



Oasis International 2023 Update

AFRICA, GROWING

AND THRIVING



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Our Mission

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

- We *discover* authors from Africa and empower them to proclaim their message to Africa and the world.
- We *develop* relevant content with high editorial standards that appeals to a wide Christian audience from African perspectives.
- We *distribute* high-quality books and Bibles with lower-than-average prices and offer our customers higher-than-average discounts.



**“And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”
– Mark 4:20 (NLT)**

University students in small group Bible study led by Focus Kenya student leaders, equipped with New Living Translation (NLT) Text Bible: Africa Edition.



2024: Looking Backward and Looking Forward, Mission Shifts in Africa

Africa has arguably experienced the greatest spiritual harvest in history over the last century — the church has grown from about 10 million Christians to about 700 million. WOW! Meditating on these things led me to write about “The Hidden Bible Crisis” several years ago. This idea has now taken root in the culture of Oasis and is something we are sharing widely.

Let me simplify it like this. *Looking backward* over the century of amazing growth, the church in Africa had to focus on particular priorities. For example: hosting evangelists from outside the continent, translating the Bible into unreached languages, planting healthy churches, and developing church structures.

Looking forward, on a continent, where many countries have a church (or three) in every neighborhood, the church must have some new priorities. For example: equipping every Christian with a Bible and understanding how the gospel applies to specific cultures and contexts in Africa to grow mature Christians.

The western church is often focused on issues of the past. Instead, we need to be *looking forward* and assisting churches in Africa with what they need most for the future. When *looking backward* we miss “The Hidden Bible Crisis.” Continue reading the next pages to see how Oasis is *looking forward* by empowering our partners for discipleship.

Let’s see a harvest in mature, equipped disciples of Jesus in Africa increased by 5, 10, 30, 100 fold together as we work to Satisfy Africa’s Thirst for God’s Word.

**Maranatha,
Matthew Elliott, PhD
President, Oasis International**



Scan this code or **click here** to read The Hidden Bible Crisis full article.

Thank you for providing discipleship resources in 2023



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books published.
African voices with untapped potential learned to tell their inspirational stories to share with Christians all over the world.



8,240

pastors, leaders, and students equipped through

33

God's Word for Africa projects.



640,090

total lives impacted for the church in Africa.



48,251

Text Bibles distributed to children through the School Bibles Programme.



\$835,000

in assets invested in the Africa Bible Fund keep the Bible printing press running, ensuring Bible prices affordable for Christians in Africa.

These are 2023 figures including year-to-date and projects scheduled through the end of the year.



Planting Seeds for a Harvest of Hope

Thousands of pastors in Africa who have little or no training are leading churches. They have few resources to help them understand and correctly apply God's Word. Through your support and our God's Word for Africa programme partners, pastors, and leaders who have limited means to access Bibles or other biblical resources, are now being equipped with these discipleship materials.



Student ministry organisation Focus Kenya believes that the best way to expand God's kingdom is by training the leaders of tomorrow. Now, 1,000 Bible study leaders have received their own copy of the NLT Text Bible: Africa Edition. These student leaders have been prepared to disciple thousands of first-year students coming onto campus.



Every two months, Grace Hill Baptist Church in Kapchorwa, Uganda brings together 50 lay pastors for leadership training. In April 2023, the church hosted a successful leadership conference designed to help the pastors advance in their discipleship journeys and serve their communities more effectively. Thanks to your generosity, the 50 pastors who attended the conference were presented with their own copy of the *Africa Study Bible*.



Bethel Salvation Church discipled people by planting home churches and creating small group fellowships in Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. Though effective, these small churches do not have access to discipleship resources. Recently, Bethel Salvation Church commissioned 60 evangelists to travel throughout this rural city and spread the gospel of Jesus. The evangelists received copies of the *Africa Study Bible* to anchor them in sound doctrine as they go out to share God's love.



Every week, thousands of pastors have to prepare sermons without access to a Bible — a nearly impossible task. To solve this problem, The Bible Skills Institute is working to train pastors who have no access to Bibles. This year, a total of 104 pastors in Eastern Kenya were armed with God's Word and are now able to prepare effective and biblical sermons for their congregations.

Soccer Ambassadors – Cultivating Emerging Leaders



Soccer Ambassadors, one of 55 new partner ministries in 2023, grows the talents of young Liberian soccer players and their faith.

Pappie Jones started Soccer Ambassadors for Christ 15 years ago. His ministry shapes the hearts of boys and girls through sport, faith, and education. Practices are more than just training sessions. They are a safe place for teens away from the gangs and life on the streets. He serves as a father figure to these young people.

Pappie's story exemplifies the idea that one can make a significant impact by starting small and trusting God to do the rest, ultimately bringing hope to a nation recovering from strife. He says, "Since we started the team's regular Bible study, thanks to Oasis, the teens' spiritual lives have grown. A shift in the players' attitudes is evident, both on and off the field. Parents are reaching out to express their gratitude to God for the positive changes they've witnessed in their children's lives."



Gloria's story

Gloria lives in the informal settlement community of Slipway in Monrovia, Liberia. Drugs and prostitution have lured many of her friends from there. Gloria found a way out. She joined her soccer team's discipleship group, and she studies her own Bible provided in partnership with Oasis.

She testifies, "My Bible changed my life. The message of 1 John 4:8 says: "But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love." This verse reminds me that no matter what happens, I am called to love. This lesson extends beyond the game. It means embracing love for my teammates and even my opponents." Gloria shares Jesus's message of love with others on and off the field. A few of her friends joined the team and are finding out about Jesus.



School Bible Programme – Sowing God’s Word in Schools



Teen Missions Africa provides Bibles to 700 teenagers who have a heart for sharing the Word of God with others.



Cyrus Cooper Smythe High School Ministry, Liberia equips 40 high school students with Bibles to engage with their Bible studies and fellowship groups.



Ignite School Project, spearheaded by Light Walk (LightWK) in Kaduna, Nigeria, leads 350 pre-teens and teenagers to Christ through Bible study programmes.



LightWk equips youth in Nigeria with Bibles at Bible boot camps.

Through the School Bible Programme, the seeds of faith and spiritual growth have been introduced to children in schools and Bibles clubs. Biblical teachings integrated into the curriculum results in kids in Africa, where the church is growing faster than anywhere else in the world, getting to own their first Bibles. This investment in the life of a child ensures that the leadership of tomorrow's church is being grounded in the Word of God today.

“We were able to not only give critical educational materials but also instill a feeling of faith, hope, and resilience in the minds of the children we reached thanks to your kind donation of Bible books. Your donation went beyond the pages of the Bibles; it illuminated their lives and touched their hearts with the kind of warmth that can only come from true care and spiritual sustenance.”

– Idowu Opeyemi, Founder, The Glow Foundation, Nigeria.



Chosen Generation Children Ministry, Nigeria ensures that gospel-hungry children, in Oyo State, have the Bibles they need to follow Jesus.

Hilda Bih Muluh

A New Author Blooms

Meet Hilda Bih Muluh, Oasis's newest author! In her recent book, *The Girl with Special Shoes*, Hilda shares a story about the strength she received from the love of her family – especially her father – and from the love of her heavenly Father to transform a surrendered heart.

Hilda's life story includes suffering that most of us can only imagine. Growing up in Cameroon while suffering from muscular dystrophy meant a life of pain, rejection, and hardship. Hilda is familiar with the dark valleys of despair and depression. She knows what it's like to suffer discrimination and sexual assault. She has doubted that God is good, or has any plan for her life.

But Hilda is not ultimately defined by the suffering she has experienced, but by the God who loves her. Though her life has not been easy, God has provided for her in remarkable, even miraculous ways.

With the help of God's grace, her family's unwavering support, and a great deal of grit, Hilda persevered to become the first news anchor with a disability for Cameroon Radio Television. Now, God is using her story to inspire people with disabilities around the world!

Hilda reflects, "Could it be God was letting my trials act as a backdrop so that his glory would be even more conspicuous? Did my suffering constitute the root and stems on which the flowers would later bloom?"

Hilda's inspiring triumph over adversity in *The Girl with Special Shoes* reminds us that we serve a God who refashions pain into purpose.

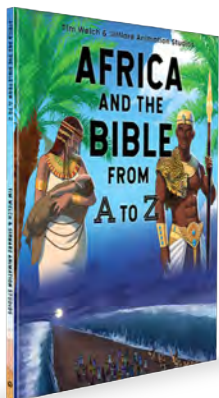
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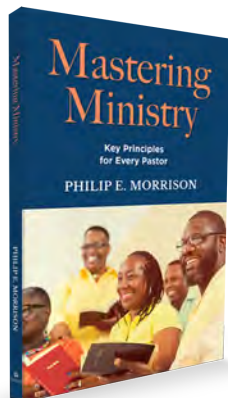
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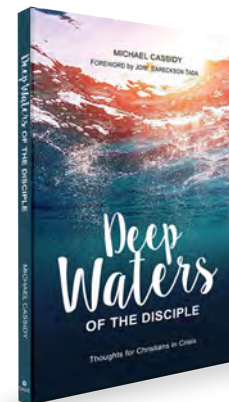
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from A to Z



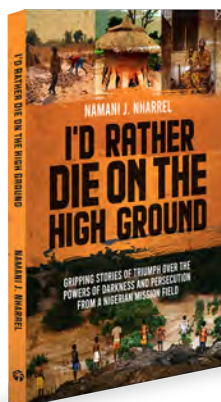
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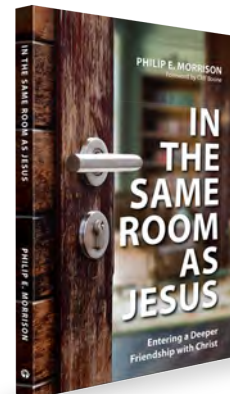
Deep Waters
of the Disciple



The Holy Spirit:
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on the High Ground



In the Same Room
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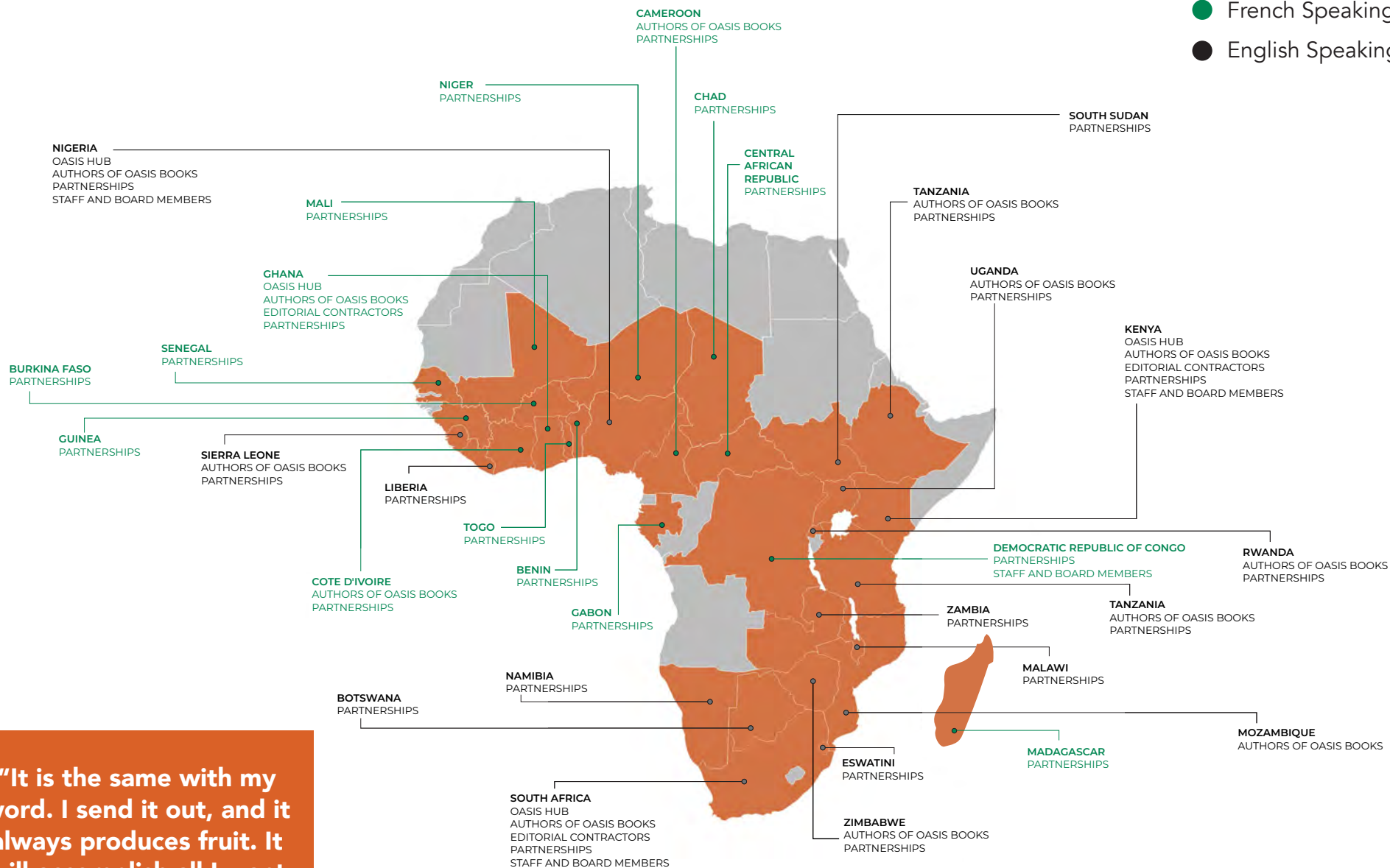
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 – Isaiah 55:11 (NLT)

Thank you

As we print and distribute readable, contextual Bibles and books across Africa, we rely on many others. As we reflect on how God has used Oasis in 2023, we're thankful that we're not in it alone. Heartfelt gratitude to our partners, volunteers, donors, authors, and dedicated team members who have been crucial in sowing and nurturing the seeds of transformation in Africa.

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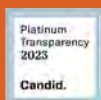
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