forward progress. Our global partnerships team and regional distribution infrastructure is fully up and running for the first time. I would not be surprised if they talk to more ministries, churches, and bookstores about their needs for Christian books and Bibles this week than any other single group in Africa as our team works to deliver books and Bibles across Africa. We will print more New Living Translation (NLT) Bibles this year than any other year in our history. Oasis’s reach and impact is growing exponentially.

Here is my charge to you, our faithful prayer and financial supporters: we need you more than ever. The needs are too great and the impact is too strong to let this forward progress slow down. Put us in touch with a church or ministry you love and support that needs to have copies of the *Africa Study Bible*, become a champion for a project at [godswordforafrica.com](http://godswordforafrica.com), or talk to us about investing in the Africa Bible Fund. However God is calling you to participate, get in touch with us and let’s talk about how you can be involved in growing discipleship in Africa.

Maranatha,  
Matthew Elliott, PhD  
President, Oasis International





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## OUR PROGRAMMES

### Empowering African Voices Programme

Many African communicators find publishing their work challenging. Oasis is committed to marrying the beauty of Africa's oral cultures with the best of modern editorial and publishing skills. We empower African voices to use both of these to become skilled authors whose messages will impact both the local and global church.

### God's Word for Africa

Thousands of pastors in Africa are leading churches with little or no training. They have few resources to help them understand and correctly apply God's Word. God's Word for Africa equips pastors, leaders, and students in Africa, who have a demonstrated need but limited means with *Africa Study Bibles* or other biblical resources. As often as possible, the recipients of the *Africa Study Bible* receive training on how to most effectively utilize the various features of this unique resource, in their teaching and ministries.

### School Bibles Programme

The School Bibles Programme enables our partners to place an easily understandable Bible in the hands of youth and children in schools. In most cases, students are in a Bible class or after-school programs where they are being disciplined.

### Africa Bible Fund

The Africa Bible Fund pools stimulus capital through investment and direct donation to supply more Bibles. Assets invested in the Africa Bible Fund cover the costs of printing and distributing Bibles on an ongoing basis. Large print-runs serve a strategic purpose. They keep prices affordable and provide income for Oasis and its partners to continue impacting lives.

Proceeds from sales are also rolled back into the Fund. The virtuous cycle continues.

## EMPOWERING AFRICAN VOICES

Ernest and Waturi Wamboye  
Authors of *Baesics*

Young adults feel squeezed in between traditional and modern expectations. For instance, in Kenya parents tell young people to hold off on relationships with the opposite sex to focus on academics. The same parents criticize them when no marriage proposals materialize. Some young people cave to societal expectations and marry impulsively. Others become overwhelmed and don't know what to do.

Ernest and Waturi Wamboye, the authors of *Baesics*, are a married duo who write and speak on Christian dating and marriage. They draw on their own relationship experience and from their heroes and mentors.

In the book, the Wamboyes give practical advice on how young people can find their identity in Christ and become real, godly men or women. They share the necessary biblical foundations needed to build healthy relationships.

"The core of our fulfillment in life comes from having good relationships on two fronts: firstly, with our Creator and secondly, with our fellow human beings. Jesus affirmed this in Mark 12:28-34."

The Wamboyes started The Relationship Centre Ltd, an organization that promotes biblical family values in contemporary urban communities. They also run various ministries including: Boy Meets Girl, a quarterly relationships forum; Powerhouse, a men's pornography addiction recovery program; and Dating Clinic, a couples' premarital and post-marital forum. Ernest blogs at [penstrokes.co.ke](http://penstrokes.co.ke) and won the Blogger Award of Kenya in 2016, 2017, and 2019.

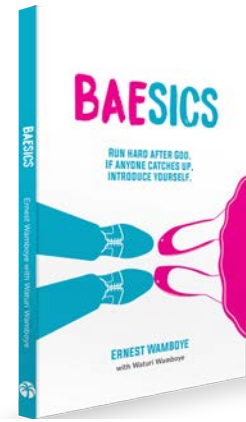
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If you want to marry well, you must have a God-centered life.

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"*Baesics* is well researched, well presented, biblical, and practical. Men and women preparing for marriage will find that *Baesics* drives them to 'know your Master passionately, pursue your mission radically, and you will find your mate graciously.' This book does a splendid job of presenting marriage between a man and a woman the way God intended it."

—Dr Stanley W. Mukolwe,  
Founder of Raising Future Parents, Director of Family Life Ministry at Navigators Africa



## EMPOWERING AFRICAN VOICES

### Cedric Kanana with Benjamin Fischer - Authors of *I Once Was Dead*

Cedric Kanana's drug use, and later drug trafficking, arose after his home broke in the wake of the genocide and he ended up living on the streets.

In his book, *I Once Was Dead*, co-authored by Rev Benjamin Fischer, Rev Cedric Kanana's story explores one central message. Jesus is stronger than death, than addiction, than Islam, than traditional religion, than curses.

God's deliverance is the center of his compelling testimony. The miracles recorded in *I Once Was Dead* echo the book of Acts and give all glory to God – whether healing, deliverance, resurrection, protection from threats, or hearing God's voice.

Rev Kanana, a joyful evangelist and priest in the Anglican Church of Rwanda, includes practical explanations of his struggles. He faced tribal tensions, colonial prejudice, and threats as a Muslim background believer.

Rev Kanana is chaplain at Kigali prison and director of the Father's Union. For the last ten years, Rev Kanana has preached at university missions and evangelistic conferences throughout East Africa. He is currently working on a PhD from South African Theological Seminary.

The co-author, Rev Fischer, is the rector of Christ the Redeemer in Nampa, Idaho, and Associate Professor of Literature at Northwest Nazarene University.

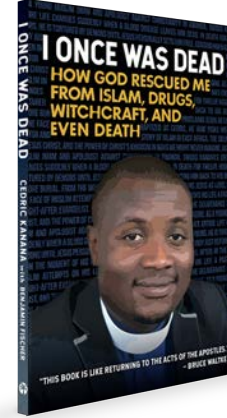
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**If we are not looking to the power of Jesus for salvation and strength, we are looking to our own power, and the power of one human is not stronger than evil.**

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“Cedric's story is one of the best evangelistic messages. It will bring many generations to know the truth of the salvation we have in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. God longs to see many young people in Africa, as well as other continents, experiencing the same grace Cedric has put it in this book.”

—Emmanuel Kwizera, African Enterprise International Missions Director, Lausanne Movement Catalyst for Proclamation Evangelism



EMPOWERING AFRICAN VOICES

Emmanuel Kwasi Amofo  
 Author of *Stand Up for the Gospel*

What happens in Africa matters. The storyline of God’s work in Africa is fast becoming the hub of global Christianity. Rev Dr Emmanuel Kwasi Amofo is troubled by much of what he sees and hears in many churches these days.

In his new book, *Stand Up for the Gospel*, Rev Amofo tackles threats to the church in Africa – influence of African Traditional Religion (ATR) and the prosperity doctrine. He connects the biblical context of the Book of Jude with today’s world. “As I saw the similarities between Jude’s time and our own, I realized that Jude’s message is as relevant to the church today as it was when he first wrote his letter. I discovered precious nuggets that can help us to move from our serious theological crisis to a place of hope, truth, and power.”

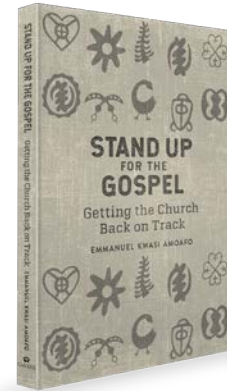
This book demonstrates the gospel message is one life-changing story. God fulfills his plan to save, redeem, and transform our lives through his Son Christ Jesus. It’s the story of how the Holy Spirit within us empowers us to live in a manner that pleases God. It is not a story about how God pleases us.

Rev Amofo has served the Anglican Church of Kenya for over 20 years. He has trained pastors across mainline and charismatic churches. He is currently with the Theology Departments of Global University and St. Paul’s University.

Only the gospel offers real hope to our broken continent.

“The call of Jude to ‘contend for the faith’ is as legitimate for us today as it was back then; it cannot be ignored. Amofo delivers a bold call for consistent expression of faith that bridges the gap between growth and impact. This is a timely work of great relevance, and we must be grateful for this prophetic study.”

—Rev Prof J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, Baeta-Grau Professor of African Christianity and Pentecostal Theology, President of Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana





## SCHOOL BIBLES PROGRAMME

Getting more Bibles into the hands of school children to grow their faith.



Millions of children in sub-Saharan Africa need a Bible to help them grow their faith. Over 30,000 school children in Malawi, Ghana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Nigeria have received *The New Living Translation: Africa Edition* Bibles in the last year through the School Bibles Program.

Placing a Bible in a child's hands can impact the rest of their life. The School Bibles Programme is ensuring that the leadership of tomorrow's church is being grounded in the Word of God today.

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“The Bible will change my life. The Bible is more than a good book. It's a way for me to feel closer to Jesus Christ. Within its pages, I will find powerful comfort and guidance that will help me lead a happier, peaceful life. Thank you very much.”

— Wendy Oparebea, Student at Bethel Prep and Junior High School, Ghana

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“These Bibles will help the children read the Bible on their own, and they'll have hope and change their lives spiritually. They'll be able to encourage their friends when they're able to read and understand what the Bible says and invite other children to church.”

— Joseph, Teacher, Mkukula, Malawi



## AFRICA STUDY BIBLE

# Celebrating five years of God's Word through African eyes.

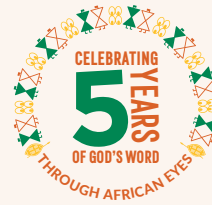
2022 marks five years for the *Africa Study Bible*. We praise God for his faithfulness and for the leaders from across Africa who answered God's call to create this unique resource.

Its creation brought together over 350 writers and editors representing 50 countries and five major language groups across Africa. The Bible launched throughout Africa over 24 months, becoming the best-selling study Bible and the "most used book" in institutional libraries.

The *Africa Study Bible* is making an impact. Pastors and leaders use it to address the reality of life in Africa. They can prepare sermons and lessons that speak to the issues of tribalism, polygamy, ancestor worship, elder care, and much more.

Eunice Kambe, a theology student at Scott Christian University in Kenya says, "I used one of the proverbs, stories, and applications after reading one of the Psalms. Later, two people followed me to ask what kind of Bible I was using that had such relevant illustrations. When I told them that I was reading from the *Africa Study Bible* they couldn't believe it. They wanted to see the page I was reading from and even perused more pages! Africans love stories."

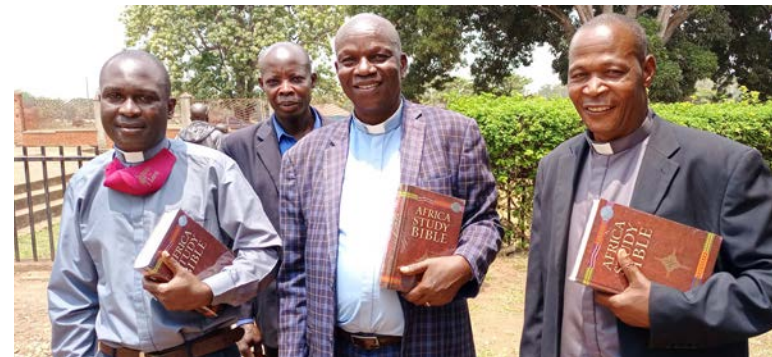
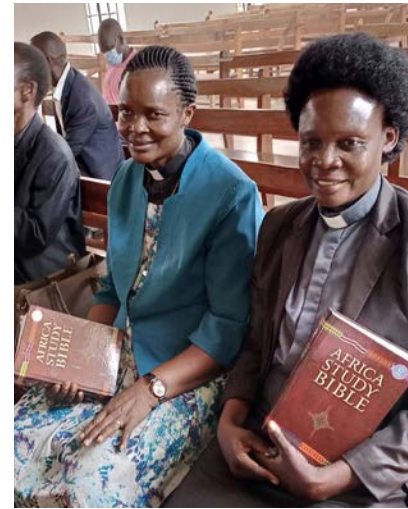
Join us in celebrating five years of communities impacted by the *Africa Study Bible*. Visit [godswordforafrica.com](http://godswordforafrica.com) to learn how you can bless a pastor in Africa with this rich biblical resource filled with uniquely African insights and experiences.



## AFRICA STUDY BIBLE™

"I LOVE the *Africa Study Bible*!! I hate to admit it, but God has used it to rekindle my love for reading the Word! I tell everyone about it and promote it in my biblical diversity training for organizations! I so love this Africa Study Bible that I carry the hardback the president gave me. I tell people it gives me a different glimpse of God. I recommend it wherever I go. I also conduct diversity training and refer to it."

—Dr Clarence (The Love Doctor) Shuler, President/CEO, BLR: Building Lasting Relationships



## LA BIBLE D'ÉTUDE: PERSPECTIVES AFRICAINES

### Responding to the need for French-language Bible study materials.

The enthusiastic response to the *Africa Study Bible* in English confirms its importance, but the lack of biblical resources in the French language makes the need for the French version even greater.

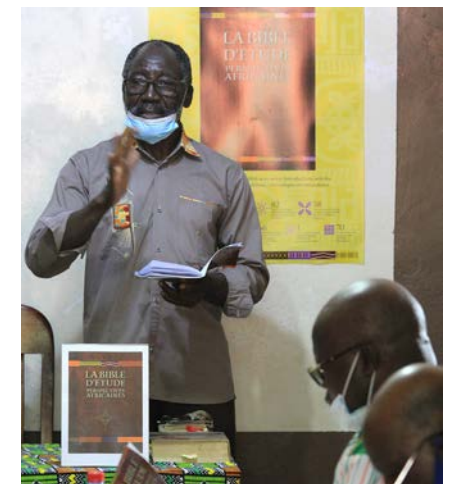
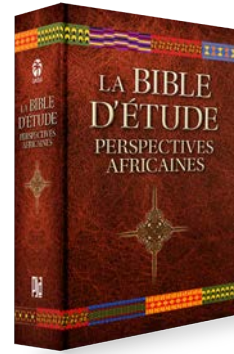
Partnering with PJA (Publications pour la jeunesse africaines), the creation of *La Bible d'étude: perspectives africaines* or *La BEPA* – a vital resource for Francophone Africa – was completed this year. With 161 maps and graphical features, 121 page topical index, and 2,253 total pages, *La BEPA* is a precious resource that we hope, over time, will reach the over 100 million Christians in Africa who read in French.

*La BEPA* Launch and Training Team members, Prof Dr Abel Ndjerarreu, BEPA Founding Member; Dr Augustin Ahoga, Launch and Training Coordinator French-speaking Africa; Geneviève Guei, Launch and Training Coordinator West French-speaking Africa; Barka Kamnadj, Launch and Training Coordinator Central and Islands French-speaking Africa, have held a series of pastor training events in various countries including Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Benin, and Togo.

With the support of donors, Christian organizations, denominations, and churches, the first 15,000 copies of *La BEPA* have been shipped to nine countries, providing income to be used to pay for the second print by the end of 2022.

“French-speaking Africa is known for its material poverty. One element of this poverty is the lack of Christian literature resources in the French language. The need for French-language Bible study materials is, and remains to be, an even more profound source of poverty for the region. It will be like providing food (God’s Word) for a starving population.”

—Dr Daniel Bourdagné, Former General Secretary, International Fellowship of Evangelical Students



## OASIS BOOKS AND BIBLES

### Growing discipleship through quality, contextual, and biblical resources.

#### AFRICA STUDY BIBLE

God's Word Through African Eyes  
The *Africa Study Bible* is the most ethnically-diverse, single-volume, biblical resource to date. Written by 350 contributors from 50 countries, it includes the *Holy Bible: New Living Translation*, and more than 2,600 features that illuminate the truth of Scripture with unique African perspectives. The *Africa Study Bible* is a monumental study Bible with notes by scholars and pastors in Africa who see the critical need to make Scripture relevant to our everyday lives. It's an all-in-one course in biblical content, theology, history, and culture.

#### BAESICS

Ernest Wamboye with Waturi Wamboye  
In *Baesics*, Ernest and Waturi Wamboye give no-nonsense advice on how to build a fulfilling love life and marriage. Young adults in African cities feel marriage is priority but are often unprepared. *Baesics* addresses the relationship dilemmas many young adults are facing today from a Christian point of view.

#### GETTING MARRIED?

Chao Tsuma Wanje and James Wanje  
Written as a friendly and light-hearted conversation, this book is perfect for you and your fiancé(e) to read and discuss together. Drawing from timeless wisdom and real-life examples, this husband-and-wife team helps couples to resolve conflicts before they explode.

#### NEW LIVING TRANSLATION: AFRICA EDITION BIBLE

The *New Living Translation (NLT): Africa Edition Bible* from Oasis International marries the beauty of a clear and accurate biblical text with Africa-relevant features such as book introductions that connect each book's content to African contexts and a full timeline of God's work in Africa. This NLT edition also includes a more than 45-page expanded concordance to help to further navigate Scripture, full-colour maps that illustrate Africa's role in the Bible, a presentation of the Story of the Bible to give clarity from African contexts, and a full-colour presentation page to make this Bible the perfect gift or keepsake.

#### THE DIVORCE DILEMMA

Ron Misiko & Ray Motsi  
The authors share their experiences as pastors and as married people, as well as their areas of expertise in the legal system and Bible scholarship. From their different African contexts, they explain how to navigate the challenges we face today with biblical and practical solutions for divorce care in churches in Africa.

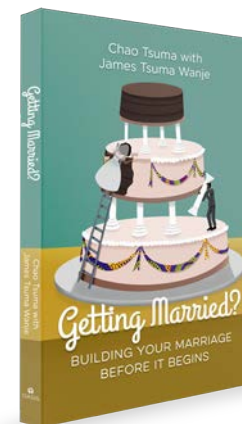
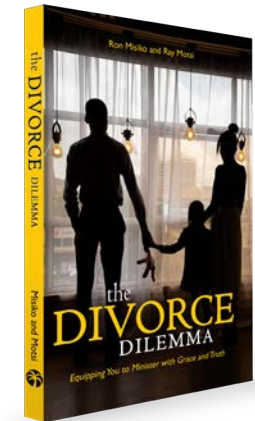
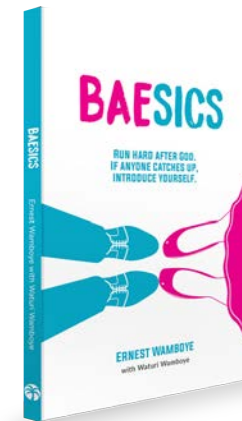
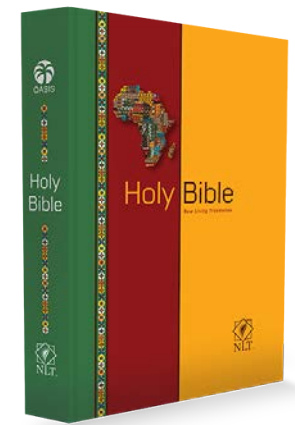
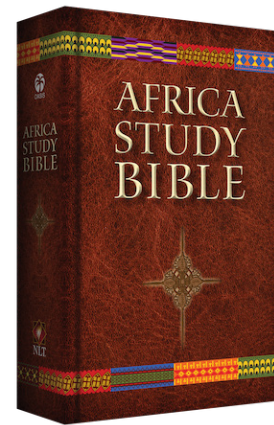
#### HAPPILY WHENEVER AFTER

Bookie Adekanye  
Candid and kind, Bookie Adekanye reminds you of God's overwhelming love for you. No matter how society labels you, God says you belong to him. You're invited to heal from past scars and be your confident, courageous self. The God of the Bible used single ladies to deliver and save, and he definitely has a plan for you.

"African tradition is passed down orally. You don't find historical records of our culture. And because of that, because of colonialism, there's a huge forgetting of our culture.

An oral tradition culture is enriched by having a culture that now has been written down. Our traditions and truth has been written down and years from now it will not be said that the truths from Africa were just merely passed on orally. They were written. They were found in a book published by Oasis (International) Publishers."

—Ernest Wamboye, Co-founder of The Relationship Centre Ltd (TRC) and author of *Baesics*



## OASIS BOOKS AND BIBLES

### THE DISCIPLER'S TOOLKIT

George M. Mutuku and Mark A. Olander

The churches in Sub-Saharan Africa are growing numerically, primarily through evangelism. But evangelism is only the beginning of the disciple-making process. This book takes people step by step from evangelism to establishing new believers in the faith, equipping them in spiritual disciplines and gifts, and sending them out to engage the world with the gospel.

### STAND UP FOR THE GOSPEL

Emmanuel Kwasi Amofo

This book is a timely wake-up call for what is happening in many of our churches today. It will equip you to defend our timeless faith. In the midst of counterfeits, rediscover the refreshing truths of God's Word and the glorious, life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

### SOLVING CORRUPTION IN THE CHURCH AND NATION

Richard J. Gehman

A major problem is that in practice the Christian church so often reflects the same moral rot found in society. The church has failed to be salt and light. *Solving Corruption in the Church and Nation* shines light on this problem and explores a biblical solution. This book points to the solution for this ongoing and unending moral mess.

### A WITNESS FOR EVER

Michael Cassidy

In *A Witness For Ever*, Michael Cassidy reveals what went on behind the scenes, away from the dramatic headlines, as South Africa inched its way towards the momentous, first democratic election. This book describes the extraordinary events leading up to April 1994 which deserve to be held up as a witness for ever to the power of God. Learn the first-hand account of the miracles that led to a peaceful end of apartheid in South Africa.

### THE MULTI-CHURCH PASTOR

Philip E. Morrison

*The Multi-Church Pastor* will help pastors solve the unique and complex issues of leading more than one congregation by teaching them step by step how to raise up the elders in their churches to lead with them. These skills can be applied by pastors whether or not they have formal ministerial training.

### CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING

Gladys K. Mwiti and Al Dueck

This is the only book to ever look at Christian counselling from African perspectives. A breakthrough study in which Christian psychology not only speaks to contexts in Africa, it also speaks from it on how to handle stress management, marriage counselling, mass suffering, among other issues.

### ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP LESSONS

Richard J. Gehman

*Essential Leadership Lessons* covers topics of leadership essentials, humility, love, holiness, attributes, management skills, and common issues. While the context and application of these leadership lessons were created with the people of Africa in mind, the principles of Christian leadership are the same everywhere, for everyone, on all continents.

### THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO THE BIBLE AND CHRISTIANITY

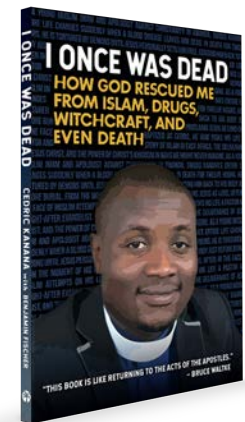
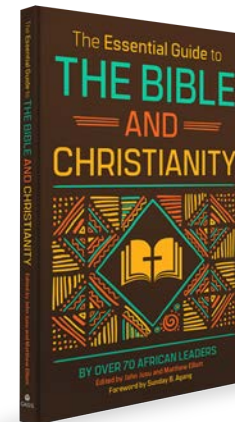
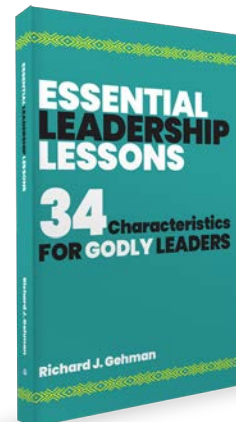
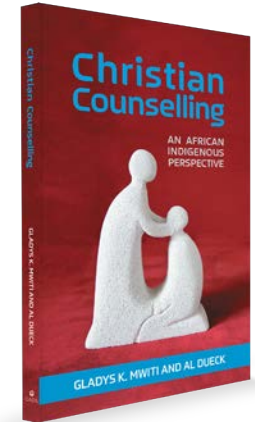
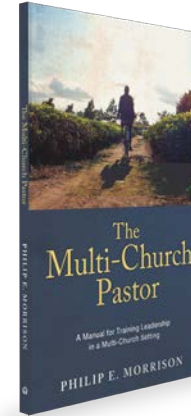
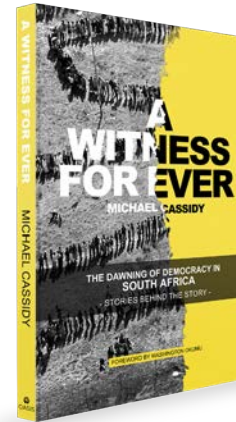
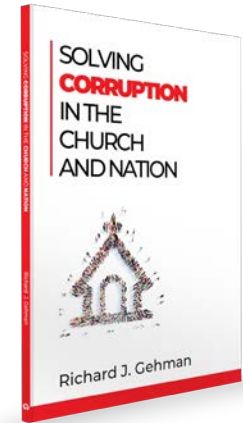
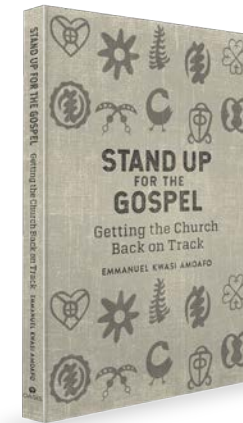
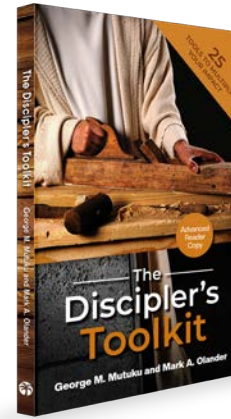
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Situating each book in the context of the whole Bible clarifies truths that are less clear when taken out of context. This guide will help you understand, from a biblical perspective, how the visible world connects with the realities of the unseen world surrounding us.

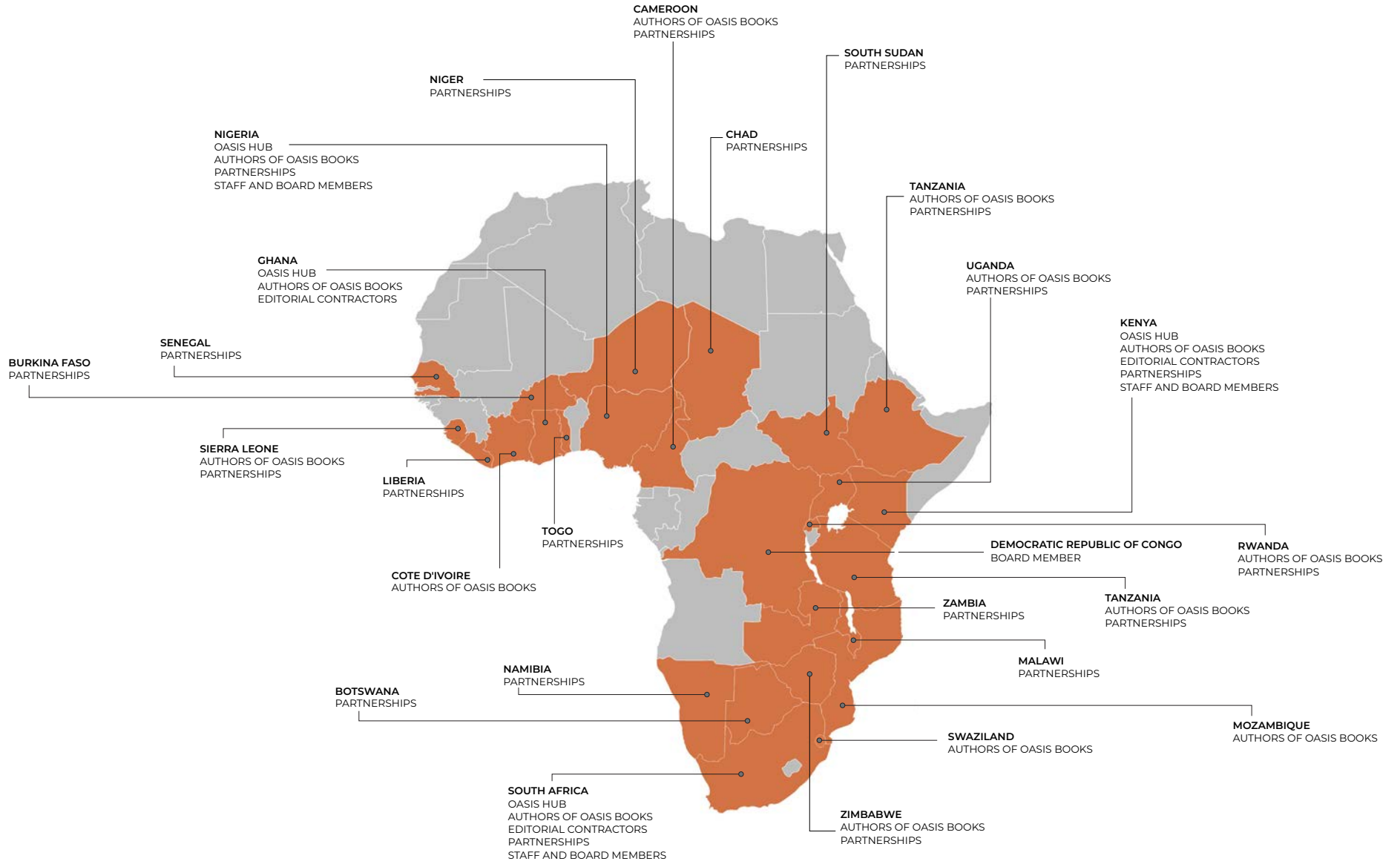
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# OASIS IN AFRICA



## THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCES IN 2022



**16**

books published. You nurtured the untapped potential of African voices. Oasis authors learned to tell their inspirational stories.



**7,640**

pastors and leaders equipped through

**19**

God's Word for Africa projects. Recipients of the *Africa Study Bible* learned to use it in their teaching and disciple-making.



**15,000**

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