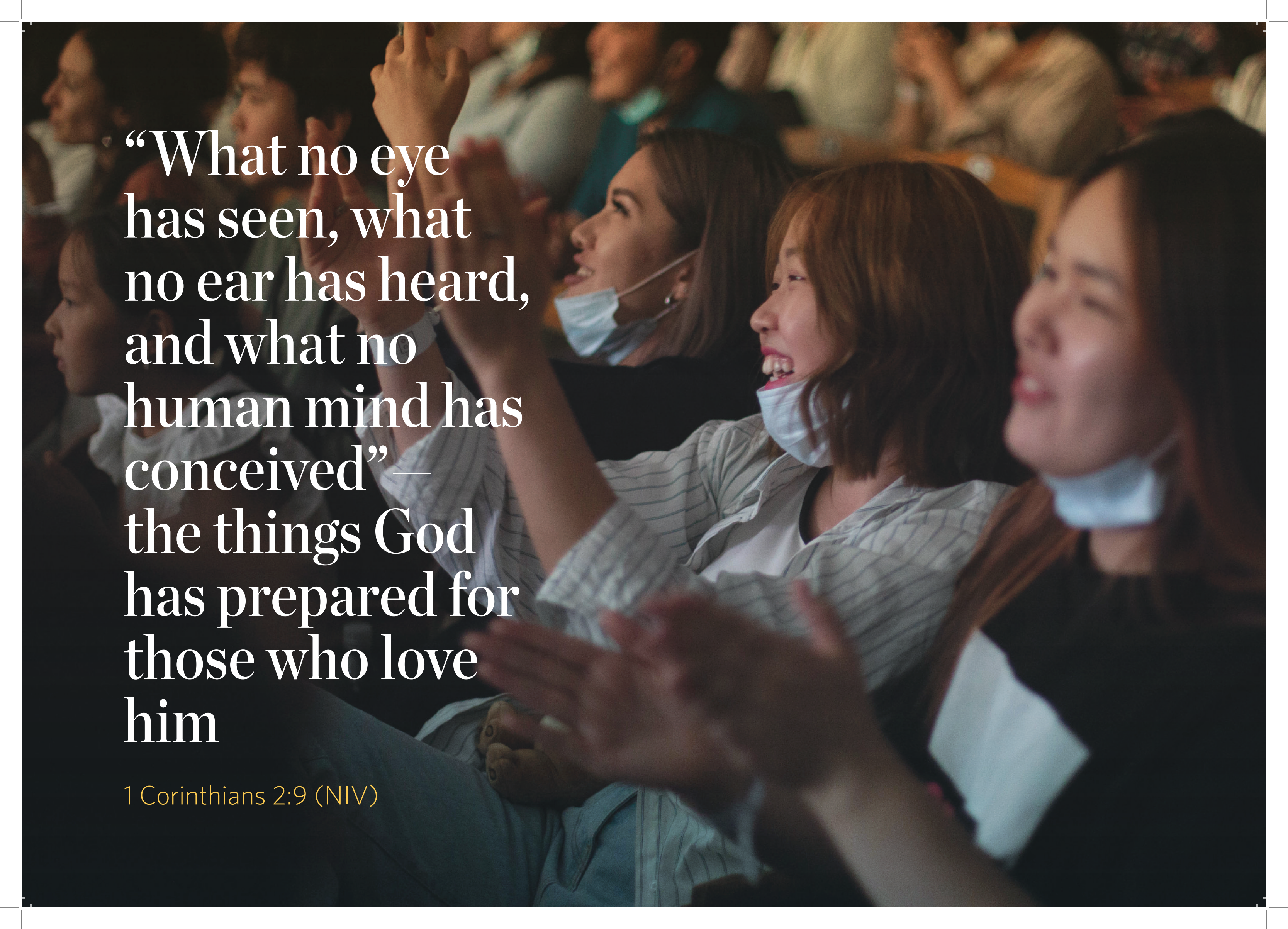


# Unimaginable Love

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2022 Annual Report



A photograph of a church congregation. In the foreground, several women are visible, some wearing light blue surgical masks. They have their hands raised in the air, suggesting a moment of praise or worship. The background is filled with other people, also with their hands raised, creating a sense of a large, active service. The lighting is warm and focused on the people in the foreground.

“What no eye  
has seen, what  
no ear has heard,  
and what no  
human mind has  
conceived” —  
the things God  
has prepared for  
those who love  
him

1 Corinthians 2:9 (NIV)

# A Message From Mark

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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your partnership over the past year and for taking the time to look through our Annual Report for 2022. It shares with you what we have been doing as a global family, and also the impact of God's Word across our region of Central Asia, Europe, the Middle East & North Africa.

2022 was a year that saw more scripture translations completed than ever before. When the war in Ukraine began, we were able to expedite final checks on our new translation, the Ukrainian New Testament and Psalms, and within 2 days release it as an App. Thanks to the support of people like you, over two million people have now received either a print or digital edition, along with outreach and trauma resources using this translation. Our partners in Ukraine have asked us to pray for funding to print 25,000 Treasure Hunt Bibles for kids' clubs helping displaced children, 20,000 iWitness Luke for outreach amongst young adults and 250,000 New Testaments for families devastated by the war.

For many in our region it is dangerous to be a Christian. There are incredible opportunities coming from our Farsi translation, as partners translate it into many other dialects to be used in Bibles and other resources like *Reach4Life* for young people, and Asha for women and girls who have survived gender-based violence, early marriage and other forms of exploitation.

We live in a time when there is a huge need and opportunity for Bible translation and access. Please read this report, share it with others and join us in giving thanks for all that God has been doing.

With deep appreciation,

***Mark Finnie***

Vice President, MENA / Eurasia



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# Impact Overview

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**15**

Bible Translations  
Launched

**169M**

Scripture Engagements  
Across the Frontline Church

**50M**

Scripture Engagements  
to Serve Kids and Teens in Crisis

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## Growing Global Impact



# Gateway Translation

6

Full Bibles Launched

9

New Testaments Launched

62

Projects in Progress

God's generous provision through partners like you has allowed us to remain committed to the free release of our Bible translations for global ministry outreach.

There are still over 3,000 languages in the world in need of Scripture. Our work on major languages and the start of our work on minority languages are propelling the work to ensure that by 2033, 100 percent of the world's population has access to God's Word in a language in which they dream.

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## In Their Own Words

*"I am very happy, very excited. I have the privilege to translate God's Word. I'm not afraid. I trust that my life is in God's hands. My dream is that one day I will translate the Bible for my people, and I know God is doing this work."*

— A Brave Iranian Bible Translator



*“Extremely powerful and provoking.”*



## illumiNations Partnership

### Blazing the Trail in Europe

Biblica is committed to ending Bible poverty through the collective impact of the global illumiNations alliance. In May 2022, the first in-person illumiNations Europe gathering took place in Scotland. Generous investors and European Bible translation agencies came together to raise £3.6 million for the Bible translation movement.

### New Advocacy Campaign for Bible Translation Takes Off

Through popular Christian artist concerts, community events, and online influencers, the illumiNations 12 Verse Challenge is bringing the plight of Bible poverty to mass audiences. Now with the completion of a second year for this campaign, over 60,000 people have agreed to join the Bible translation movement. Many heard for the first time that a billion people are still cut off from the hope of God’s Word—and they responded accordingly. Using powerful digital technology, mobile giving, and our strong network of Bible translation partners, the 12 Verse Challenge advocacy campaign is providing significant funding for vital Bible translation projects across the globe.



*“The power of God’s Word so eloquently and creatively presented in all sessions was mind blowing.”*

## We Thank God for Strategic Partners





# Advanced Technology

## Revolutionising Bible Translation

The first draft of the Bible in the Malaysian language of Bahasa Malay took only seven months—many times faster than it would have taken with traditional methods.

With the use of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence, natural language processing, and machine learning, the Bahasa Malay translation is one of the fastest and compellingly accurate drafts ever initiated.

This dynamic process is accelerating Bible translation, bringing us closer to the goal of every language having Scripture by the year 2033.

### In Their Own Words

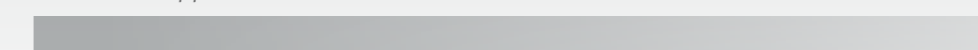
***“I feel it is a great opportunity to be part of a revolutionary process for God’s Kingdom.”***

—Daisy, Bahasa Malay Bible Translator

### Unimaginable Speed

Accelerated First Draft of Bahasa Malay Bible:

Traditional Approach



5 Years

New Accelerated Approaches



7 Months



# Frontline Church

17M  
Print Reach

152M  
Non Print Reach

111%  
Goal Met in 2022

Biblica equips the frontlines of Gospel ministry with Scripture resources that serve the unreached, unengaged, and unseen. Never has the world needed the Bible more than it does now. At the same time, there has never been a greater opportunity to reach more people with the Bible.

## In Their Own Words

*"We have some people leading churches without Bibles. Without a Bible, how can they lead? What Biblica is doing to bring Bibles here is a great blessing! God has answered my prayer."*

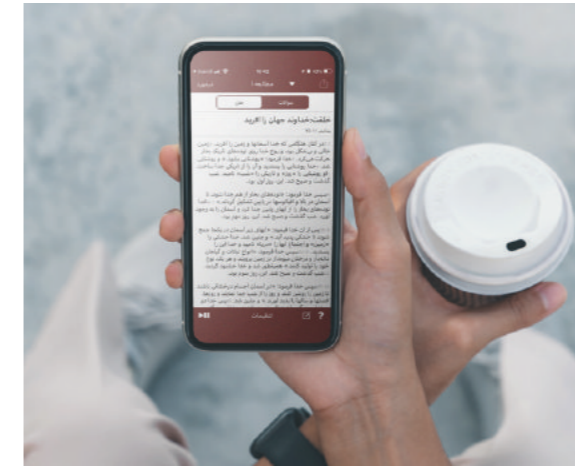
— Pastor Andela, Church Planter in Mozambique



# We Thank God for Strategic Partners



Faith Comes By Hearing



## New Initiatives

### The incredible journey of a simple Bible Study

At Biblica, we're developing and championing the use of smartphone technology to bring God's Word to places that are hard to reach. One of our partners created a small, simple Bible study app that has been quietly travelling the world. The Discover app provides key Bible passages that cover the big story of the Bible. The structure is easy to teach, easy to remember and easy to replicate. The app allows anyone, anywhere to run a Bible study, even in places where Bible access is difficult. We are delighted that the app uses four of Biblica's modern Bible translations: Farsi, Swahili, French, and the New Arabic Version - along with 10 other key languages in both text and audio formats. Today the Discover app is used all around the world, from the USA to Scandinavia, from Africa to the Middle East. There have been 80,000 downloads, but many times more users than that.

### Healing Hearts in South Asia

Thanks to your generous investment with Biblica, our *Asha* trauma healing resource is reaching women coming out of abusive situations with the love of Jesus. Last year, Biblica held facilitator training sessions in India and the Philippines, enabling our partner ministries in this region to lead women through this Bible-based curriculum. More than 7,500 copies of the *Asha* book were distributed in Kannada and Bengali alone. Your prayers and support are helping frontline churches care for courageous women in their communities. As one *Asha* participant put it, "I have forgotten every sadness in my life when I found Jesus."

# Church Planting

## Bibles for a Growing Global Church

Without a Bible, how can a church survive?

Ever since funding William Carey's Bengali Bible translation in India back in 1810, Biblica has been passionate about helping people have God's Word in their language. Centuries later, with Bible translations completed in nearly 100 versions, we are more passionate than ever to see the global church thrive when receiving God's Word.

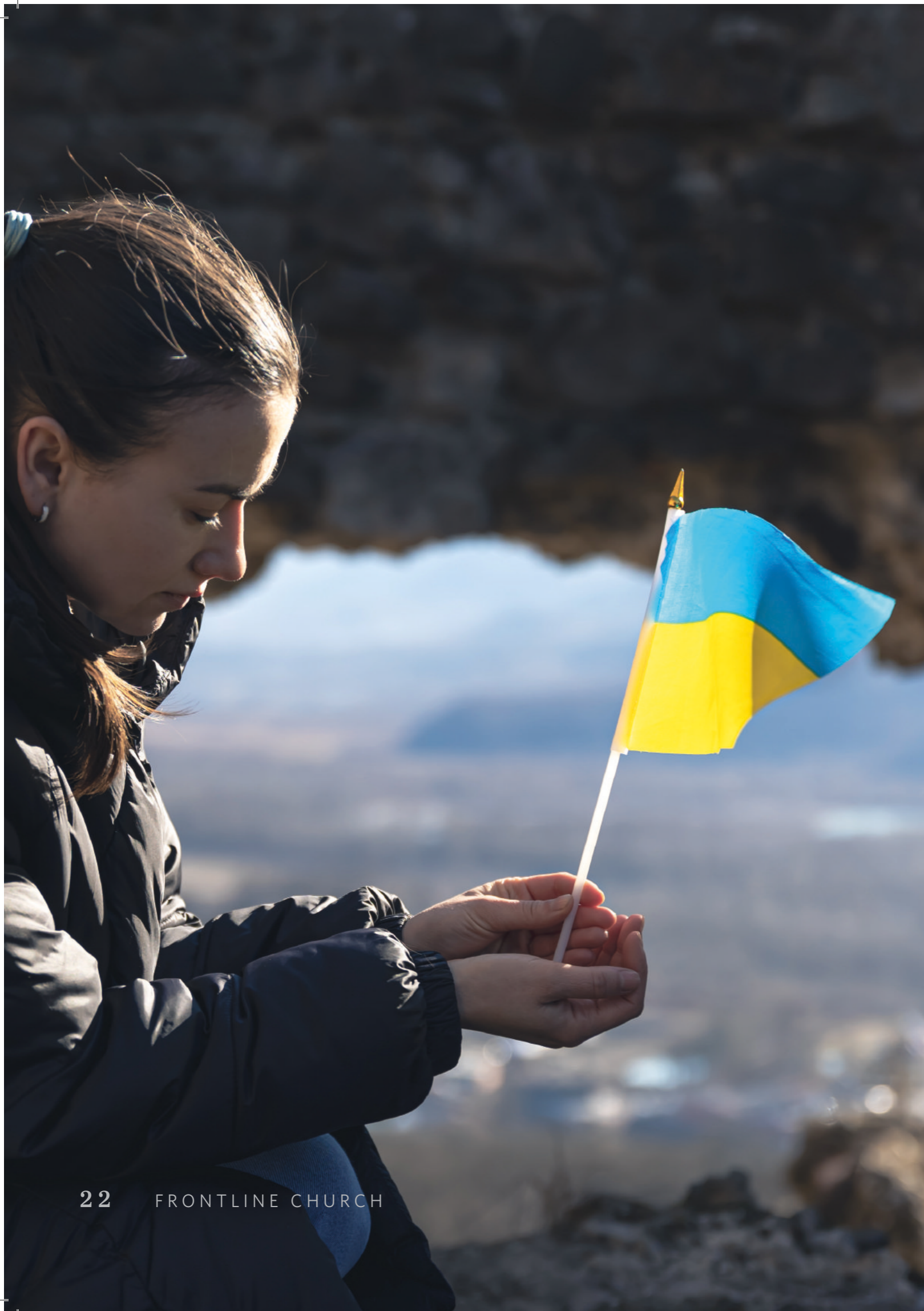
In 2022, we helped Harvesters International solve one of the largest problems facing church planters—access to Bibles. Harvesters is involved in church planting in more than 50 countries worldwide, with half of those located in Africa. No other place on earth has as many Christians, and the church is continuing to grow. It is estimated that Africa will have more than half of the world's Christians at the end of the century.

In Africa, Biblica supported the church planting movement by providing over 100,000 Bibles and Bible discipleship resources to new church communities. Many of them received a Bible for the very first time in their lives.

Bibles in English, French, Portuguese, Arabic, Somali, Shona, Chichewa, Swahili, Zulu, Kinyarwanda, and Amharic were mobilised last year. Some were given to new churches in ISIS areas of Mozambique and others in Somalia. The dangers to Christians in these areas are real, yet God's Word continues to minister to the hearts of those serving the church on the frontlines.

*You provided 100,000 Bibles for church plants in Africa.*





# Global Crisis Response

## You are helping a world in crisis find comfort in God's Word.

On February 24, 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine, leading to Europe's most significant refugee crisis since World War II. Imagine a Ukrainian in this war yearning to take comfort in God's Word but, without a contemporary Ukrainian Bible, having to read the Bible in Russian.

When the war erupted, Biblica fast-tracked the launch of our contemporary Ukrainian New Testament and Psalms. Your support helped us reach suffering Ukrainians via a new Bible reading app and through other Bible resources in Ukrainian—all months ahead of schedule. Since then:

- **658,000** people have downloaded the Bible app.
- **199,000** copies of the New Testament and Psalms have been mobilized.
- **89,000** Bible resources focused on youth, trauma, and discipleship have been shared in Ukrainian.
- **30,000** Russian New Testaments have been deployed.

As the conflict continues, the demand for Scripture from our frontline partners increases. Thanks to your compassionate support during this crisis, Biblica has been able to equip nearly 1 million people with the hope of God's Word when they needed it most.

### In Their Own Words

*"The translation from Biblica in Ukrainian is the best translation in the Ukrainian language. I am very grateful to you."*

— Bohdan, Bible App User

# Kids in Crisis

**23M**  
Print Reach

**27M**  
Non Print Reach

**163%**  
Goal Met in 2022

Kids worldwide are experiencing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual crises. Biblica develops and deploys Bible programs that bring the love of Jesus to children and youth in the world's hardest places.

## In Their Own Words

*"Now the youth are reading and understanding God's love. Reach4Life is a big blessing for the Central Asian church.*

*Whatever it takes, I want to fight for those young people who go through life without anyone to show them the way. I know Jesus can do this. He did it in my life, and now I know that we can do so much more together than we can do alone."*

— Pastor Ruslan, Biblica Partner in Central Asia



# We Thank God for Strategic Partners



## Global Programs

### Kids in Crisis Become Ambassadors for Christ

Reach4Life takes youth on a life-changing journey through the New Testament. Lessons are broken up into four journeys helping kids around the globe to:

- **Believe** the Gospel message of salvation
- **Grow** in faith and spiritual maturity
- **Live** wisely through life's challenges
- **Change** their communities and work for God's kingdom

Thanks to your prayers and support, this powerful ministry has helped millions of young people experience the transforming power of God's Word.

### Little Children Learn to Treasure God's Word

Your provision of the *Treasure Hunt Bible* helped school-age children engage deeply with the text of the New Testament for the very first time. Using nine lovable animal characters, children learn the truths of God's Word and discover the unique way He created them. Thank you for helping God's precious children grow in their walk with Jesus.

### Over 1.8M Children & Teens

reached through these two global programs in 2022.

# Global Teen Survey

## A Generation Open to God's Word

This year, Biblica commissioned a research study called "The Open Generation," which is the largest study conducted by Barna in its 38-year history and the first global study to uncover how Generation Z thinks, feels, and behaves toward the Bible. More than 25,000 teens, ages 13 to 17, were included, with responses gathered from 26 countries.

The study revealed that one in three teens see the Bible as relevant to the world today.

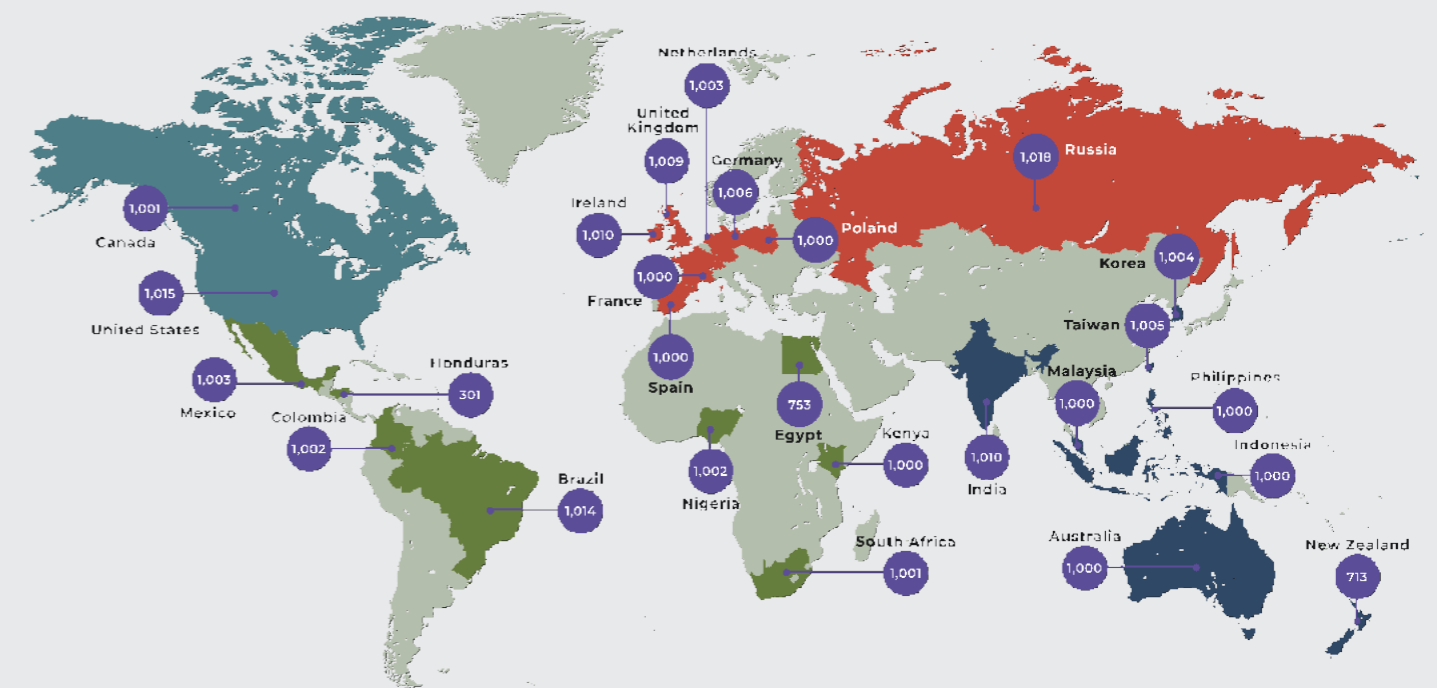
Likewise, the more a teen actively engages with the Bible, the more likely they are to feel loved by God and empowered by His Word. And although a mere eight percent of global teens qualify as "Bible Engaged," an incredible 62 percent say that they are open to engage more with God's Word.

These findings present a massive opportunity for ministry—exposing areas where teens need help to begin their journey in Bible engagement. It is our prayer that this research is a catalyst for lasting impact in the lives of global youth and kids in crisis around the world.

*"This generation is open, inclusive, and curious about different faiths and perspectives. It's our goal to offer a picture to the Global Church so that we may support teens in relevant, meaningful ways."*

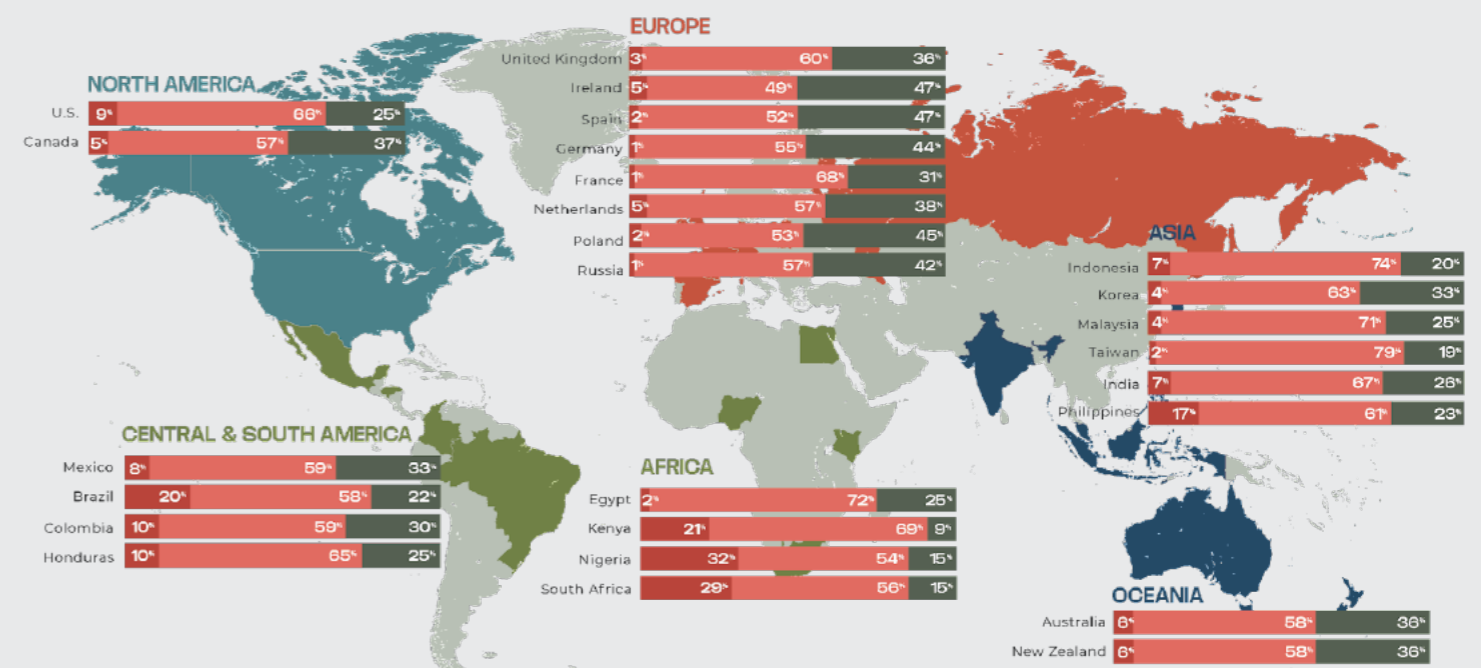
—David Kinnaman, CEO of Barna Group

## Where We Surveyed Teens



## How They Responded

- Bible engaged
- Bible open
- Bible unengaged



# Generosity Report



*“Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.”*

- 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NIVUK)

May 2023

Dear Friend,

The God of the Bible has revealed his names to his people throughout the course of time during the Bible years. I have no doubt you may have your favourite. One of the powerful names of God I love is “Yahweh Yireh” or “Jehovah Jareh”, meaning, **“the Lord will provide”**.

God has always provided for his people, and at Biblica we can testify to his name, Yahweh Yireh. I have seen at first-hand the providence of God through the generosity of his people like you. He is a God who sees our situation beforehand and makes provision to meet our needs. As we endeavour to eradicate Bible Poverty through our “Mission NEXT” strategy, we are grateful and thankful to God for your generosity throughout the 2021/22 financial year (FY22).

What I mean is this; through you and others with a Kingdom mindset, God provided £2.1 million in FY22 which is a growth of 36% over FY21 and an incredible 236% growth over the past five years. This can only be the hand of God moving the hearts of partners and investors. Thank you for responding to the call of God, to bring His Word and therefore His Light into an otherwise dark world.

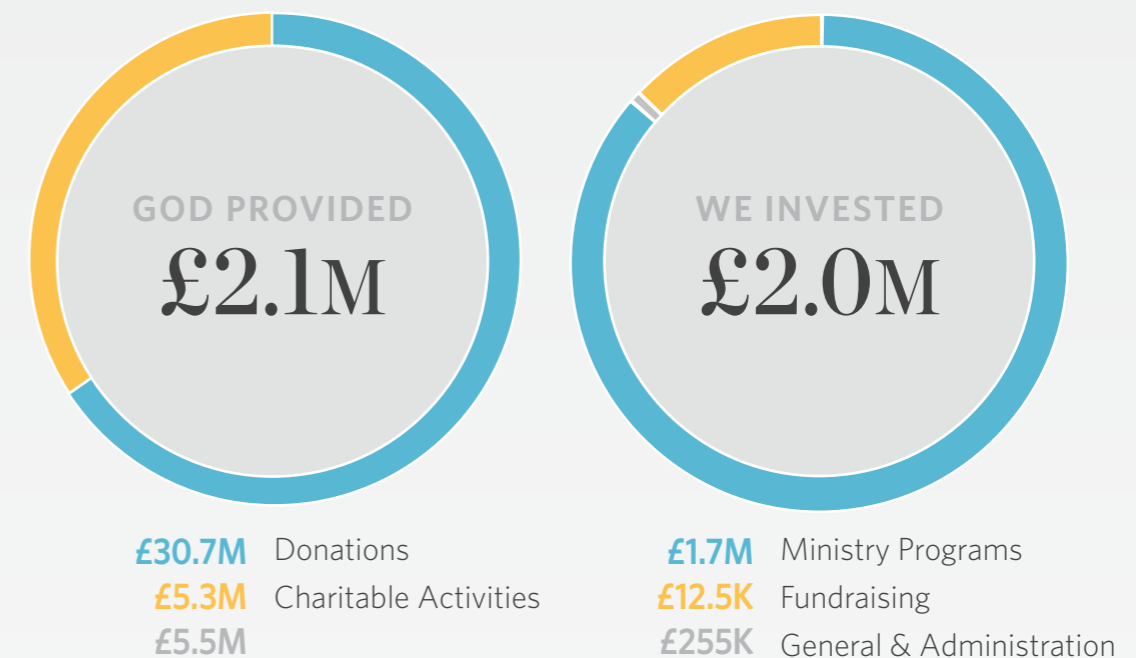
In the words of the great Apostle Paul, my prayer for you is this, “Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God” 2 Corinthians 9:10-11.

Stay Blessed, by the grace of God.

**Jerry S Gweme**  
Senior Finance & Operations Manager

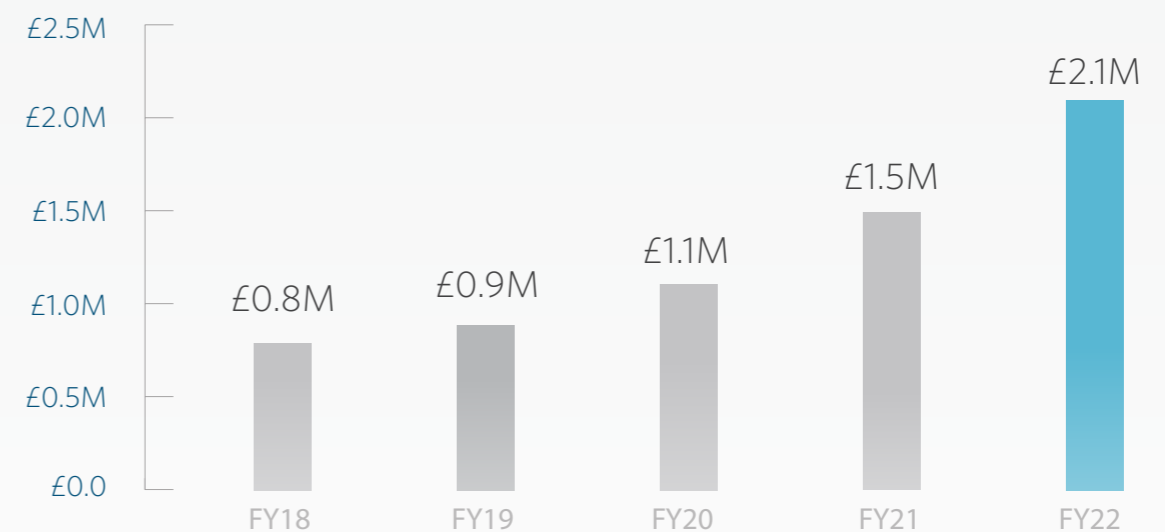
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100% of your giving went directly into ministry programs in 2022.



## Mission Resources

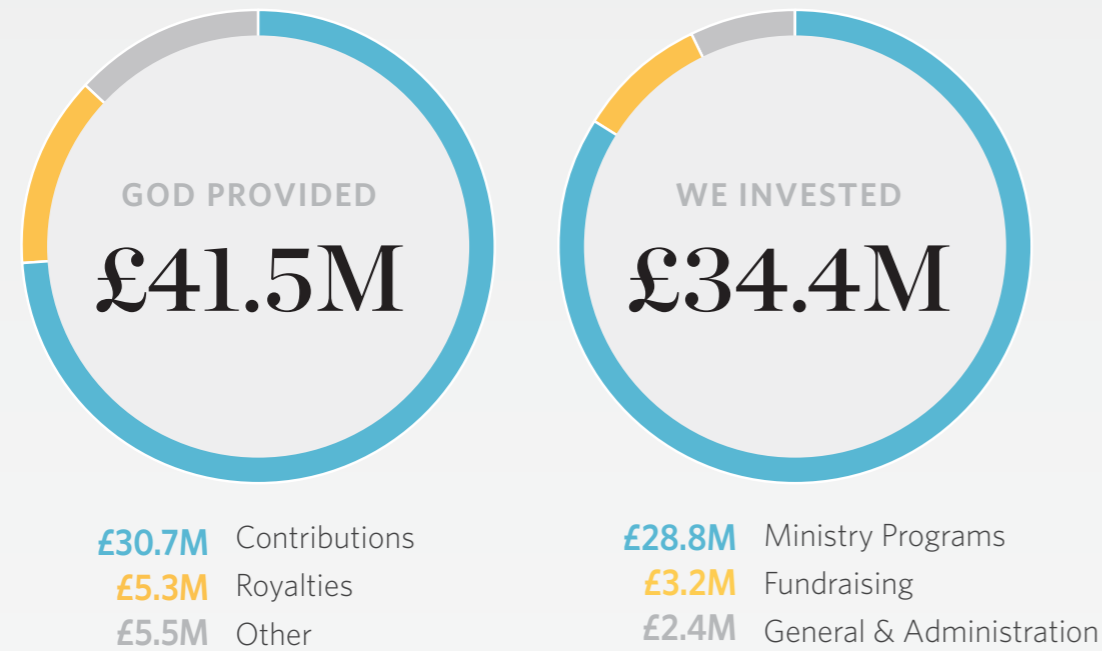
36% increase in kingdom resources this year.





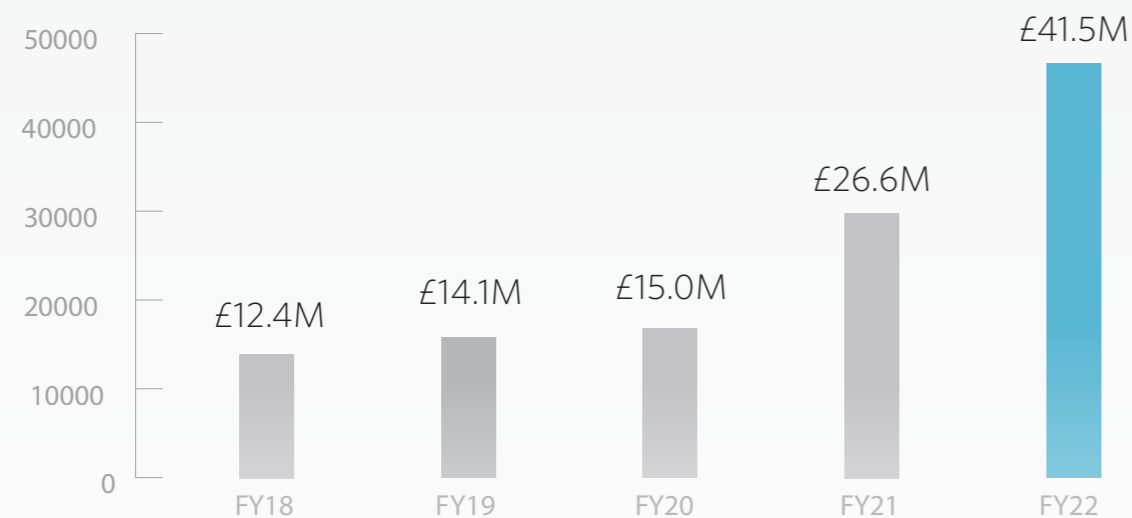
## Financial Overview – Global

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## Mission Resources

50% increase in kingdom resources this year.



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# A Note From Geof

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Dear Friend,

What do you do when God steps forward in stunning ways to accelerate the provision of His Word for the world? You stop and you praise Him for His radical generosity.

This last year reminded us exactly what happens when you, generous, kingdom-minded investors, join with global partners and the bold purposes of God—going all in to bring God’s Word to those who need it most.

In 2022, this included:

- More completed Bible translations than in any single year before.
- New technology-assisted Bible translation, promising speed beyond our wildest expectations.
- Our new contemporary Ukrainian New Testament reaching over 600,000 inside the national borders of Ukraine.
- The global reach of God’s Word through Biblica translations, increasing 40 percent among least-reached, least-resourced communities.

As you have read through this report, you will have seen what happens when your generosity meets God’s desire to reach to the furthest corners and hardest places—to bring the love of Jesus to all.

And I believe God is just getting started.

So join me. Let’s pray boldly for the “immeasurably more” that God has in store as we serve Him in this mission together.

Yours Gratefully,

***Geof Morin***

President/CEO, Biblica



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