



transforming
LIVES
through the Gospel



A Ministry Report to Stakeholders
of Bibles For The World

for the Fiscal Year

July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017



“The opportunity to provide God’s Word to hundreds of thousands of people in China represents a significant moment in the history of Bibles For The World!”

Dear Friend and Partner...

-- John L. Pudaite
BFTW President & CEO

For more than six decades, Bibles For The World has placed reaching people with God’s Word at the forefront of everything we do. In recent years BFTW has focused on efforts to make the most significant strategic impact in regions where God’s Word is either very scarce or completely unavailable. This has meant partnering with other ministries where large efforts for evangelistic outreach, follow-up and continuing discipleship are in place.

Such efforts have resulted in the printing and distribution of very large quantities of Scriptures within a very short period of time to maximize exposures to the Gospel and accelerate the reach of the Gospel to unreached people groups. Your participation with Bibles For The World continues to launch an exciting, aggressive new era of outreach with God’s Word — outreach designed to accelerate efforts across the globe to fulfill the Great Commission.

But our efforts together do far more than reach across the globe with God’s Word. Through our network of Christian schools in India, and our innovative training programs for Christian leaders, BFTW is also promulgating God’s LIGHT to the strategic areas of south and southeast Asia where the two most densely populated nations on earth also are home to the largest numbers of unreached peoples in the world. Again, strategic partnerships are a vital part of impacting hundreds — even thousands — of Christian nationals who, in turn, can impact others by planting churches, reaching unreached communities with the Gospel, and ministering to poor and needy people in the name of Jesus Christ.

As a partner with Bibles For The World your prayers and your financial gifts impact tens of thousands of lives each day in 42 Christian elementary and secondary schools in India, a college and seminary, a hospital and medical camps, and outreaches with God’s Word.

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3 Pillars of BFTW's Ministry Model:

God's
WORD
God's
LIGHT
God's
LOVE

Bibles For The World is a catalyst
for individual and cultural transformation
through Christ and the power of God's Word.



"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Luke 2:52
Jesus' spiritual, intellectual and physical/social development were key qualities that
guided His early ministry — and serve as the basis for BFTW's three areas of focus.

As we've prayerfully pondered the strategic directions of the ministry for the decade ahead, it has been helpful to consider our activities as fitting into one of three categories, or "pillars," that define what we do. Those pillars are **God's Word**, **God's Light** and **God's Love**.

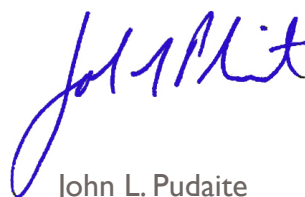
"God's Word" — the first pillar — is the core of the ministry, which is distributing Bibles to people who have had little or no access to God's Word. I'm thrilled to report that the Lord has opened a door for what is perhaps our most significant Bible distribution effort to date — to reach people in China with the Holy Scriptures in their language! Our aim is to provide God's Word to 1.5 million people in China by 2021 — and this represents one of the most significant moments in the history of Bibles For The World!

"God's Light" is the second pillar, and it represents our work to raise godly Christian leaders at all levels — from teaching children in our Christian schools to training pastors, lay people, missionaries and more. And our goal to train 50,000 men, women and children in the next five years is aggressive, but achievable.

"God's Love" is the basis for our third pillar — outreaches of Christian compassion and care through medical services, disaster relief and more in the name of Jesus.

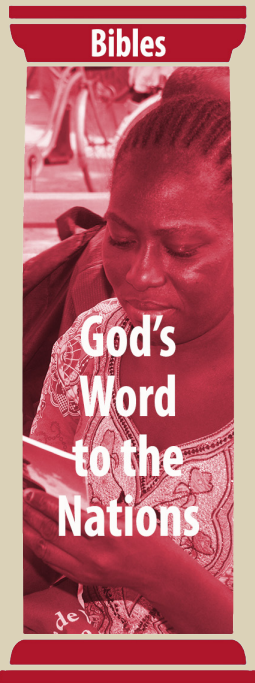
Because BFTW is a responsive ministry, we are dependent upon God to provide open doors of opportunity — and, often, the ministry partners alongside whom we can be most effective in delivering those resources where they are needed most. But we are also dependent upon the invaluable partnership of friends like you, without whom this worldwide outreach would be impossible. Your prayers and financial support are the fuel that drives the ministry forward, and without which Bibles For The World could not fulfill its calling.

As God continues to use us, together, to touch lives across the globe with and through the Gospel, I pray He will continue to open exciting doors of opportunity to transform countless lives through the power of God's Word, God's Light and God's Love.



John L. Pudaite
President & CEO





transforming lives... through strategic distribution of God's Word.

In 2017 Bibles For The World provided copies of Scriptures to **597,900** people in the following nations:

- **China**

- 300,000 Gospels of John
- 20,000 New Testaments
- 10,000 Bibles

- **Nepal**

- 128,000 Gospels of John
- 11,000 New Testaments
- 100 Megavoice Units (audio-Bibles)

- **India**

- 17,000 Bibles

- **Cote d'Ivoire**

- 100,000 Gospels of John

- **Unnamed Country** (for security reasons)

- 10,000 Gospels of John

Providing God's Word is the first ministry pillar of Bibles For The World. Strategic partners for the distribution of Scriptures — whether portions, like Gospels of John, New Testaments or complete Bibles — have made possible massive outreaches to large populations in short periods of time.

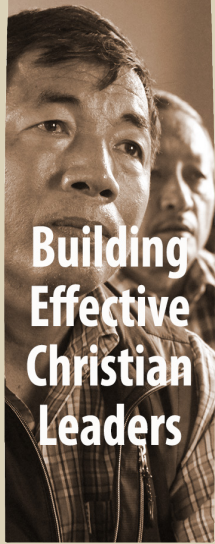
In 2017, BFTW launched a 5-year program to print and distribute more than 1.5 million copies of God's Word within mainland China. Since 2010, Bibles For The World has printed and distributed more than 6 million copies of God's Word to people in China, India, Burkina Faso, Malawi, South Sudan, Nepal, Thailand, Cuba, Haiti and more.

More and more, use of other forms of Scripture has become common. BFTW is exploring greater uses of providing God's Word in electronic formats, through Bible apps and downloadable files — as well as solar-powered audio-Bibles for use among oral learners.



God's WORD

Education



Building Effective Christian Leaders

In 2017 Bibles For The World trained **11,704** people in the following ways:

- Provided quality Christian education to **9,482** students in BFTW's 42 elementary and secondary schools and junior colleges in India.
- Graduated **329** young men and women from BFTW secondary schools.
- Trained **142** young leaders at Trinity College & Seminary. Graduated **42**, many into ministry roles.
- Trained **1,624** pastors and lay leaders at Seed Sowers' Seminars in China, India and Nepal.
- Trained **127** pastors, prospective missionaries and church workers in church planting techniques in cooperation with ZimZam Global.

transforming lives... through quality Christian education.

Building and training Christian leaders to impact their communities and nations for Christ is a powerful means of expanding the reach of the Gospel — and it is the second “pillar” of Bibles For The World’s ministry. For BFTW, it begins in the 42 Christian schools we operate in NE India, continues in the work at Trinity College & Seminary, and culminates in the training of pastors and lay leaders through our “Seed Sowers’ Seminars.”

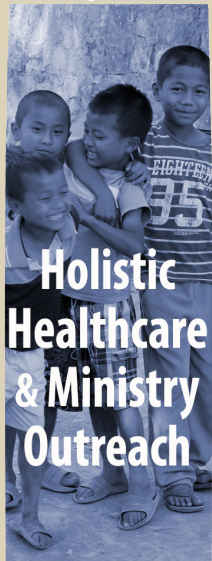
With more than 9,000 children enrolled annually in our Christian schools, BFTW is focused on creating futures of Christian service for those called, even as children, to serve others in Jesus’ name.

But training doesn’t end with children and youth. In recent years, Bibles For The World training events have gathered pastors and lay leaders for intensive training in principles of evangelism, discipleship and church planting. In 2017 alone, Seed Sowers’ Seminars trained 1,624 Christian leaders (many first generation Christians) — with 628 of them in China!

God's LIGHT



Compassion



Holistic Healthcare & Ministry Outreach

In 2017 BFTW touched more than **9,600** lives through compassionate outreaches like the following:

- Sponsored **2,867** children through our Partner Parents sponsorship program.
- Treated **3,107** outpatients at Sielmat Christian Hospital. Another **1,270** were treated as inpatients.
- Performed **724** major and minor surgical operations.
- Provided eye exams and new eyeglasses for **757** patients.
- Conducted three Mobile Medical Camps in remote villages in India that served **937** patients who would otherwise go without care.

transforming lives... through caring and compassionate outreaches.

Compassionate care and loving concern for those in poverty is the foundation for BFTW's third pillar of ministry. Programs designed to provide assistance to young and old are focused primarily on northeast India where Sielmat Christian Hospital provides low-to-no-cost inpatient and outpatient care for those who could otherwise not afford treatment. "Mobile Medical Camps" take services directly to communities without easy or affordable access to health care — often with hundreds of patients seen, diagnosed and treated within just a few days.

BFTW is committed to exploring long-term, sustainable economic solutions, such as cultivating rubber and bamboo to help support ministry activities in local communities. Initial harvests of these products are scheduled for 2019.

Disaster relief often becomes a focus of our work in South Asia where famine, drought, earthquakes and monsoons threaten people's lives and livelihoods.



God's
LOVE

A Commitment to Good Stewardship...

At Bibles For The World, our pledge is to maintain effective outreach by being careful stewards of the funds entrusted to us by friends, donors and partners like you. We are pleased to be a founding member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability, and to maintain a “Gold” rating for financial transparency by Guidestar.

BFTW is audited annually by Biggs-Kofford, a certified public accounting firm located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

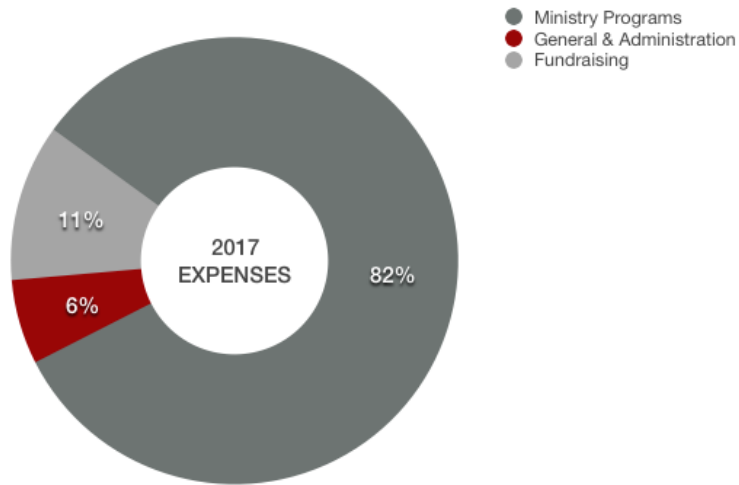
Financial information presented here is summarized from the audited financial statements for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

Bibles For The World strives to use all contributions as directed by donors to provide God’s Word to people across the globe, to provide education and medical assistance to children and families living in poverty, and to share with all God’s wonderful love. Gifts to Bibles For The World are tax deductible and are promptly acknowledged with a receipt. We also provide a statement at the end of each year detailing contributions and their use.

BFTW’s Financial Position...

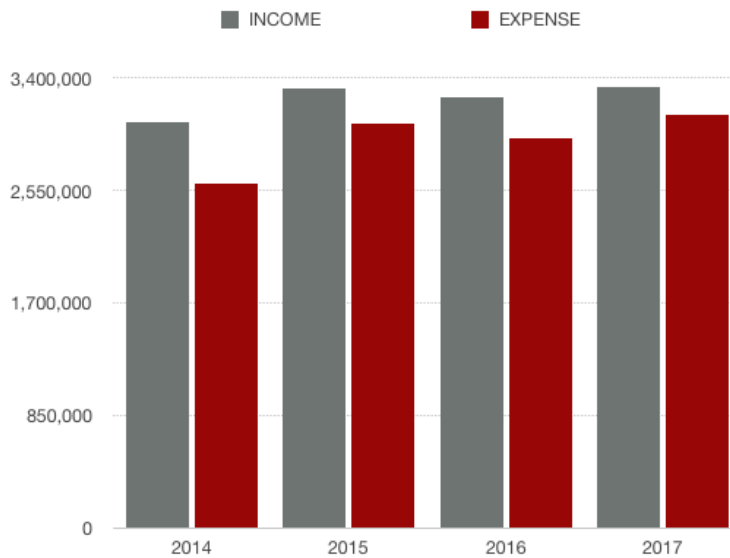
<u>SUPPORT & REVENUE</u>		Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/2016	Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/2017
Support –	Contributions	\$ 2,412,641	\$ 2,430,319
Revenue –	Other Income	\$ <u>846,039</u>	\$ <u>900,843</u>
	Total Support & Revenue	\$ 3,258,734	\$ 3,331,162
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Program Services –			
	Bible Distribution	\$ 485,858	\$ 550,476
	Partnership Ministries	\$ <u>1,913,092</u>	\$ <u>2,029,745</u>
	Total Program Services	\$ 2,398,950	\$ 2,580,221
Supporting Activities –			
	General and Administrative	\$ 226,280	\$ 191,607
	Fund Development	\$ <u>322,552</u>	\$ <u>356,133</u>
	Total Supporting Activities	\$ <u>548,832</u>	\$ <u>547,740</u>
	Total Expenses	\$ 2,947,782	\$ 3,127,961
	Change in Net Assets	\$ 310,952	\$ 203,201
	Net Assets, beginning of year	\$ <u>6,717,724</u>	\$ <u>7,028,676</u>
	Net Assets, end of year	\$ 7,028,676	\$ 7,231,877





FY 2017 Program Expenses

PROGRAM SERVICES	EXPENDITURES
Ministry Programs	2,580,221
General & Administration	191,607
Fundraising	356,133
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,947,782



Year by Year Comparison

	2014	2015	2016	2017
INCOME	3,072,728	3,320,577	3,258,734	3,331,162
EXPENSE	2,598,990	3,062,699	2,947,782	3,127,961

Bibles For The World — By The Numbers...

“Fields that are ready for harvest have created tremendous opportunities for the Gospel in strategic locations across the globe. That’s why I’m 100 percent on-board with Bibles For The World. Years ago, BFTW gave me the chance to provide Bibles in the Soviet Union. Ever since, I’ve been able to make a significant difference in the world where God is opening doors. I can think of no better investment than Bibles For The World!”

Louis Pope
Chairman, Board of Directors
Bibles For The World

“I believe that getting the Bible into more people’s hands around the world is one of the most important things we can do in this life. That’s why we’ve been partners with Bibles For The World for more than 40 years.”

Pat Boone
Entertainer



123 NATIONS

Where Bibles For The World has had projects to distribute God's Word...

597 THOUSAND PEOPLE

received copies of God's Word in 2017

Because of a new opportunity in **CHINA**, BFTW reached more than a **HALF-MILLION** people with Gospels of John, New Testaments and complete Bibles.



9,482 STUDENTS RECEIVED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

2,867 were sponsored through BFTW's Partner Parents program.

3,377 PATIENTS TREATED AT SIELMAT CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL



1,751 LEADERS WERE TRAINED

for Evangelism, **DISCIPLESHIP** and Church Planting

We give gratitude to God -- and to friends and partners like you. It is because of your partnership that Bibles For The World continues to be a catalyst for individual and cultural transformation through Jesus Christ and the power of God's Word.

The Bibles For The World Board of Directors:

Louis S. Pope, Chairman of the Board, and **Donna C. Pope**

Louis is the president of Louis S. Pope & Company, an insurance brokerage and consulting firm. Donna is a graduate of the FFA Academy and is a retired air traffic controller. Louis and Donna live in rural Fayette County, Tennessee.

John King, Treasurer, and **Kathy King**

John is the owner of King Construction in Pennsylvania and a trustee of Honeybrook Church. John has taken several trips to India for a first-hand look at the various ministries BFTW supports in North-east India. He has also been an advisor for the local construction of church and school buildings on the India field. Kathy is a Bible teacher and travels to various mission fields to minister. John and Kathy reside in New Holland, Pennsylvania.

Dr. James Congdon, Secretary, and **Melody Congdon**

Jim has been the lead pastor at Topeka Bible Church for over 35 years. He serves as the chairman of the board of Jews for Jesus and serves on the board of John Brown University. Melody is guidance counselor and public relations director of Cair Paravel Latin School, a Christian classical school. She also directs Melody's Makeover Ministry, which does home makeovers for needy people in Topeka. Jim and Melody reside in Topeka, Kansas.

Will Stevens and **Heather Stevens**

After 20 years as a Wall Street executive, Will followed the Lord's call to Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, earning his MDiv in Biblical Languages and Steward Leadership. He served for several years as the VP of Giving Strategies for Waterstone and is currently serving as the VP for the UnityPoint Health Foundation in Peoria, IL. Will is also the author of God's Givers: Seven Old Testament Stories of Fearless Giving and has recently earned his Doctorate. Will and Heather make their home in Peoria.

Andrew Eversole and **Joy Eversole**

Andy is the retired Tax Director for CTS Corporation. He served for a number of years on the Board of Everence (an insurance and investing company associated with Anabaptist congregations) as the Chair of the Audit Committee, and is also an ordained minister in the Mennonite Church. His wife, Joy, devotes a significant amount of time volunteering with a local hospital. Andy and Joy reside in Goshen, Indiana.

Dr. Mawii Pudaite, Co-Founder, Bibles For The World

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