

SCHOOL BIBLES

SHAPING THEIR FAITH



BIBLES HELP CHILDREN KNOW JESUS

By integrating biblical teachings into the school curriculum, the School Bible Program ensures that children, many of whom now own their first-ever Bible, are grounded in God's Word.

Your investment in a child's life today guarantees that tomorrow's church's leadership will be rooted in God's Word.

Oasis is Changing Lives

Since its inception, the School Bible Program has made significant strides. Through partnerships with organizations such as Scripture Union, #LetMeIntroduceYou, Teen Mission, and Edify, the program has reached students in 10 countries, providing nearly 100,000 Bibles to children who would otherwise not have access to God's Word.

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We were able to not only give critical educational materials but also instill faith, hope, and resilience in the children thanks to your kind donation of Bibles. Your support illuminated their lives with spiritual sustenance."

— **Idowu Opeyemi, Founder, The Glow Foundation, Nigeria**

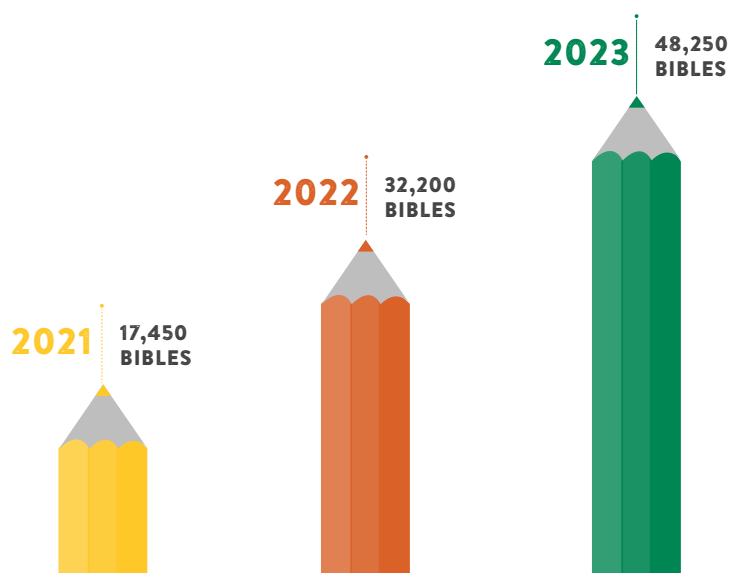


Expanding Reach

Oasis has had a successful track record, distributing 97,900 Bibles over the past three years, including 50,000 School Bibles in 2023 alone. The program is expanding even further, with a target of distributing 250,000 Bibles over the next two years.

These Bibles are used in classrooms as textbooks, enabling children to engage deeply with biblical teachings as part of their formal education, a testament to our past success and future potential.

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Testimonies from the Field

Maryam, a young participant in the 7-day Scripture engagement boot camp, shared her experience:

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Coming from a Muslim family, I face many challenges living out my Christian faith. This Bible given to me at the boot camp has been my constant companion. It guides me in my journey of faith and empowers me to live as a Christian.”



Teachers also report profound changes in their students' lives. Eric Tamakloe, a Bible study teacher in Ghana, shared:

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“Ever since I started teaching Bible lessons, I've seen improvement in my students' lives. The Bibles are helping them with scripture memorization and have deepened their understanding of God and Jesus Christ.”



Meeting a Critical Need

In Africa, many schools use the Bible as a textbook. However, ministries like Scripture Union and Edify struggle with a persistent shortage of Bibles due to reliance on donors and inefficient distribution. The National Association of Christian Religious Educators of Nigeria (NACREN) estimates that over 40 million students study the Bible, yet millions still lack access to one.

Future of the School Bible Program

The program's success has paved the way for significant expansion:

The Girl Bible Project addresses societal challenges such as the “sugar daddy” phenomenon in Kenya by providing young girls with Bibles and Christian guidance. Mama Rachel Ruto, the First Lady of Kenya, is actively promoting a biblical worldview in Kenyan schools, supporting the program's efforts to supply secondary school students with Bibles.

Edify partners with local, mission-aligned microfinance lenders who lend and manage small-to-medium enterprise loans at partner schools, charging at or just below market rates and using recycled principal repayments to build self-sustaining Christian school networks. Edify started working in Uganda in 2019 and already reaches several million children there and together with Oasis, we plan to distribute thousands of Bibles in 2025.

Scripture Union is the point of the spear on the school front lines. Each SU country is a national movement with its own governing Board. At its core, Scripture Union wants young people to read and apply God's Word. Its 100,000+ networks of volunteers/pilgrims offer depth and outreach into the schools. Operating with a lean staff in Nigeria and yet reaching into 7,000 schools, it employs 27,000 Pilgrims (unpaid volunteers) who are teachers, young professionals, and passionate businesspeople who minister to the youth and children.

The Road Ahead

Oasis has formed strong alliances with IFES, Teen Missions, and education departments in Kenya and Nigeria. These partnerships have ensured that the Oasis School Bible, branded "God's Word through African Eyes," has been adopted as an official textbook in these regions, potentially impacting over 25 million students.

25 MILLION

STUDENTS IN KENYA AND NIGERIA WHO COULD BE USING THE OASIS SCHOOL BIBLE AS A TEXTBOOK

The demand for Bibles is growing, with plans to reach an additional 250,000 students by 2025. With your support, we can continue to equip children with Bibles, shaping the future of the global church. Each Bible distributed represents an opportunity for a child to encounter Jesus, grow in their faith, and be empowered to become tomorrow's church leaders.

BY 2025, YOUR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS CAN HELP US REACH AN ADDITIONAL

250,000 STUDENTS



Thank you! Equipping future leaders with Bibles is crucial for the future of the global church.

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