The gospel is BEARING FRUIT and GROWING throughout the whole world.

Colossians 1:6, NIV
Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Psalm 25:5, NIV
We translate and publish the full Bible in major spoken languages of the world.

We develop tools, resources, and programs to encourage people to open their Bible and engage with it, so their lives are transformed through God’s Word.
Dear Friend,

The evidence is clear: regularly reading God’s Word—and reading it well—will transform your life.

Because you’re a friend and partner in this work, I know that won’t surprise you. But the hard reality is that very few people are actually reading the Bible regularly, or reading it well. By reading well, I’m talking about reading large portions of the Bible to better understand the story of God’s Word; reading well also means reading in context to experience the Bible in its historical setting; and reading together in community to discuss ‘aha’ moments and grow closer to God and to each other.

As I reflect on 2012, I thank God for the undeniable progress you and other partners have made possible. You’ve enabled a far-reaching and effective global Bible ministry focused on two things:

- Translating and publishing the full Bible in major spoken languages of the world.
- Developing tools, resources and programs that encourage people to open their Bible and engage with it, so their lives will be transformed through God’s Word.

A LEGACY OF INNOVATION

When we celebrated our 200-year anniversary in 2009, it prompted us to consider our ministry role in today’s world. What made this work compelling during those first 200 years? Will the same mission and ministry approach make us relevant and useful during the next 100 years?

At one level, the answer is absolutely “yes.” God’s Word is every bit as relevant and needed today as it was in 1809, when three businessmen founded what was then called The New York Bible Society. William Colgate (Colgate Company), Henry Rutgers (Rutgers University), Samuel Miller (Princeton Seminary) and other prominent leaders saw the need for Bibles in New York City. I wish I could journey back in time and tell them how their vision and commitment resulted in a 204-year-old ministry still thriving today as Biblica.

Biblica has a history of innovation. We have often stepped out in faith—from placing Bibles in the hands of our military beginning in 1812, to risking the entire ministry in the mid-1960s to ensure that English speakers worldwide would have an accurate and contemporary Bible translation. That translation, the New International Version (NIV), has become a foundation of our ministry.
THIRD CENTURY OF MINISTRY

As we strategically plan for future Bible ministry, we are finding new ways to invite people to open their Bibles and read them well. That’s the key to transformed lives! In this fast-paced, rapidly changing world, we recognize the need to invest in groundbreaking new initiatives in Bible Translation and Bible Engagement to advance the gospel and bring God’s Word into people’s lives in completely new ways.

We are positioning Biblica to meet the spiritual needs of the world we live in—a world where:

• More than half the world’s population—up to 4 billion people—still do not have a Bible.

• Between 5 and 6 billion people (out of a total population of 7 billion) have trouble reading, prefer not to read, or simply cannot read.

• Bible reading and engagement continues to decline in the global north.

From these sobering facts, we all must conclude that the work Biblica was first called to in 1809, work you have so generously supported, is not yet finished. With most of the world still lacking access to a Bible—either because they don’t have one or because they can’t read it—we have much to do. For those who can access the Bible, many simply aren’t reading it. Yes, Biblica and others who love God’s Word must do more.

Our hope is strong because God has blessed Biblica with completed Bible translations in each of the 10 most spoken languages and 27 out of the top 30. These 27 full-Bible translations have the ability to reach more than 4 billion people. Our translation work is focused on major languages, the complete Bible, a consistent translation philosophy that yields accurate and contemporary texts, and the availability of both the printed and spoken word. This is Biblica’s distinct mission.

Then consider the tsunami in telecommunications! Mobile phones have quickly become the communication tool of choice for all kinds of content, good and bad. More than 4 out of 5 people in the world today carry a mobile phone! Most of these phones—even those that are not smartphones—have the ability to deliver the written word and spoken word together. As a result, we have an unprecedented opportunity to overcome barriers of access and illiteracy. Meanwhile, the Internet’s influence continues to grow. I believe you agree: what exciting potential for evangelism and discipleship!
SHAPING THE FUTURE
Given the rapid rate of change in our world today, we must also continue to adapt and become more efficient, while remaining laser-focused on Bible Translation and Bible Engagement. The Biblica team continues to partner with like-minded ministries to help people read their Bibles well. Our goal is to be the Bible resource ministry that churches and ministries choose to help them do their work more effectively.

More translation work is before us—30 translation projects this year alone are in process. Our team is focused on making sure that the complete Bible is available in the major spoken languages of the world, both in printed and spoken word formats. All of this work is being digitized. This will allow us to develop, store, and reuse translations easily and effectively. Some of this work is being done in-house. For the rest, we’re collaborating with two other Bible ministries within Every Tribe Every Nation (ETEN) to speed up translation work around the world and to electronically digitize translations from all of us (Biblica, UBS, and Wycliffe) in a consistent manner.

GLOBAL URGENCY
With your partnership, we will concentrate on Bible Translation and Bible Engagement in the following two ways:

Digital Initiative
We have made significant progress in our digital initiative. Several translation projects are complete and available in a digital format. We also completed multiple, full audio Bibles. These are now accessible through YouVersion’s mobile Bible app, which has more than 100 million users, and via Bible Gateway, the most-visited Christian website in the world today.

Digital opportunities abound. It is certainly not a one-year project! More audio recordings are in process, new partnerships are being cultivated, and additional delivery outlets are needed to ensure that people everywhere have access to God’s Word in their own language.

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(MORE THAN HALF OF THE WORLD’S POPULATION)
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Community Bible Experience

*Community Bible Experience* is all about reading the Bible well—that is, reading the complete Bible, reading with an awareness of its original context, and reading in community as the early Church did. This foundational approach to Bible engagement is shaping our ministry programs and the future of Biblica. **We must help our world read the Bible well:** read comprehensively, read full books, read together, read deeply, read with our eyes and our ears, read with our hearts and our minds.

But time is not on our side. **As Biblica embarks on its third century of ministry, we feel great urgency to reach as many people as possible with Scripture.** Your prayers, advocacy and financial support will be essential to this work of *transforming lives through God’s Word*. Thank you so much for your friendship with us. May God richly bless you as you partner with Biblica during the coming year.

Blessings,

Douglas A. Lockhart
CEO, Biblica
OUR PARTNERS in Ministry

We are grateful for the many key partners we work with – businesses, ministries, churches, and individuals – to share God’s Word in 55 countries in seven global regions with millions of people each year.

“FCA and Biblica have a nearly 20-year relationship that goes beyond partnership.

THE LEADERSHIP AT BIBLICA AND FCA HAVE A PASSION TO ADVANCE THE GOSPEL AND TOUCH INDIVIDUAL LIVES THROUGH GOD’S WORD. As a result, FCA has distributed over 1.2 million Scriptures into the hands of athletes and coaches. We are thankful to serve Christ alongside this great ministry that is committed to Scripture distribution.”

– Dan Britton,
FCA Executive VP International Ministry and Training
“I do it because that’s the command of Jesus: Go throughout the world and preach the gospel.

I NEVER INTENDED TO HAND OUT 150,000 BIBLES. I really thought it would take a long time to hand out 10 Bibles. But I’ve been giving out an average of 15,000-18,000 Bibles a year.

If I can spread the Word, I’m spreading God’s love and peace throughout the world. That’s what keeps me going. I just can’t stop.”

— John Carrick
businessman, Affordable Transmission, Anchorage Alaska

on why he has given away more than 150,000 Bibles
Translating and publishing the full Bible in major spoken languages around the world

What if there were no Bible in your language? That might be difficult to imagine, but for millions of people, it is a reality. God’s Word has either never been translated for them, or is only available in outdated, erroneous versions.

Biblica continues work on 30 translations for languages spoken by over 3 billion people globally. Everyone needs the life-transforming power of God’s Word in their own language.

To date, Bible translations completed in 27 of the top 30 languages of the world spoken by over 4 BILLION PEOPLE:

- Arabic Bible
- Bengali Bible
- Burmese Bible
- English Bible
- Farsi-Persian Bible
- French Bible
- German Bible
- Gujarati Bible
- Hindi Bible
- Italian Bible
- Japanese Bible
- Javanese Bible
- Kannada Bible
- Korean Bible
- Malayalam Bible
- Mandarin Chinese Bible
- Marathi Bible
- Oriya Bible
- Polish Bible
- Portuguese Bible
- Russian Bible
- Spanish Bible
- Tamil Bible
- Telugu Bible
- Thai Bible
- Urdu Bible
- Vietnamese Bible

Ten of the top 27 translations have been digitized for electronic availability,

WITH A POTENTIAL REACH OF 2 BILLION PEOPLE:

- Anglicized English NIV
- Chinese Contemporary Bible
- English NIV
- French Bible
- German Bible
- Italian New Testament
- Polish New Testament
- Portuguese Bible
- Russian Bible
- Spanish Bible

2 new ARABIC BIBLES launched:

- Arabic Study Bible
- Arabic New Believers Bible

AUDIO

Biblica has completed eight digitized audio Bibles in languages spoken by over 2 billion people: Arabic New Testament, Chinese Contemporary Bible New Testament, English NIV Bible, Portuguese NVI Bible, Spanish NVI Bible, Russian Bible, Kiswahili Bible, and Thai Bible. Several more are in progress.

Biblica translates the Bible from the original Greek and Hebrew texts into MAJOR SPOKEN LANGUAGES for people groups of 1 million or more speakers.
It isn’t enough to just provide people with Bibles in their language. We want people to open God’s Word, read it, and have their lives transformed.
MINISTRY Impact

One world—two priorities

NORTH AMERICA
FULL BIBLES 2,682,123
NEW TESTAMENTS 1,949,074
BIBLICAL RESOURCES 2,285,444
MOBILE 50,254,237
INTERNET 57,097,426
PARTNERSHIPS 5,295,797

TOTAL 119,564,101

LATIN AMERICA
FULL BIBLES 370,444
NEW TESTAMENTS 125,641
BIBLICAL RESOURCES 138,329
MOBILE 335,359
INTERNET 62,876
PARTNERSHIPS 320,161

TOTAL 1,352,810

AFRICA
FULL BIBLES 853,274
NEW TESTAMENTS 41,962
BIBLICAL RESOURCES 81,896
MOBILE 32,746
INTERNET 43,111

TOTAL 1,053,007

MIDDLE EAST
FULL BIBLES 296,465
NEW TESTAMENTS 362,605
BIBLICAL RESOURCES 180,070
MOBILE 31,320
INTERNET 27,107

TOTAL 897,567

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We do two things: translate and publish the full Bible in major spoken languages, and develop tools, resources, and programs to encourage people to open their Bible and engage with it, so their lives are transformed by God’s Word.

Here’s what that looks like in our ministry around the world.

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“Therefore go and make disciples of ALL nations.”
Matthew 28:19, NIV

We are daily compelled to complete this Matthew 28:19 mandate through Bible translation and Bible engagement.
We take our responsibility to you seriously and strive to be transparent—reporting faithfully and honestly on how your support is being used to share God’s Word. The summary usually takes the form of numbers on a chart, but the impact takes the form of hearts changed and lives transformed for eternity.
Dear friends,

Thanks to you, last year was an exciting one. As the Chairman of the Biblica Global Board of Directors, I would like to express our gratitude for your partnership.

Your prayers and support have played a critical role in the ministry God is accomplishing through Biblica.

Sharing God’s Word with the world is a huge challenge. But as we work together, more and more lives are being transformed.

I can’t wait to see what God will do through you in the coming year!

I am so glad you are passionate about the Bible and that you are praying for and supporting Biblica’s global ministry.

May the Lord bless you as you continue to share His Word with the world.

Rob Gluskin
Chairman
Celebrating more than 200 years in ministry, Biblica provides God’s Word to people through Bible translation & publishing, and Bible engagement. Biblica’s ministry extends worldwide with outreach in Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America, Middle East, North America, and South Asia. Biblica has translated the Bible in nearly 100 languages. Through its worldwide reach, Biblica engages people with God’s Word so that their lives are transformed through a relationship with Jesus Christ.