



The Gideons
International

THE GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION



Annual Report **2026**

CALLED BY FAITH. MOVED TO ACTION.



Our Single Objective

Win Others for the Lord Jesus Christ

In a culture where many are struggling to live out their faith, God is using Gideons—Christian business and professional men—along with their wives, to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ through The Gideons International.

Members pursue this objective by strengthening one another, spreading the Gospel message, and sharing God's Word. Lives are being touched by the Gospel. Around the world, Gideons and Auxiliary members faithfully step into everyday opportunities to reach the lost with the truth of Scripture and the hope of Christ.

This past year, God continued to open doors for the Gospel through the faithful service of members, the partnership of local churches, and the generosity of donors. Every word of witness, every Scripture shared, and every step of obedience reflects our single objective: to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ.





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For over 100 years, travelers have opened a hotel nightstand drawer and found a Bible placed there by The Gideons International. For many, that quiet moment marked the beginning of a life-changing encounter with God's Word.

But that is only part of the story.

Around the world, Christian business and professional men, along with their wives, are responding to God's call to make a difference for the Gospel through The Gideons International.

At schools and college campuses, military bases, hospitals, prisons, and other approved locations worldwide, people seeking hope are receiving Scriptures through the faithful service of our members. In conversations with coworkers, neighbors, and strangers, Gideons and Auxiliary

are sharing God's Word along with a word of witness. Through partnership with churches in communities around the world, our members are serving together, building relationships, and creating opportunities to reach more people with the hope of Christ.

These efforts are interconnected—part of one calling as Gideons and Auxiliary respond faithfully to the opportunities God provides. Whether in prisons, hospitals, or sitting across the table from one person in need of hope, members understand that every step taken for the Gospel is sustained by God's grace.

Lives are being changed. Hearts are being drawn to Christ. And through it all, one truth remains clear:
The Gospel Is Our Mission.

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

—Colossians 3:23–24 (ESV)

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Kevin B. Keck

 MESSAGE FROM
**INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT**

“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.” These words from Colossians 3:23–24 (ESV) challenged us throughout this past year to put our faith in action. By God’s grace, Gideons and Auxiliary around the world answered that call.

The pages of this Annual Report show the ministry impact God granted us this past year. But more than looking back, these successes should challenge us to move forward. Our Gospel mission demands members who are equipped, energized, and ready to enlarge the work God has entrusted to us.

This year, members gathered at the International Convention, state and national conventions, and national conferences to be equipped through fellowship, biblical exhortation, and practical training. They returned to their camps and communities energized to serve and prepared to do more for the Gospel.

And they did.

Gideons and Auxiliary placed and distributed 63,804,599 copies of God’s Word this past year. Think about the significance of that number—more than 63 million opportunities for someone to encounter the life-changing Gospel message.

Some of those opportunities came in places where Gideons have served faithfully for generations. In the USA at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, members marked 75 years of ministry, demonstrating their diligent commitment to show up, share God’s Word, and refuse to abandon those who desperately need the hope of Jesus Christ.

Others came through extraordinary efforts like members in The Philippines who traveled to isolated villages and remote islands where

Gideons had not been in over a decade. They sacrificed time and resources to reach those with restricted access to Scripture.

This is what happens when Gideons and Auxiliary are prepared and willing. Through The Gideons International, we equip members for the work. We energize them to put their faith into action. We enlarge our reach so more people have an opportunity to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

As you read this report and watch the video testimonies available by scanning the QR codes, don’t just celebrate what God has done. Ask what He is calling you to do next. There is more work before us, more opportunities to take hold of, and more people who need lasting hope.

Thank you for your prayers, giving, and faithful service. May we continue striving side by side for the faith of the Gospel, always remembering The Gospel Is Our Mission.

In Christ,

Kevin B. Keck
International President



A Legacy of Faithful Action

For more than a century, God has worked through The Gideons International to strengthen believers and their personal witness, while equipping them to touch more lives for Jesus Christ.

What began as a simple commitment among a few men to walk faithfully with the Lord has grown into a global Association of Gideon and Auxiliary members serving side by side—sharing Scripture, engaging others in spiritual conversations, and trusting God to change lives.

These milestones reflect more than a timeline. They show what happens when believers step forward in faith—responding to the call, serving together, and watching God extend the reach of His Word far beyond what they could accomplish alone.

1899

Three Christian Businessmen Begin a Shared Mission

Three Christian traveling businessmen gathered in Janesville, Wisconsin, united by a desire to strengthen one another's testimony for Christ. Their shared commitment became the foundation of an Association that would grow into The Gideons International.

1908

The First Hotel Scriptures Are Placed

The first hotel Scriptures were placed through the ministry of The Gideons at the Superior Hotel in Montana. What began in one lodging location grew into a worldwide witness, offering travelers access to God's Word in moments of need and quiet reflection.

1901

Wives of Gideons Begin Serving as Auxiliary

As the wives of early Gideons faithfully supported the ministry of their husbands through prayer and service, their role became more clearly defined. That growing involvement laid the groundwork for what would become known as the Auxiliary.

1910

A Growing Partnership with the Church

Gideon partnerships with local churches are traced to 1910, although relationships started being built after the first hotel Scriptures were placed, serving as an extension of the church's Gospel witness. Most notably Dr. E. R. Burkhalter of First Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, supported this partnership.



1916

Scriptures Reach Hospitals and Jails

Gideons began placing Scriptures in hospitals and jails, extending the comfort and hope of God's Word to patients, families, and medical workers. This outreach opened new doors for ministry in places marked by need, uncertainty, and prayer.

1934

Auxiliary Open New Doors for Ministry

Auxiliary began sharing Scriptures in women's homes, hospitals, and other approved locations. Their faithful service expanded the reach of the Association and created new opportunities to place God's Word into waiting hands.

1946

Reaching the Next Generation with God's Word

Recognizing the importance of reaching young people early in life, members began distributing New Testaments to students in 5th grade and older. This ministry would grow into one of the most significant and far-reaching areas of Scripture distribution.

1927

Expanding Scripture Support for International Impact

As the Association's reach extended beyond national borders, a Foreign Relations Committee was established to support international Scripture efforts. These early steps prepared the way for broader global outreach in the decades to come.

1941

"Arm Them with The Gospel, too!"

Under this rallying cry, The Gideons International began providing Scriptures to members of the armed forces. Churches answered the call with generous support, helping Gideons place God's Word into the hands of servicemen and women.

1948

Personal Witnessing Is Strengthened Through Scripture

At the International Convention in San Francisco, Gideons and Auxiliary began using what would become known as Personal Workers Testaments (PWT). Purchased by members, these Scriptures helped begin Gospel conversations in personal witnessing opportunities.



1961

The Faith Fund Strengthens Global Outreach

Gideons established a “Raw Faith Goal” to fund Scripture placements in developing countries where opportunities exceeded local resources. This designated giving effort was later renamed the Faith Fund, representing a profound measure of faith to fund any deficit in the international budget.

1972

Scripture Distribution Expands to College Campuses

The Cabinet launched the College Testament Program and distributed Testaments on 17 college and university campuses. These Testaments included John 3:16 printed in 26 languages, hoping exchange students could be ministered to in their own languages.

1987

Standing Firm on the Truth of God's Word

Language affirming the infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture was added to the membership qualifications. This action reflected the Association's continued commitment to the absolute truth and authority of God's Word.

1966

A New Way to Honor Loved Ones and Share God's Word

The Cabinet introduced the Living Memorial Bible Plan in 1966, allowing believers to send tribute cards to honor loved ones. Now known as the GideonCard Bible Program, each card donation directly funds Scripture placements to reach the lost.

1978

The First International Scripture Blitz Is Conducted

In what is now known as an International Scripture Blitz, this outreach event in Mexico marked a new chapter in large-scale, cross-border outreach. Since then, these events have brought together local members and visiting Gideons from nations near and far. (Photo above is a Gideon with the truck driver waiting to cross the Mexico border.)

2001

One Billion Scriptures Distributed Worldwide

The Gideons International reached the milestone of one billion Scriptures distributed worldwide. Countless individual encounters with the truth, hope, and saving message of God's Word impacted the world.



2005

Members Unite in Prayer Around the Clock

The Hour of Power was established to unite members in daily prayer across time zones around the world. This shared commitment reflected the Association's conviction that every work of Gospel impact must be sustained by prayer.

2013

Churches Are Equipped for Personal Evangelism

What began in Bogotá, Colombia, as a practical response to church needs grew into a personal evangelism course now known as *Conversations*, which today is offered free by The Gideons International to partnering churches throughout the world. The training equips believers in churches to share their faith with greater confidence and clarity.

2025

The Launch of The Gospel Is Our Mission

The Gospel Is Our Mission is adopted as The Gideons International tagline, summing up the identity of the Association in one statement to characterize both who Gideons are and historically have been for over 127 years.

2012

Students Are Equipped to Share the Gospel with Peers

The Life Book Movement became an official outreach of The Gideons International, equipping Christian students to share the Gospel directly with their peers. This effort strengthened student-to-student witness through Scripture-centered evangelism after many U.S. schools became closed to Gideon distributions.

2022

Scriptures for Vacation Bible Schools

Scripture distribution enhancements opened doors to reach more youth including at Vacation Bible Schools.

2026

2.73 Billion Scriptures Distributed

At the end of the 2025–26 fiscal year, The Gideons International reached 2.73 billion Scriptures distributed. We celebrate this milestone and God's faithfulness for over the last century.



Are we making the most of where God has placed us? God has called us to this Association to see that others have an opportunity to know Him. God has called us to live a life worthy of the Gospel of Christ. God has called us to put our faith into action and make the Gospel our mission.

Kevin Beal
Past International President
Morgan South Camp, AL





THE GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION



To help people understand the full scope of what we do, we've sharpened how we talk about our shared calling to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ through associating together for service, personal work and personal testimony, and sharing God's Word. That message is centered on a bold reminder of what drives us: The Gospel Is Our Mission.

G. Michael DeWoody
Sumner East/Macon Camp, TN

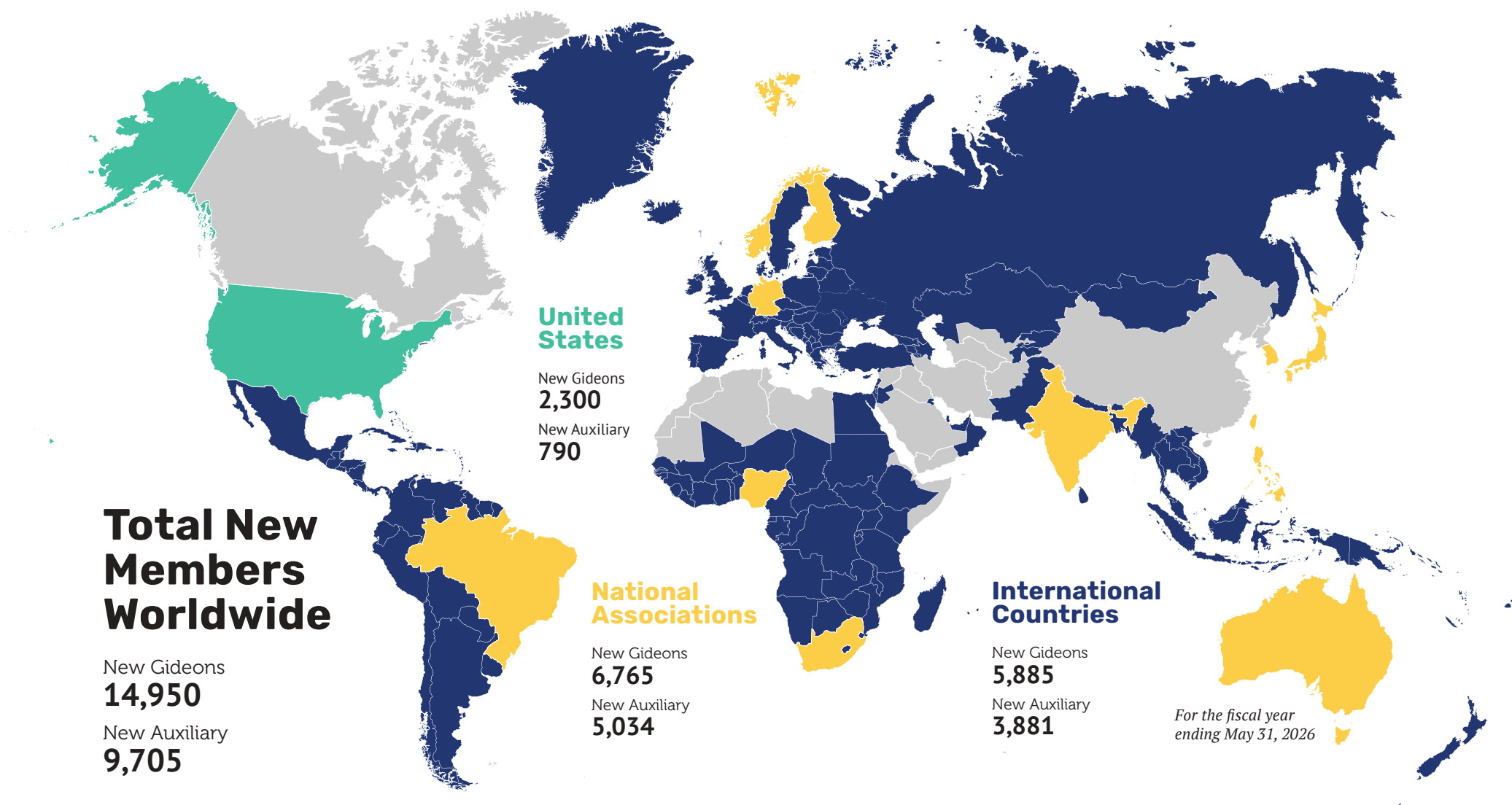
Launching The Gospel Is Our Mission

At the 2025 International Convention, Association leaders unveiled a new tagline that captures our single objective of winning others for the Lord Jesus Christ in a clear and compelling way: The Gospel Is Our Mission. While this fresh phrase may seem simple, it represents a strategic step forward to more effectively communicate who we are, what we do, and why it matters today more than ever.

Please visit Gideons.org to learn more about the mission, history, and ministry of The Gideons International.



SERVING TOGETHER



Members Growing in Faith & Sharing the Gospel

This year, Christian business and professional men worldwide answered God's call through The Gideons International, stepping forward to expand their Gospel impact.

As members of churches who have been personally recommended by their pastors, Gideons are using the unique passions and skills God has given them to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ as they serve together, strengthen their personal witness, and share God's Word.

The wives and widows of Gideons support the ministry of their husbands as Auxiliary members. Each of these devoted women experience fulfillment and joy through service and fellowship as they faithfully share in their husband's ministry journey.

In local chapters, called camps, Gideons and Auxiliary find encouragement, accountability, and opportunities to serve that help them grow in

their impact for the Gospel in ways they could not on their own. More seasoned members also help encourage and mentor younger members as they grow in their calling.

Several new online tools and digital resources were provided this year to support the work of the Association. As men visited Gideons.org to explore membership, many also completed the new online assessment and prequalified to take the next step.

Members were further equipped to make a greater impact for the Gospel through in-person training and through the Association's growing library of online and on-demand ministry training courses.

The testimonies that follow reveal how God is using these efforts to strengthen members to respond in faith, serve with purpose, and carry the Gospel forward.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

—Philippians 2:1–2 (ESV)

243,727 Gideons and Auxiliary Members

The total reach of Gideons worldwide shows the breadth and depth of Gideon ministry impact and reach of our Association.

148,002
GIDEONS

95,725
AUXILIARY

11,854
CAMPS

For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2026



Know someone who may be ready to join
The Gideons International?

SHARE THIS LINK

gideons.org/explore-membership



126th International Convention

The 126th International Convention started the year with the theme, *Faith in Action*, based on Colossians 3:23–24 (ESV): “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.”

Through worship, fellowship, and ministry training, members from 97 countries strengthened one another and gained practical skills for Scripture distribution, personal witnessing, membership growth, and camp leadership.



Men and Women of Separated Walk

Gideons and Auxiliary seek to live according to a biblical worldview, allowing God’s Word to guide how they understand the world and discern what is right, following biblical principles found in 2 Corinthians 6:14–18, Romans 16:17–18, and Ephesians 5:15.



Attending the International Convention for the first time was an eye opener of how this Association reaches globally for Jesus Christ. Talking with brothers and sisters from around the world was a special time to hear and understand what they endure and how thankful they are for everyone doing the ministry. Thank you to everyone that made this happen because The Gospel Is Our Mission.

Roy Hunsucker

State Church Ministry Coordinator
Chattanooga Northwest Camp, Tennessee

A Son's Response, A Father's Call to Serve

Gideons are mindful of raising their children to follow Christ and challenge them to serve.

Leaders and other members of The Gideons International from around the world came together at the 2025 International Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for fellowship, worship, witnessing, and equipping. The next generation was also present, as many youth participated in the Convention's youth program. That week, eleven salvations were recorded among the youth—underscoring the importance of investing in the next generation.

"We need these young people," said Youth Program Coordinator and past International Chaplain

Dr. Kim G. Powell. "They are the future of this Association. The Lord is giving us opportunities now, and we need to be faithful."

That reality became personal for Dr. Powell's family. After returning home from the youth program, Dr. Powell's grandson told his parents of his desire to be baptized. Encouraged by the son's decision, the boy's father sensed a call to increase his own Gospel impact. He later submitted an application and was approved for membership in The Gideons International.

Gideons use International Convention to put their faith into action and strengthen their service as members.



A Renewed Season of Service

Gideons know that membership is about answering God's call to serve alongside fellow believers in carrying the Gospel to others.

For Len Cibelli, that calling is deeply personal. Raised in Brooklyn, New York, Len came to faith in Christ while watching a Billy Graham Crusade in a hotel room. When he called the prayer line, the counselor told him to open the nightstand drawer. Inside was a copy of God's Word.

"That Bible was waiting for me," Len says. "That was God's way of showing me that His Word is always there, always ready."

That night, Len surrendered his life to Christ. His wife, Wendy, soon followed, and together they committed to raising their family in the Lord. Len eventually joined The Gideons then took a season away from membership. During that season, he and Wendy attended a *Conversations* personal evangelism training facilitated by Gideons in early 2025. There, God renewed their desire to serve, and they rejoined the Summerville Camp in South Carolina.

Since returning, Len has invested in pastors, prospective members, and younger men in his church, including a younger church friend named Mason. His friendship led Mason to pursue membership in The Gideons, where he has been encouraged through mentoring, prayer, and fellowship. When Mason felt led to witness to an atheist coworker, camp members prayed with him and encouraged him to remain faithful. Over time, that coworker began asking questions about Scripture.

Reflecting on his return to the Association, Len says, "We're not here to be transactional. We're here to build relationships, to listen, to pray, and to be present. That's how the Gospel gets out."

Len's renewed commitment—and his investment in men like Mason—demonstrates how God strengthens members to encourage one another and faithfully carry the Gospel forward.



And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

—2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV)

State and National Association Conventions

State and national association conventions provide additional opportunities to strengthen members for service. Gideons and Auxiliary gather for worship, fellowship, and training while also electing leaders who will help guide the state or national association during the next year. Testimonies of lives transformed through God's Word remind members why they serve and inspire them to return home renewed in their calling.

National Conventions

CITY	COUNTRY	DATES
Seinäjoki	Finland	June 6–7, 2025
Seoul	Republic of Korea	June 20–22, 2025
Kristiansand	Norway	June 27–28, 2025
Gunma	Japan	July 4–6, 2025
Uyo, Akwa	Nigeria	August 14–17, 2025
New Taipei City	R.O.C. (Taiwan)	August 28–31, 2025
São Luís–MA	Brazil	September 4–7, 2025
Delhi	India	September 11–13, 2025
Perth, WA	Australia	October 2–4, 2025
George	South Africa	October 8–10, 2025
Clark, Pampanga	Philippines	January 30–February 1, 2026
Zwickau	Germany	May 14–16, 2026



USA State Association Conventions

CITY	STATE ASSOCIATION	DATES
St. Augustine, FL	Florida	August 15–17, 2025
Eugene, OR	Oregon/SW Idaho	September 12–14, 2025
Indianapolis, IN	Indiana	September 19–21, 2025
Ames, IA	Iowa	September 19–21, 2025
Louisville, KY	Kentucky	September 26–28, 2025
Helena, MT	InterMountain	October 3–5, 2025
Valdosta, GA	Georgia	February 20–22, 2026
Huntsville, AL	Alabama/NW Florida	February 27–March 1, 2026
Greenville, SC	South Carolina	February 27–March 1, 2026
Vacaville, CA	California/Nevada North	March 6–8, 2026
Kenner, LA	Louisiana	March 6–8, 2026
Tupelo, MS	Mississippi	March 6–8, 2026
Towson, MD	Delmardic	March 13–15, 2026
Kearney, NE	Nebraska	March 13–15, 2026
Wichita, KS	Kansas	March 20–22, 2026
Wakefield, MA	Southern New England	March 20–22, 2026
Prescott, AZ	Southwest	March 20–22, 2026
Chesapeake, VA	Virginia	March 27–29, 2026
Jonesboro, AR	Arkansas	April 10–12, 2026

CITY	STATE ASSOCIATION	DATES
Mandan, ND	The Dakotas	April 10–12, 2026
Lansing, MI	Michigan	April 10–12, 2026
East Syracuse, NY	New York	April 10–12, 2026
Oxnard, CA	Pacific Southwest	April 10–12, 2026
Bemidji, MN	Minnesota	April 17–19, 2026
Montpelier, VT	Northern New England	April 17–19, 2026
Harrisburg, PA	Pennsylvania	April 17–19, 2026
Abilene, TX	Texas	April 17–19, 2026
Green Bay, WI	Wisconsin/Upper Michigan	April 17–19, 2026
Springfield, MO	Missouri	April 24–26, 2026
Hasbrouck Heights, NJ	New Jersey	April 24–26, 2026
Strongsville, OH	Ohio	April 24–26, 2026
Greensboro, NC	North Carolina	May 1–3, 2026
Edmond, OK	Oklahoma	May 1–3, 2026
Little America, WY	Rocky Mountain	May 1–3, 2026
Memphis, TN	Tennessee	May 1–3, 2026
Davis, WV	West Virginia	May 1–3, 2026
Countryside, IL	Illinois	May 1–3, 2026
Spokane Valley, WA	Pacific Northwest	May 8–10, 2026



Newton County Camp Success

Gideons are challenging men to be involved in the Association.

Growth in ministry is rarely the result of a single event. More often, it is the fruit of consistent, faithful presence.

In the Newton County Camp in Mississippi, an Annual Membership Event became a meaningful catalyst for growth because members understood that recruitment requires ongoing, prayerful relationship-building. Through personal follow-up and faithful encouragement, the camp welcomed 22 new members connected to the efforts surrounding that event.

“Many prospects join because they are influenced during the procedures we undertake

to conduct Annual Membership Events,” explains Mississippi State President Randall Lee.

Often, men need time to pray and discuss the decision with their families. Rather than letting those opportunities fade, Gideons and Auxiliary maintained contact, answered questions, and encouraged prospects as they considered the call to serve. Their success shows that effective recruitment does not depend on complex strategies. It grows through faithful presence, personal investment, and trust in God.

An Annual Membership Event may last only one evening, but its fruit can continue for months as members remain committed to the process.

But Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”

—Matthew 19:14 (ESV)



**See Testimony
Video Now**

At 13, Tim received a little red New Testament from a Gideon, though he didn’t yet know the truth he was searching for. Years later, after Scripture kept showing up in unexpected places, one more encounter forced him to face the question he could no longer ignore.



“The Auxiliary training has given me a great insight and encouragement of The Gideons International and the vital role that the Auxiliary play in the ministry of this Association.”

—Ruth Frani, Auxiliary Coordinator, Papua New Guinea



Auxiliary Responding to the **Membership Call**

The Brentwood North Camp (Tennessee) had no active Auxiliary ministry, but it only took one person to help restart the work.

When Lillian Stauber and her husband, Jeff, moved to Brentwood, Tennessee, they transferred from a thriving camp in Seattle and discovered there was no active Auxiliary. Though she was still new to the Association herself, Lillian felt the Lord calling her to stay and help rebuild it rather than transfer elsewhere.

She began praying faithfully, attending every camp meeting, inviting Auxiliary members to lunch, and encouraging them to return. As relationships grew, one woman invited another, then another joined. Lillian also introduced prayer drives and other ideas she had learned at International Convention.

Today, the camp has a flourishing Auxiliary, with women serving together in ministry. “You just need one,” Lillian says. “Keep praying, keep engaging, and let God do the rest.”

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

—1 Corinthians 3:6–7 (ESV)

International Countries National Conferences

Members in International Countries attend national conferences for worship, fellowship, and training. These conferences are designed to energize members and often include powerful

testimonies of lives changed by the Gospel. While there are no elections, such as those at conventions, the training offered is a valuable time for leaders who often carry that information back to members in their camp.

CITY	COUNTRY	DATES	CITY	COUNTRY	DATES
24 de Diciembre	Panama	August 1–3, 2025	Harare City	Zimbabwe	October 3–5, 2025
Monterrey	Mexico	August 8–11, 2025	Portoviejo	Ecuador	October 10–12, 2025
Mombasa	Kenya	August 15–17, 2025	Pattaya City	Thailand	October 10–12, 2025
Kara	Togo	August 22–24, 2025	Concepción	Chile	October 17–19, 2025
Dabou	Côte d'Ivoire	August 29–31, 2025	Zilina	Slovakia	October 17–19, 2025
Adama	Ethiopia	August 29–31, 2025	La Habana	Cuba	October 24–26, 2025
Nyamata	Rwanda	August 29–31, 2025	Trujillo	Peru	October 24–26, 2025
Asuit	Egypt	September 4–7, 2025	Sorong	Indonesia	October 25–26, 2025
Yaounde	Cameroon	September 5–7, 2025	Buenos Aires	Argentina	November 7–9, 2025
San Isidro	Costa Rica	September 5–7, 2025	Gopalganj	Bangladesh	November 7–9, 2025
Mengo Kampala	Uganda	September 12–14, 2025	Sarh	Chad	November 7–9, 2025
Bogota	Colombia	September 19–21, 2025	Quetzaltenango	Guatemala	November 7–9, 2025
Penang	Malaysia/Singapore/Brunei	September 19–21, 2025	Kathmandu	Nepal	March 12–14, 2026
Juigalpa	Nicaragua	September 19–21, 2025	La Paz	Bolivia	April 3–5, 2026
Bucharest	Romania	September 19–21, 2025	Lae	Papua New Guinea	April 10–12, 2026
Dehiwala	Sri Lanka	September 26–28, 2025	Rennes	France	May 14–17, 2026
Georgetown	Guyana	October 3–5, 2025			



Dan Heighway

 MESSAGE FROM

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

—Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for...God calls His people to have faith, and faith moves them to act.

Gideons and Auxiliary across the Association responded faithfully this year— strengthening one another, building relationships with churches, sharing God’s Word, and boldly witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ.

As members around the world have answered God’s call to serve, the International Headquarters team has also responded to a calling—to serve and equip this Association. It is a high privilege to pray for our members and support them as they carry out the International Programs in their churches, workplaces, and communities.

International Headquarters serves as a ministry support center, providing training, communications, resources, infrastructure, and operational expertise. Each effort helps members act on their calling, respond when God opens doors for the Gospel, and strengthen ministry activity around the world.

One significant step forward this year was the introduction of a clear new expression of our mission. At the 2025 International Convention, Association leaders unveiled the tagline *The Gospel Is Our Mission*. Though simple, this phrase communicates with clarity who we are, what we do, and how members are making an eternal impact. It reminds us that our shared faith leads to a shared purpose—and that purpose calls us to action.

In support of that message, we relaunched Gideons.org to create clearer pathways for connection. Prospective members can learn more about the Association and consider how God may be calling them to serve. Church leaders can discover how The Gideons International supports the local church, and people seeking hope can encounter the truth found in God’s Word. The site also led to membership and church partnership opportunities for local camps to pursue, helping turn online interest into meaningful local relationships.

Another major milestone was the realignment of the Headquarters teams responsible for ministry planning, content, events, and member

support. The new Headquarters structure brought these areas into closer alignment, improving communication, collaboration, consistency, and responsiveness. This realignment will continue helping staff serve members and leaders more effectively while keeping projects, resources, and services focused on strengthening ministry activity in camps worldwide.

Faith Moved to Action: Highlights from the Year

- Expanded field support: USA Field Managers, together with Field Officers, provided camps with more direct support for church relationships, membership events, and prospective-member engagement. This stronger field structure will continue helping camps pursue local opportunities more effectively.
- Encouraging membership momentum: Membership application approvals increased more than 10% compared with the previous year. This momentum provides a strong foundation for membership growth and engagement.
- Practical support for camp officers: Camp Meeting Prep 101 was launched to provide support for camp meetings, planning, and ministry effectiveness. The series will continue equipping camp officers with timely, practical support.

- Responsive member service: The Headquarters team assisted members with systems, resources, and ministry questions and, when appropriate, paused to pray with those they served. This ongoing support will remain an important way staff serves members directly.
- Improved Scripture fulfillment: Headquarters transitioned to a new Scripture-fulfillment provider, strengthening the ability to warehouse and ship Scriptures. This improvement will help ensure members are better equipped with God's Word when Gospel opportunities arise.

We also saw how prayerful preparation and faithful action can open doors. After a Gideon invested time in prayer and fellowship with a group of local pastors, he was invited to share at their monthly prayer meeting. From that gathering, three pastors requested presentations in their churches, two expressed interest in Conversations personal witnessing training, and four congregations offered names of men for membership consideration. Momentum began building toward reestablishing a new Gideon camp in the area.

That story reflects the heart of this year's theme. Faith led one member to pray, build relationships, and be ready. When God opened the door, he acted. His faithfulness then created opportunities

for churches, prospective members, and an entire community.

We thank God for the privilege of praying for you and serving alongside you. May our faith continue to move us to action, and may every resource provided, every relationship strengthened, and every opportunity pursued bring glory to God and help more people encounter the saving hope of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Dan Heighway
Dan Heighway
Executive Director



A man in a blue blazer and glasses is handing out small booklets to people at a brick gate labeled "Gate 5". The gate is made of brick and has a black metal fence. There are several people in the foreground, some wearing backpacks, and a man in a dark suit in the background. The scene is outdoors with trees and a brick wall visible.

**WHERE
GOD'S WORD
MEETS**

THE WORLD



Shared Near and Far, **God's Word Changes Lives.**

Every placement and distribution of Scriptures represents an opportunity for truth to be received.

Throughout the past year, God opened doors for Scripture to reach people in ordinary and unexpected places. Members placed and distributed His Word in schools, colleges, hospitals, hotels, prisons, other approved venues, and for personal use—offering the hope of the Gospel to those who face ordinary challenges of life that lead to our extraordinary Savior.

These moments may appear simple, but their significance is eternal. A Scripture received during grief, uncertainty, loneliness, or searching can become the means by which God brings comfort, conviction, hope, and salvation. Again and again, He uses His Word to meet people where they are and draw them to Himself.

Scripture distribution is more than ministry activity. It is visible faith in action. Members go prayerfully and compassionately, trusting God to prepare each heart, guide each encounter, and accomplish His purposes through every Scripture shared.

Every copy of God's Word represents an opportunity for truth to be received. Every testimony of a life changed gives glory to God. And every open door points to His ongoing work in the traffic lanes of life.



Placing & Distributing God's Holy Word

Whether placed or distributed, every single Scripture represents the opportunity to encounter the living God. Placements involve members leaving Bibles in specific locations for Jesus to reveal Himself and transform lost souls in His perfect timing. Distributions involve members sharing Testaments as personal gifts and actively taking opportunities to provide a word of witness. Both methods rely entirely on faith, trusting God's Word to change lives.

63,804,599

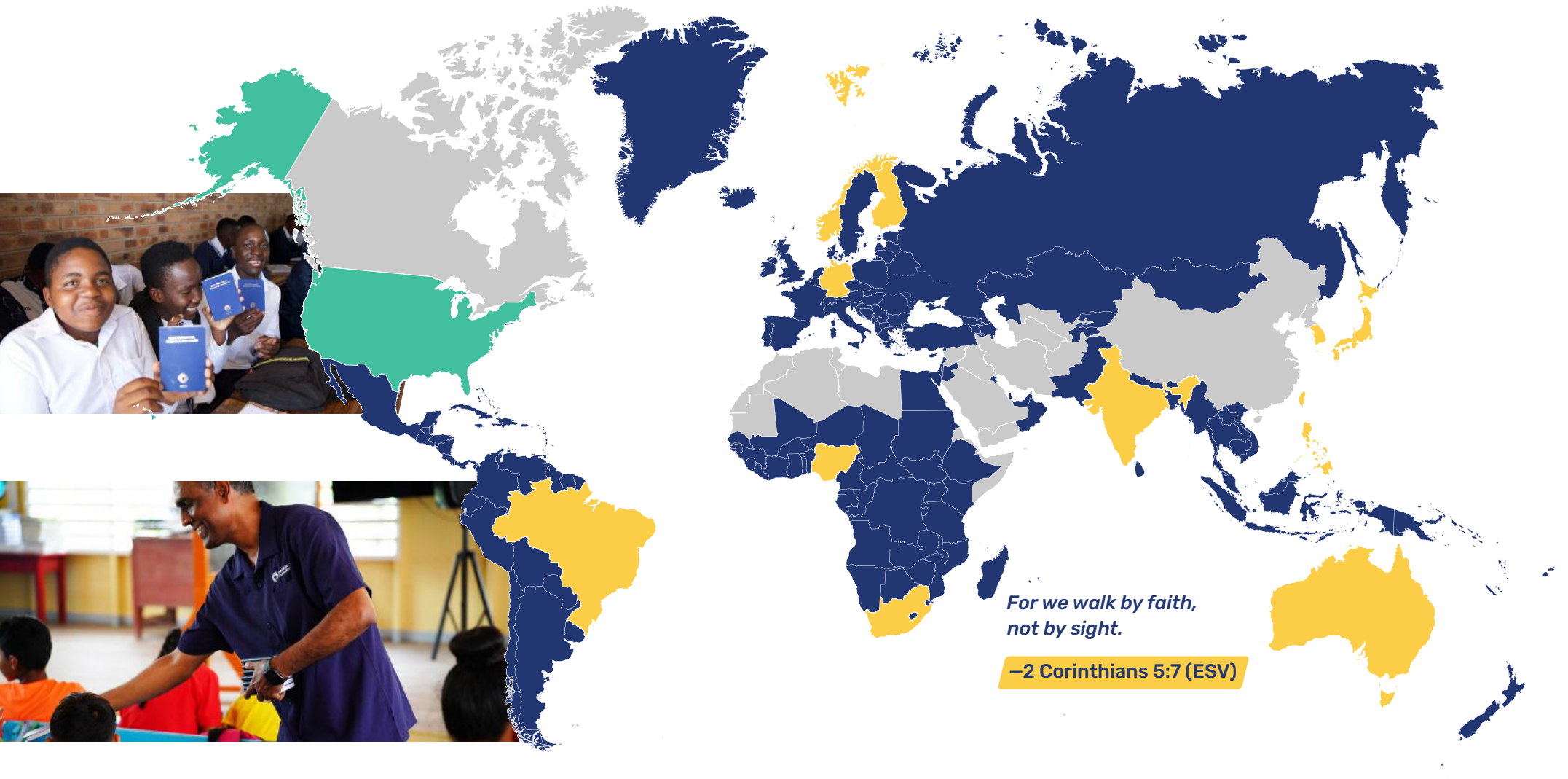
TOTAL WORLD SCRIPTURES

TOTAL INTERNATIONAL COUNTRIES SCRIPTURES	38,770,211
TOTAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS SCRIPTURES	11,691,897
TOTAL USA SCRIPTURES	9,743,291

Includes 3,599,200 copies of The Life Book

Surpassing 2.73 Billion Scriptures

With the 63,804,599 Scriptures placed and distributed in fiscal year 2025–2026, The Gideons International surpassed 2.73 billion total copies of God's Word shared since its founding in 1899. Praise God for the 2,731,353,461 Bibles and Testaments that have introduced the Gospel to people around the world.



*For we walk by faith,
not by sight.*

—2 Corinthians 5:7 (ESV)



Men and Women of the Book

Gideons and Auxiliary believe the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God and trust in its power to transform lives. This conviction is foundational to the ministry work of placing and distributing Scriptures, following biblical principles found in Romans 1:16, 1 Timothy 4:13, and 2 Timothy 2:15.

Reaching the Uttermost

Following Jesus' instruction in Acts 1:8, Gideons extend their ministry beyond the local community—their Jerusalem—to share God's Word wherever it is needed throughout their Judea and Samaria.

In 2025 in The Philippines, members carried God's Word to isolated mountain villages and remote islands—places Gideons had not visited in more than a decade. Traveling rugged terrain and sacrificing time, energy, and resources, they pressed beyond familiar boundaries to reach those with limited access to Scripture.

School principals and students received Testaments with joy, offering a clear reminder that when members go where the need is great, God opens doors for His Word.

Many Scriptures were distributed in The Philippines through these efforts. This is just one of many examples of how Gideons trust in the power of the Gospel when they respond to God's call to reach the unreached. We look expectantly to the fruit that will result from the seeds of faith planted in The Philippines.

Advancing the Gospel in Côte d'Ivoire

The 2026 Côte d'Ivoire International Scripture Blitz is a prime example of how Gideon and Auxiliary members put their Faith into Action.

The Scripture blitz team included nine Gideons—seven from the USA, one from Finland, and one from Brazil—serving alongside 205 local Gideons and 83 Auxiliary from 23 camps. Together, they shared God's Word with students at more than 150 schools and universities, as well as at approved locations including hotels and hospitals.

Church partnerships were vital throughout their efforts. On the Sunday before the blitz, Gideons spoke in 40 church services throughout the area. As they shared testimonies of the Lord's faithfulness through the ministry, congregations responded in faith, giving nearly \$20,000 USD to support the work. More than 30 pastors attended the Pastor Appreciation Banquet, along with over 150 Gideons and Auxiliary.

One especially meaningful opportunity came at the national prison, where Gideons distributed copies of God's Word, and 64 juvenile and adult inmates prayed to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. We praise God for every life touched by these distributed Scriptures.



**See Testimony
Video Now**

An angry student in Spain planned to disrupt the Gideons' distribution of Scriptures. But after watching a Gideon retrieve a Testament from the trash, he began to wonder why that little book mattered so much.

Total Scriptures by Location

Hotels
912,970



Hospitals
4,775,168



Sidewalk Youth
3,954,002



Prisons & Jails
218,450



Colleges
1,939,098



Youth
40,719,145



Service
1,507,338



Gideon Facilities*
1,019,769



Medical
2,756,302



Auxiliary Facilities**
112,350



*Gideon Facilities: Testaments given to men in correctional facilities, rescue missions, shelters, and used at food distribution centers or events.

**Auxiliary Facilities: Testaments shared with women in correctional facilities, domestic violence shelters, and crisis pregnancy centers.

2025–26 International Scripture Blitzes

International Scripture Blitzes (ISBs) bring together members from local camps and around the world for concentrated Scripture distribution efforts. These events typically last only a few days but often result in God's Word being shared with thousands of people.

3,261,234

TOTAL ISB SCRIPTURES

DATE	CITY	COUNTRY	TEAM LEADER	SCRIPTURE GOAL	SCRIPTURES DISTRIBUTED
June 7–14, 2025	Asuncion	Paraguay	David Martin	100,000	115,000
September 6–13, 2025	Trujillo	Peru	Angelo Greco	100,000	206,084
January 10–17, 2026	Nakhon Ratchasima	Thailand	Randy Crowe	80,000	99,800
February 7–14, 2026	Abidjan	Cote d'Ivoire	Randy Crowe	200,000	232,276
February 14–21, 2026	Dakar	Senegal	Cal Lucas	60,000	44,246
February 14–21, 2026	Toraja	Indonesia	Bob Hubler	150,000	190,407
February 28–March 7, 2026	Nairobi	Kenya	Kevin Keck	400,000	496,317
March 7–14, 2026	Cancun	Mexico	Joe Dubois	100,000	100,914
March 7–21, 2026	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil	Bruce Condrey	600,000	633,252
March 21–28, 2026	Hossaina	Ethiopia	Angelo Greco	100,000	101,243
April 11–18, 2026	Santa Cruz	Bolivia	Joe Dubois	100,000	160,934
April 11–18, 2026	Vienna	Austria	Dennis Donnelly	30,000	17,429
April 18–25, 2026	Maputo	Mozambique	André du Plessis	100,000	127,035
May 2–9, 2026	Limpopo	South Africa	Kevin Beal / Greg Lange	300,000	546,501
May 16–23, 2026	Benguela	Angola	Angelo Greco	100,000	157,316
May 23–30, 2026	Bucharest	Romania	Rudi Claassen	30,000	32,480
TOTAL				2,550,000	3,261,234

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Courageous Distributions in High-Risk Areas

Gideons travel into remote and high-risk regions, courageously overcoming danger to ensure people receive a copy of God’s Word.

During Scripture blitzes held in November 2025 across four State Associations in Nigeria, Gideons traveled into high-risk areas with prayer, courage, and confidence in God’s Word. Scriptures were provided by local Nigerian members, as organized by their National Association, and by others around the world who helped fund these distributions through the Faith Fund.

Serving in those difficult and dangerous territories, generally under travel advisories due to threatening circumstances, they visited more than 1,854 facilities to help ensure the unreached had access to Scriptures. Through coordinated effort and faithful service, 458,970 Bibles were distributed.

This effort was sustained by prayer for safe travel, discernment, and open doors—strengthened by the vital intercession of the Auxiliary. The Nigeria blitz stands as a powerful example of a unified global ministry responding to real spiritual need.

In places where access was difficult and opposition could be great, God opened the way for His Word. Through members willing to go, hundreds of thousands of people received Scripture and the opportunity to encounter the Gospel.

International In-Country Blitzes

In-country blitzes mobilize members within their own nations to reach communities both large and small, extending the ministry into cities, towns, and rural areas through focused Scripture distribution.

REGIONS	SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTED
Africa North & Middle East	280,233
Africa South	119,459
Africa West	1,176,455
Asia	281,983
Europe Central	73,791
Europe East	78,893
Europe West	3,683
Latin America Central	162,755
Latin America North & Caribbean	520,182
Latin America South	359,003
Pacific Rim	303,302
TOTAL	3,359,739

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3,359,739

TOTAL IN-COUNTRY BLITZES SCRIPTURES

Pointing Youth to the Light of the World

Gideons around the world will go into local fairs and festivals to reach young people with the Gospel and personally witness for Christ.

During the 2025 Vivid Festival in Sydney, Australia, Gideons and Auxiliary shared the light of the Gospel amid the city’s neon art installations. For 23 evenings along George Street, members distributed Scriptures, engaged teenagers in Gospel-centered conversations, and encouraged individuals to connect with churches for continued growth.

More than 10,000 copies of God’s Word were placed into open hands—a clear reminder of the spiritual hunger of the next generation and the importance of meeting young people where they are.



HONORING THE LEGACY OF
BRUCE BELLINGHAM



75 Years of Sharing Scriptures with Inmates at Angola Prison

While many ministry opportunities are momentary, prison ministry requires faithful, ongoing commitment. Gideons continue entering correctional facilities to place God's Word into the hands of those who need the hope of the Gospel, trusting God to transform lives through His Word.

In 1947, a handwritten letter from an inmate asking for a Bible at Louisiana State Penitentiary, widely known as Angola, opened the door for decades of Scripture distribution inside the prison. That legacy continued on May 2, 2026, as Gideons returned to share the hope of the Gospel inside Angola's walls, including Death Row.

The day began at 6:30 a.m. as Bruce Bellingham, a Gideon from Louisiana's Baker Camp, led over 70 Gideons in prayer before entering the prison. They understood the day was more than a Scripture distribution. It was an opportunity for spiritual conversations, encouragement, and prayer.

Tragically, Bruce suffered a fatal heart attack the day after returning home. We thank God for his faithful service and the example he leaves behind. His final day of ministry was spent pointing others to Christ, a testimony to a life steadfastly lived in service to the Lord.

Angola prison chaplain Liz McGraw noted that prisoners recognize the volunteers who consistently return. "I've seen the Gideons come faithfully year after year. They've developed relationships. And maybe that person didn't accept

Jesus the first time they came or the second or third or however many times. But this time they were ready. And I saw gentlemen today come to know Christ because of people sharing the Gospel."

More than 75 years after one inmate requested a Bible, God continues to use the united efforts of The Gideons to bring the freedom of His grace to those behind bars.



Men and Women of Compassionate Heart

Gideons and Auxiliary have a burden for those who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. They seek to demonstrate the love and compassion of Christ to all they encounter, regardless of circumstance, culture, or background, following biblical principles found in Matthew 25:40, Matthew 9:36, Psalm 86:15, and 1 Peter 3:8.

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

—Galatians 6:9 (ESV)

USA Metro Blitzes

Metropolitan Scripture blitzes are focused efforts to place and distribute Scriptures in major metropolitan cities throughout the United States. This past year, Gideons and Auxiliary completed 15 Metro blitzes impacting hundreds of thousands of people with the hope of God's Word.

CITY	STATE	DATE
Detroit	Michigan	September 8–11, 2025
New York City	New York	September 13–19, 2025
Denver	Colorado	September 21–24, 2025
Chicago	Illinois	October 4–15, 2025
San Joaquin Valley	California Nevada North	October 5–9, 2025
Alachua County	Florida	October 5–9, 2025
Oklahoma City	Oklahoma	October 6–8, 2025
Lehigh Valley	Pennsylvania	October 6–8, 2025
Fredricksburg	Virginia	October 20–24, 2025
Houston	Texas	November 2–5, 2025
Charlotte	North Carolina	February 22–26, 2026
Phoenix East Valley	Arizona	April 13–15, 2026
Columbia	South Carolina	April 22–26, 2026

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On Mission at the Arizona State Fair

Auxiliary assist Gideons at fairs and festivals, helping engage young people with God's Word and Gospel conversations.

“What a blessing to see my sisters in Christ hand out God's Word with a smile and share God's hope filled message with fairgoers alongside their husbands. God Almighty had a special plan for one of our Auxiliary who had dedicated herself to prayer and fasting prior to coming to the fair. Frequently as she lovingly but boldly engaged in conversation with teens and young adults, I would see them bow their heads, as they gave their hearts to Jesus. That afternoon, God knows how many found his saving love and forgiveness. All glory to God!”

**Jackie Nelson, SW Auxiliary Chaplain
(Chandler-Gilbert Camp, AZ)**



See Testimony Video Now

Following the fall of the Berlin Wall, Gideons quickly began sharing God's Word throughout the former German Democratic Republic. Maxi was among the first students to receive a Testament. Watch how that simple act of faithfulness continues to bear fruit today.

CONVERSATIONS THAT LAST FOR ETERNITY





Everyday Faith Lived out through Prayer and Divine Appointments

Prayer prepares the way for Gospel witness. As Gideons and Auxiliary seek the Lord, He opens doors no strategy could force, prepares hearts no person could reach, and leads His people into conversations they could never have planned.

Around the world, members are living out their faith in everyday places—as Men and Women of Compassionate Heart—on buses, in rideshares, at work, in homes, at church events, and through ordinary conversations that become eternal moments. A compassionate question, a word of witness, or a Personal Workers Testament shared at the right time can become the means God uses to draw someone to Himself.

This work is sustained through prayer. Gideons gather to pray for the Association, for open doors, for those receiving Scriptures, and for those sharing the Gospel. Auxiliary faithfully strengthen this foundation through prayer for their husbands, the ministry work, and a commitment for winning others for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The responsibility is clear: between a perishing world and the hope of the Gospel stand the Book and the believer. Scripture distribution places God’s Word in reach. Personal witnessing helps point people to the Savior revealed in its pages.

This section highlights how God uses prayerful, ready members to turn ordinary encounters into opportunities for eternal impact.

1,774,476

**TOTAL GIDEONS PERSONAL WORKERS
TESTAMENTS SHARED**

456,331

**TOTAL AUXILIARY PERSONAL WORKERS
TESTAMENTS SHARED**

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*And he said to them, “Go into all the world and
proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”*

—Mark 16:15 (ESV)



United in Prayer



Men and Women of Prayer

Gideons and Auxiliary pray for open doors to share God's Word, for opportunities to reach others for Christ, and for the ministry and its members around the world, following biblical principles found in Ephesians 6:18 and Philippians 4:6.

Prayer is not simply preparation for ministry; it is a central part of ministry. Around the world, Gideons and Auxiliary seek God together for His direction, protection, provision, and blessing on every aspect of their work.

That dependence on prayer became especially meaningful in April 2026, when Doug Richart, a Gideon from the Shawnee Camp in Oklahoma, traveled to the Northern Mariana Islands for ministry responsibilities. As a powerful typhoon approached Saipan, the airport closed and flights were canceled, leaving Doug on the island as conditions rapidly worsened.

He sent an urgent prayer request to International Headquarters, asking staff and members to pray for his safety and for those in the storm's path. Soon, Gideons and Auxiliary throughout the Association were interceding on his behalf.

Early the next morning, he sent an update:

"It is Wednesday, April 15th, and it's 4:35 a.m. from the island of Saipan in Northern Mariana. I have survived the night, but not a lot of sleep. The eye of the storm just finished passing through. I've never heard wind so loud hitting my door of my room and the various items flying through the air throughout the night. But I'm safe, and the Lord has kept His hand over me."

The storm continued for two more days and nights, but Doug remained safe and continued asking for prayer for others affected. He was ultimately able to fulfill his ministry responsibilities, meeting with local Gideons and speaking at a local church.

Doug's experience offered a vivid reminder of something Gideons and Auxiliary practice every day: wherever ministry takes place, prayer surrounds it.

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

—Matthew 7:7 (ESV)

A Weekly Rhythm of Prayer

The commitment to prayer begins close to home. Camps around the world are encouraged to gather each week for 30 minutes of corporate prayer, bringing ministry needs before the Lord and strengthening their fellowship with one another.

Camp Chaplain Kiley Hawkins of the West Wilson Camp in Tennessee describes what that time means to his camp:

“Our Saturday morning prayer meeting is one of the most intimate times we share as a camp. It’s wonderfully informal—the kind of setting where real relationships develop—yet it’s also sacred and serious, a space where we open our hearts to God and to one another. Each week we also send a GideonCard to a local pastor to let him know he is being prayed for. The Saturday morning prayer meeting is the quiet heartbeat of what we do here.”





Standing in the Gap through Prayer

Gideons pray for all aspects of their camps, ministry reach, and Gospel work.

A camp in West Africa had reached a difficult point. The members were struggling and the future of the camp's ministry appeared uncertain. Rather than accept the loss of Gospel witness in that area, local Gideon Bob Mays sent a request asking Gideons and Auxiliary in other locations to begin praying for the camp to be revived.

Believers responded faithfully, lifting the camp before the Lord and asking Him to strengthen the work, raise up laborers, and open doors for renewed ministry. In time, Bob shared encouraging news with those who had been praying: God had answered. The camp was revived through the addition of 10 new Gideons and two Auxiliary members ready to continue the work.

This testimony is a reminder that prayer is never passive. As believers stand in the gap for one another and for the Association, God continues to strengthen His people and provide for the work of sharing the Gospel. The camp is now active, sharing the Gospel, and reaching their community.



Across Camps, Countries, and Continents

Each year on the second Saturday of June, Gideons and Auxiliary observe the International Day of Prayer, joining together across the world in thanksgiving for God's faithfulness and seeking His continued blessing and direction.

Around the world, members pray for the needs of The Gideons International, churches, national and world leaders, spiritual revival, open doors for ministry, and the salvation of those who do not know Jesus Christ.

From a weekly gathering in Tennessee to a Gideon weathering a typhoon in Saipan, prayer connects members across camps, countries, and continents. Day by day and around the world, Gideons and Auxiliary seek the Lord together, trusting Him to direct their ministry efforts and open doors for the Gospel.

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God
for salvation to everyone who believes.*

—Romans 1:16 (ESV)

Praying Together Each Day

Prayer extends beyond the weekly camp meeting. The Daily Prayer & Bible Reading Calendar gives members specific needs to lift before the Lord each day, uniting Gideons and Auxiliary in focused prayer for Association leaders, ministry activity, churches, communities, and opportunities to share the Gospel.

Whether members are praying individually at home or together as a camp, these daily needs create a shared rhythm of prayer across the Association.



See
Testimony
Video Now

Katherine was shy about counseling clients at the pregnancy crisis center in California where she served. And sitting across from a pregnant teen, she became even more anxious about an opportunity to share the Gospel. But then, she recalled a simple tip from a personal witnessing resource she had received as an Auxiliary through The Gideons.



Men and Women Who Witness

Gideons and Auxiliary seek opportunities to tell others about Jesus Christ and recognize that Scripture distribution is accompanied by the responsibility to share their faith personally, following biblical principles found in Matthew 28:19–20, Acts 1:8, Proverbs 11:30, and 2 Corinthians 4:13.

Be Ready

Personal witnessing often begins with a simple conversation, but only God knows where that conversation will lead.

Gene and Shirley Heibert of the Albany Camp (Oregon Southwest Idaho) have faithfully shared the Gospel since joining The Gideons International in 1977. While shopping in California, Gene gave a Personal Workers Testament to a young man named Jaden, briefly shared the Gospel, and tucked his contact information inside.

Five months later, Jaden texted Gene. After reading the Testament, he had placed his faith in Christ. Over the next two years, Gene encouraged him through Scripture, prayer, and regular messages. When Jaden was tragically killed just before his 18th birthday, his family discovered Gene’s texts and learned how God had transformed their son’s life.

Today, Jaden’s parents are attending church and finding hope in Christ—a reminder that every conversation, every prayer, and every Testament can have an eternal impact.

Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

—Acts 1:8 (KJV)

Personal witnessing is a cornerstone of The Gideons International. Gideons and Auxiliary members purchase Personal Workers Testaments so they can share the truth of the Gospel when personal evangelism opportunities arise. Even when not participating in an organized Scripture distribution effort, they have the Word of God readily available to share.



The Conversations Program Trains and Equips

The Christian's responsibility is a very serious one. Between God and a perishing world stand the Book, the Holy Spirit, and the believer. Our responsibility is to engage in personal evangelism and support the church in organized evangelistic efforts. Counsel those to whom we witness in the Christian walk.

Conversations—A Simple Approach to Sharing the Gospel provides an excellent opportunity to learn how to share faith in Christ or to sharpen witnessing skills. It is also an exciting way The Gideons International seeks to partner with

pastors and local churches by offering a personal witnessing training course. Through this two-hour course led by a Gideon instructor, participants discover the simplicity of the Gospel and walk away with practical tools and resources to confidently share their faith.



**See Testimony
Video Now**

As a college student in southern Illinois who grew up with godly parents, John had turned his back on Jesus. But when he got news of the tragic death of his best friend, he began to realize the emptiness in his own heart. It was then that a Gideon handed him a Testament and shared a word of witness, which would set him on a new path.

PARTNERS IN THE GREAT COMMISSION



Helping Churches Expand Their Gospel Impact

The Gideons International's partnership with tens of thousands of Protestant and evangelical churches continued to deepen this year through church presentations, prayer support, membership recommendations, and shared Gospel outreach.

The experiences in this section reveal that The Gideons International serves as a missionary arm of the church. These partnerships between Gideons and churches helped support pastors, train evangelists, and extend the reach of God's Word into communities around the world.

Gideons take seriously the importance of the local church. In fact, all Gideons must be recognized by their pastors as members in good standing of a local Protestant or evangelical church before joining The Gideons. Churches recommended qualified business and professional men of their congregations to join The Gideons International, where they could use their God-given talents while being equipped for greater leadership and personal witness in advancing the Gospel. As these men and their wives stepped forward in faith and joined the Association, they became part of a shared mission focused on winning others for the Lord Jesus Christ through strengthening one another, spreading the Gospel, and sharing God's Word in unique areas.

Gideons and Auxiliary share the Word of God and their personal word of witness with those who so desperately need it. Church congregations provide a strong base of prayer, funding, and recommending new potential members. Through the partnership between churches and The Gideons International, the lost are reached locally and around the world.

Each Gideon camp holds an Annual Pastors Event to strengthen pastors and church leaders by showing sincere appreciation for their ministry, the desire to partner together, and articulating the mission of the church with The Gideons International and the value of an ongoing partnership.

Gideons also partner in sharing the Gospel whether by distributions at Vacation Bible Schools or leading Conversations workshops so that together the Gospel will be shared with greater effectiveness.

This year, churches worldwide increased their Gospel impact as they partnered with The Gideons. Through their generosity, more than \$24,177,356 was provided to help equip Gideons to personally witness and share God's Word with those in need of Christ.



29,885

USA Church Presentations

\$24,177,356

USA Church Offerings

Nearly 30,000 churches in the USA opened their doors for The Gideons to encourage congregations with testimonies of how the Lord is moving throughout the Association. These church presentations by Gideon guest speakers may feature audio-video content and can range from a minute in length to the full service, depending on the request of the pastor.

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A Partnership Built on God's Word

Partnerships with pastors are foundational to Gideon support of local churches. This example shows the deep connections between the pastor, his church, and The Gideons.

Founded in 1789, First Baptist Church Sevierville is one of Tennessee's oldest congregations. Today, under the leadership of Pastor Dan Spencer, the church continues its strong commitment to Gospel outreach both locally and globally.

Many church members also serve with The Gideons International, including International President Kevin Keck. That shared commitment to evangelism has created a long-standing partnership centered on helping people encounter God's Word.

Pastor Dan's appreciation for The Gideons began during childhood, when he attended annual Gideon Sunday presentations led by a local Gideon known for his godly character and faithful witness.

At a recent international gathering of Gideons, Pastor Dan was deeply encouraged by the faithful commitment to the Gospel demonstrated by members from around the world.

"We may never again be in a room with this many godly laymen," he remarked to a fellow church leader.

Today, First Baptist Sevierville hosts annual Gideon speakers and GideonCard displays, including Spanish-language GideonCards for the Hispanic congregation. Church leadership also regularly recommends qualified men for Gideon membership.

One of the church's most meaningful partnerships with The Gideons takes place during Vacation Bible School, where students of approved ages receive Testaments and hear a clear presentation of the Gospel.

For Pastor Dan, that faithful commitment to Scripture and evangelism is what makes the partnership so valuable.

"God's Word changes lives," he says. "And when pastors and Gideons work together, people encounter that Word."





The Godly Influence of The Gideons on Pastors

The Gideons and pastoral ministry are deeply connected, as this example from Japan illustrates.

Gideons recently hosted a Pastors Appreciation Luncheon in Japan. Guests were astounded to learn that one in three pastors in attendance testified they were originally led to their pastoral calling through the direct influence of a Testament or a member of The Gideons.

“We were deeply moved by God’s wonderful work and give thanks to the Lord,” said Takashi Tomizawa, International Trustee for Japan.

Our commitment to prayer and personal witnessing not only leads individuals to salvation but continues strengthening the foundation of the local church for years to come.

***Your word is a lamp to my feet and
a light to my path.***

—Psalm 119:105 (ESV)



**See Testimony
Video Now**

Though raised by godly parents, John rejected the Lord, ending up on the wrong side of the law. But then a Testament he received from The Gideons led him out of darkness and eventually into the pulpit.



Standing Up to the Risk of Persecution for the Gospel

Enduring partnerships are often forged in the fires of adversity. A strong partnership formed between this pastor and local Gideons through sharing the Gospel in Colombia.

Decades ago, distributing Scriptures in Colombia carried significant risks, requiring Gideons to operate with immense faith and courage. Pastor Luis Romero remembers those days, watching Christian businessmen boldly navigate dangerous territories. “To distribute Testaments meant risking being stoned,” he recalls.

Today, Pastor Romero views The Gideons not merely as a visiting organization but also as a vital extension of the outreach of his own church, Sarón Iglesia. “The mission of the church is to preach the Gospel,” he says. “And one way to do that is to come alongside The Gideons International that has in its heart the desire to share the Word.”

Pastor Romero is thankful for the partnership between The Gideons and his church.

Praying in the Background for Pastors

Gideons and Auxiliary faithfully pray for pastors, congregations, and churches around the world.

Whether through personally praying alongside pastors, on bended knees at weekly camp prayer meetings, or in solitary moments during personal devotion times, members daily ask God to strengthen church leaders, open doors for ministry, and deepen Gospel partnerships within local communities.

Often, the prayers of our members occur not from a platform but quietly in the backdrop of everyday life. In a practice that echoes Christ's teaching on prayer in Matthew 6:6, wives and widows of Gideons in the Auxiliary take part in prayer drives, gathering together and traveling to churches, stopping in their parking lots, and praying for the churches. Uplifting pastors and their members in this private way allows the Auxiliary to intercede

personally without interrupting a pastor's day.

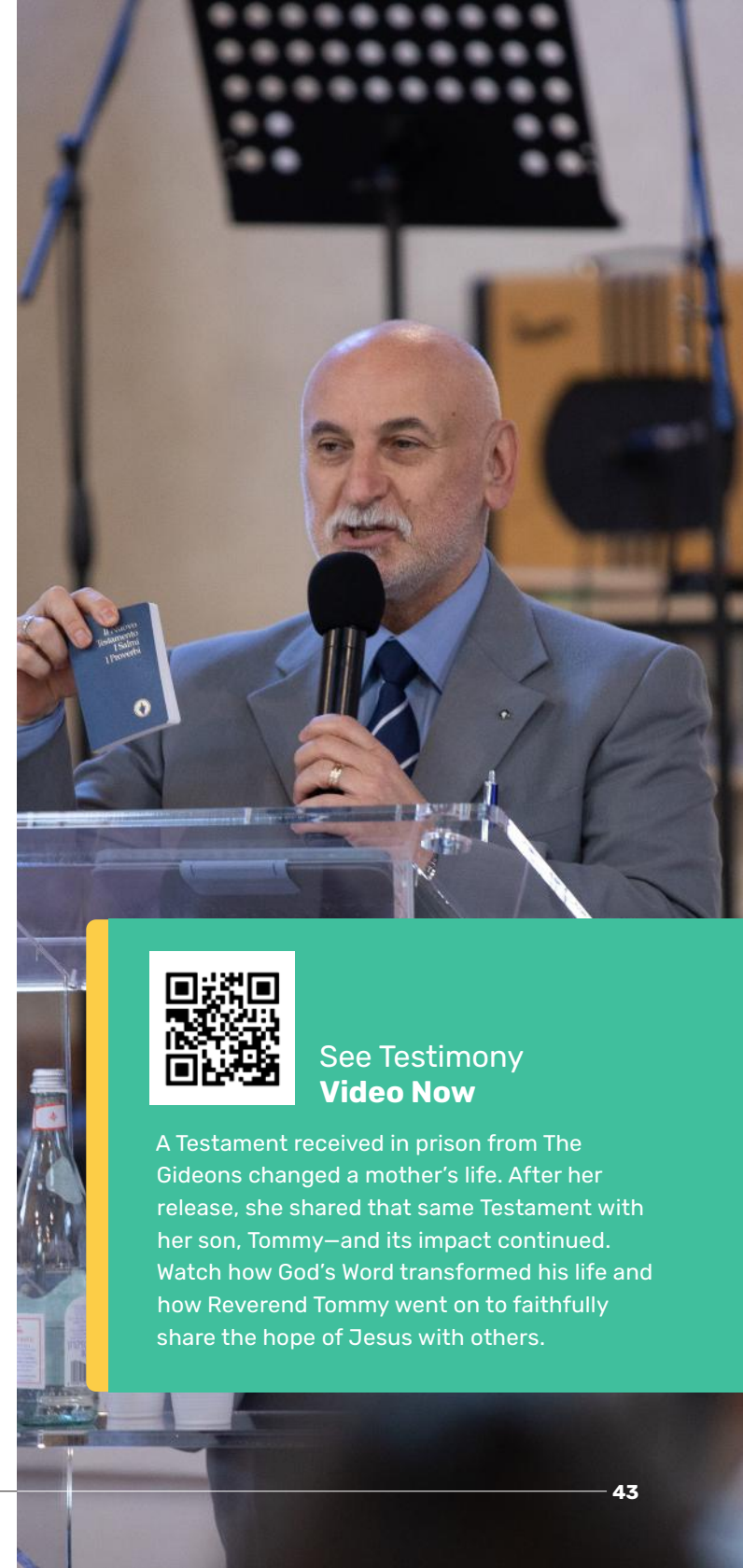
"Pastors face a heavy burden with the need to care for their congregations and balance that with the need to care for their families," explains Catherine Flinn of the Auxiliary in the West Wilson Camp in Tennessee. For this reason, she actively participates in prayer drives.

From their cars, the Auxiliary pray for pastors' spiritual strength, physical health, family needs, and faithfulness in preaching God's Word. Afterward, they often sign and send GideonCards as an added encouragement.

This quiet ministry reflects the heart of the Auxiliary: women called by faith and moved to action, strengthening pastors and churches through faithful, behind-the-scenes prayer.

But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

—Matthew 6:6 (ESV)



**See Testimony
Video Now**

A Testament received in prison from The Gideons changed a mother's life. After her release, she shared that same Testament with her son, Tommy—and its impact continued. Watch how God's Word transformed his life and how Reverend Tommy went on to faithfully share the hope of Jesus with others.



“ This morning when visiting a neighboring church I was met by a young lad who had been given ten Life Books two weeks ago. He told me that within ten minutes of arriving at school all the Life Books were gone and there were other students requesting more. ”

—Rob Bruning, Amuri Camp

Mobilizing Student Missionaries with The Life Book

As an extension of the church, Gideons use Life Books to equip youth to share the Gospel with their peers.

The Life Book Movement, fully funded by The Gideons since 2012, has engaged tens of millions of youth with the Gospel.

This past year, church youth groups mobilized to share copies of The Life Book featuring a summary of the Old Testament, the complete Gospel of Mark or John (ESV), and student-written comments addressing real-life questions and doubts. The impact quickly spread.

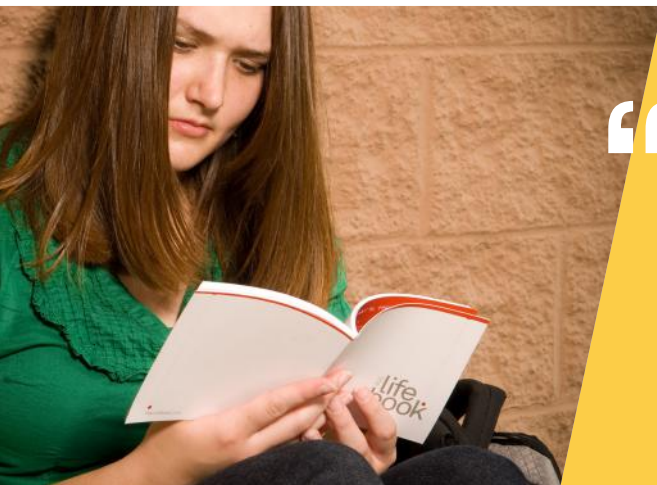
By equipping youth with 3,599,200 Life Books to share the Gospel with their peers this year, The Gideons help the next generation of believers discover the joy of personal witnessing, while reaching more youth through peer-to-peer sharing of the Gospel.



3,599,200

Copies of The Life Book Shared from Youth to Their Peers

For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2026



“ We love the outreach opportunity The Life Book gives our students. We ordered some and love them. They’re perfect for our students to give as gifts to their peers. They are giving them to their unsaved friends and continue to come back asking for more to give. ”

—Ethan C., Youth Leader



Learn More
**about The
Life Book**

Scan the QR code or visit
TheLifeBook.com to order free copies
for students to share with their peers.

*And let us consider how to
stir up one another to love
and good works.*

—Hebrews 10:24 (ESV)





PROVIDING GOD'S WORD WHERE THE NEED IS GREATEST



Making a Difference Through Financial Generosity

The Faith Fund Program reflects believers giving together across borders, languages, and cultures for the sake of the Gospel.

Throughout the year, members and non-member donors gave to help provide Scriptures, support ministry growth, and strengthen Gospel witness in places where local opportunities often exceed local means.

Donations to the Faith Fund ensure Scriptures are printed, purchased, and shipped; while donations to the Barnabas Fund ensure members in international countries are resourced, trained, and equipped to expand the International Countries Ministry. The Barnabas Fund provides financial support in countries around the world to establish new camps, recruit additional members, and share the Gospel more effectively.

Thank you for helping place God's Word into waiting hands—and for equipping members to share its life-changing message.

Through state convention offerings, Annual Pastor Events, Area Faith Fund meetings and rallies, the International Convention, and other Faith Fund giving opportunities, God's people

gave faithfully so that His Word could be shared more widely.

We praise God for the impact being made through the Faith Fund as Scriptures are placed into the hands of people who may not otherwise have access to a copy of their own.

\$28,965,057

USA FAITH FUND GIVING

\$2,410,331

USA BARNABAS FUND GIVING

For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2026

*For the ministry of this service is
not only supplying the needs of the
saints but is also overflowing in many
thanksgivings to God.*

—2 Corinthians 9:12 (ESV)



God's Word for Every Student

Made possible by gifts to the Faith Fund, Gideons return to distribute Scriptures in a school in South Africa.

At a church service during the 2026 South Africa International Scripture Blitz, a local Gideon met Dr. Rachaelina, Deputy Minister of the Department of Basic Education for the Republic of South Africa. A door suddenly opened for greater Gospel impact.

Dr. Rachaelina invited Gideons to visit a school that held special significance for her—a school where she had once taught and later served as principal. Because of the generosity of Faith Fund supporters, Gideons were able to provide a copy of God's Word to every student free of charge, ensuring each young person received access to the life-changing truth of Scripture.

"What I love is the culture of the school," Dr. Rachaelina said. "They know Christ; they know God. We heard in the assembly the way they sing, the way that indeed they are the children of God. But for them having received the Scriptures, it's a cherry on top."

She noted that while many students hear Scripture in church, having their own copy of God's Word allows them to grow deeper in their understanding of the truth.

The distribution was made possible through Faith Fund support, which helps provide Scriptures in countries around the world where local resources alone cannot meet the need. Through the faithful giving of members and ministry partners, students received far more than a book—they received direct access to God's Word.

Self-supported National Associations, such as South Africa, provide for their own Scripture needs while also contributing generously to the International Countries Fund. This faithful financial support ensures that international regions with vast distribution opportunities can continuously share the Gospel.

"It's a gift that they will never forget," Dr. Rachaelina said. "It will take them to their future."

The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

—Psalm 119:130 (ESV)



Men and Women Who Give

Gideons and Auxiliary willingly give their time, energy, and resources to help fulfill the Gospel mission. Their love for God's Word and desire to see others reached for Christ lead them to serve faithfully and participate in the work of their camps, following biblical principles found in 2 Corinthians 8:5, 8, 24, 1 Chronicles 29:11–14, and 2 Corinthians 9:7.



Friends of Gideons Provides Vital Prayer and Financial Support

Friends of Gideons are dedicated non-members who provide vital prayer and financial support to the ministry by participating in events like Faith Fund Rallies. Their faithful contributions help supply international Scriptures, actively advancing our mission to win souls.

Consider who you can invite to Friends of Gideons. Friends are non-members who have a heart for seeing people come to Christ and are committed to seeing the work of The Gideons International grow. Friends pray for certain

needs of the Association and give as God leads to support carrying out the ministry of The Gideons.

There are no qualifications to become a Friend except having a heart for seeing people come to Christ and a desire to support Gideons and their wives in carrying out the work of The Gideons International. While Friends are not members of The Gideons International, they do pray and give to further the work of Gideons around the world. Signing up or inviting others to join is easy with the *FriendsOfGideons.org* online Invite Page.



5,730

NEW FRIENDS

36,634

TOTAL FRIENDS



**Learn More
About Friends
of Gideons**

Discover more about the Friends of Gideons and how you can support The Gideons International as a Friend.



The Ripple Effect in Cambodia

During the 2025 Cambodia International Scripture Blitz, Gideons and Auxiliary shared copies of God's Word. They also received testimonies of how earlier Scripture distributions were still bearing fruit.

"Many times, I was told by teachers and pastors that it was decades ago in a Thailand refugee camp where they were given a Scripture from The Gideons and came to know Jesus," said one member who participated in the blitz.

This ripple effect shows how International Scripture Blitzes supported by Faith Fund giving can help plant seeds that bear Gospel fruit for generations. These teachers and pastors continue the Gospel work.



So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

—Isaiah 55:11 (ESV)



One Scripture Passed Along Changes a Life

Organized, intentional Scripture distribution activities often impact unexpected recipients.

A Gideon was concluding his presentation to a church congregation in Togo when a man in the audience unexpectedly stood up to speak. “It was a New Testament placed by the Gideons that led me to Christ,” he said.

Formerly a Muslim, the man explained that the Testament had been passed to him by a student who received it earlier during a distribution at a local school.

The man shared that when he opened the Testament and read John 14:6—where Jesus

says, “I am the way, the truth, and the life”—he felt a deep spiritual challenge. That single verse ultimately led him to attend a Gospel revival service, where he dedicated his life to Christ.

Every day, God uses Gideons and Auxiliary members to share His Word, confident in the promise that it will not return empty (Isaiah 55:11). He uses faithful donors to provide Scriptures, and He even uses initial recipients who pass those Testaments along to others. Ultimately, it is Jesus who takes these unexpected circumstances and transforms spiritual death into eternal life—in Togo and around the world.



Men and Women of Faith

Faith is foundational to the Christian life and to the service of Gideons and Auxiliary. Trusting in God and His promises, members depend upon Him as they pray, witness, and serve, following biblical principles found in Hebrews 11:1, Hebrews 11:6, and Ephesians 2:8.

God's Word Shared Locally and Around

THE WORLD



Every GideonCard Touches Multiple Lives

The GideonCard Bible Program is a simple way to help fulfill the Great Commission by providing copies of God's Word. Every Scripture donated allows Gideon members to share the Good News of Jesus Christ locally and around the world.

As supporters of The Gideons sent GideonCards this year, they shared more than a message of sympathy or care. They offered personal encouragement, a Scripture verse, and a witness to the hope found in Christ. In addition to ministering to each recipient, every \$5 given through GideonCards helped provide approximately one full Bible or four Testaments for distribution worldwide.

For decades, families have been using GideonCards to share the Gospel with others while commemorating important events with heartfelt and faith-filled greetings. Over time, the choice to regularly send GideonCards can

become a tradition of generosity and witness as God's Word is consistently provided worldwide.

Placing a GideonCard display in partnering churches provides an accessible way for congregations to participate in the Great Commission. Church members can conveniently use the free cards in these displays to honor loved ones while directly funding the global distribution of God's Word.

When donations for Bibles have been made in memory of a loved one, the camp GideonCard Bible chairman, or another camp member, together with a member of the Auxiliary (if appropriate), may arrange to personally visit the bereaved family following the funeral and present an In Memoriam Presentation Bible. This Bible is representative of the Bibles placed in memory of the deceased.



New 2026 GideonCard Designs

Each year new GideonCard designs are released. Each category—Thinking/Praying, Ministry Appreciation, In Memory, and In Recognition—features a fresh design available online through *theConnection* Store and at GideonCard.org.

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

—2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV)

How to Send a GideonCard



Select an In Honor or In Memory card from a display or at GideonCard.org to encourage a friend or loved one.



Donate Bibles by completing a donation envelope, scanning the QR code, or visiting GideonCard.org.



Personalize the card with a meaningful message and send the card knowing you are blessing both the card recipient while reaching some around the world with God's Word.



Card Donations Help Place Scriptures into Open Hands

Through the faithful support of those donating through the GideonCard Bible Program, Scriptures were provided in local communities and around the world—including at a recent 2026 Ethiopia International Scripture Blitz.

With faith in God's Word, members share Scriptures locally, at distributions throughout their country, and internationally. Some Gideons travel to foreign lands to serve alongside local Gideons and Auxiliary members, encouraging one another while placing Scriptures into the hands of people eager to receive them and share the hope found in Jesus Christ—just as they regularly do in their daily lives.

Scriptures provided through GideonCard donations are used locally, domestically, and internationally, such as those distributed during the 2026 Ethiopia International Scripture Blitz. The blitz week brought real challenges: high altitude, fuel shortages, and persistent rain made the work difficult. Even so, members pressed forward with compassionate hearts, trusting the Lord to open doors. They served at school gates and distribution points, encouraging one another and taking time to pray and speak personally with those receiving the Scriptures.

By the end of the week, 101,243 people had received a copy of God's Word, and 128 made a public

response to the Gospel. While the team faced many challenges, they never faced the hardship of running out of Bibles. We thank God for those whose faithful support through GideonCards helps provide Scriptures for special events like International Scripture Blitzes, as well as the daily opportunities members have to share the truth of the Gospel in their own communities.

Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands unto God.

—Psalm 68:31 (KJV)

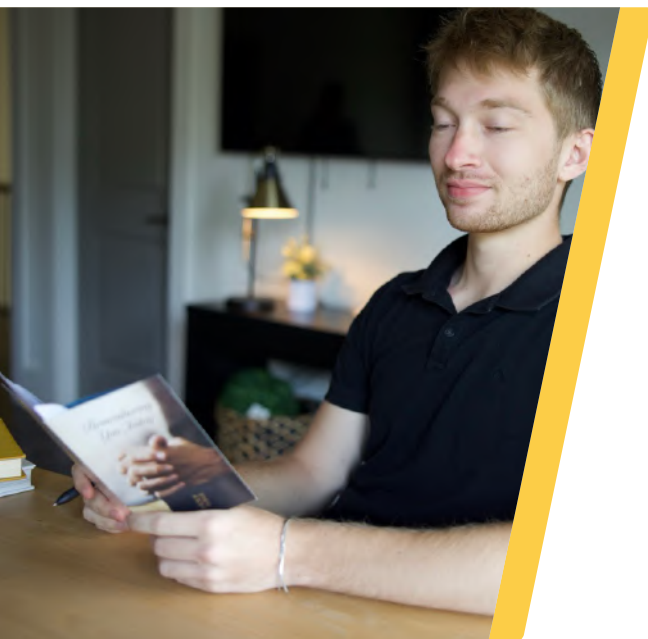
“ In the midst of sorrow and loss, God faithfully provides hope. Through the loving gifts of friends and family, 1,308 Bibles have been placed in memory of my husband through the GideonCard Bible Program. Each Bible has the potential to touch so many lives with the transforming power of God’s Word. What began as a season of grief has become a testimony of God’s faithfulness. Because of generous believers, I find joy in knowing that His Word continues to reach hearts and bring hope, fulfilling His promise to bring beauty from ashes. ”

—Jana Scheer, Auxiliary, Camp Wood County (Ohio)



Learn More
**About
GideonCards**

Visit GideonCard.org to send a physical or electronic GideonCard, make a Scripture donation for a card selected from a church display, or learn more about the GideonCard Bible Program.



A Life Changed by God's Word

GideonCards honor the memory of a loved one and provide a powerful reminder of how God uses His Word to bring hope.

Volunteers serving at an addiction recovery center were discussing how best to honor the memory of a grandfather who had recently passed away. Some suggested sending flowers. Others proposed making a donation through the GideonCard Bible Program to help provide Scriptures in his memory.

Overhearing the conversation, one former resident shared why the idea resonated so deeply with her.

"I love the GideonCard idea," she told them. "I remember staying in hotels and motels during my struggle with addiction and seeing a Bible on the nightstand in some of the darkest days of my life. It always gave me hope."

Her words immediately changed the conversation.

Now walking with Christ and helping other women find freedom from addiction, she offered a powerful reminder of how God uses His Word to bring hope.

“ In the 1990s, I attended the funeral of a friend's mother. As I was leaving the service, I saw GideonCard information displayed in the lobby. After getting home and reading the GideonCard information, I decided I would never again send flowers to a funeral. Instead, I would send ten Bibles . . . in memory of their loved one. We have also sent Bibles in honor of graduates and for other special occasions. Until God calls us home, we will continue to honor His Name through the ministry of The Gideons International. ”

—Everett and Debora (Georgia)



Celebrating Christmas with Birthday for Jesus

Birthday for Jesus is an annual tradition embraced by individuals, families, and churches to keep Christ at the center of Christmas. It's also a powerful way for churches to partner with their local Gideons in providing Scriptures in the local community and around the world.

Donors place a special ornament on a Christmas tree—either at home or at church—as a reminder of those who will be introduced to the Savior through their gift. Churches share the opportunity to give throughout December, using printed forms or by directing donors to [BirthdayForJesus.org](https://www.BirthdayForJesus.org).

This growing movement continues to change lives, as more and more ornaments fill trees in participating churches across the United States.

Birthday for Jesus is an easy, fun way for individuals and families to focus on the true meaning of Christmas—honoring the Savior by sharing His story.



God continues to raise up Scripture funds through the Nashville Baptist Church (Michigan) as they presented a check for Birthday for Jesus to the Barry Hastings Camp in early January in the amount of \$30,100. This gift came shortly after the passing of long-time pastor, Lester DeGroot. He was instrumental in getting this project started several years ago. Associate Pastor Deano Lamphere has continued that effort, resulting in this generous gift.



—Bruce Chadwick
Ionia County Camp (Michigan)

Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations.

—Luke 24:47 (KJV)



See Birthday
for Jesus
in Action

Watch how Birthday for Jesus helps churches and families celebrate Christ's birth while providing God's Word to people around the world.



**WAYS TO GIVE
AND GROW**

GOD'S KINGDOM

Generous Giving Leads To Gospel Impact

Faithful generosity helps place God's Word into the hands of people around the world.

Through one-time gifts, recurring support, planned giving, and other stewardship opportunities, members, donors, churches, and friends of the Association (Friends of Gideons) help extend Gospel witness in ways that reach far beyond a single moment. Each gift supports a shared focus: equipping Gideons and Auxiliary as they witness, distribute Scriptures, and serve in their communities and around the world.

This is more than financial support. It is faith in action. God uses the obedience of His people to open doors for personal witness, provide Scriptures where they are needed most, and point hearts to Jesus Christ. Behind every act of generosity is the opportunity for someone to encounter the hope of the Gospel.

We invite you to explore the giving opportunities available and prayerfully consider how the Lord may lead you to participate. As we associate together for service, God continues to use His people and His Word to change lives for eternity.

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

—2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)

Cash & Monthly Gifts

Many generous donors choose to give a one-time gift of cash or monthly recurring donation that can be made online with a credit card or bank ACH draft. Other giving options include mailing a check or calling to make a gift over the phone. Cash gifts will be used immediately to support the work of The Gideons International.

GideonCard: In Memory and In Honor

The GideonCard Bible Program offers a way for donors to provide Scriptures for distribution by Gideon members worldwide. Donations are often made in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone being encouraged or celebrated. A GideonCard may be sent to the individual or family to acknowledge the gift and share that it will result in copies of God's Word being placed where needed.

Bequests: Wills & Trusts

Including The Gideons International in a will or trust is a way donors choose to make a lasting impact beyond their lifetime. This type of planned gift does not affect personal finances during life and can be adjusted as circumstances change. Bequests may support the overall ministry or be directed toward specific areas, depending on the donor's wishes.

Appreciated Stocks & Securities

Some donors choose to give appreciated stocks or securities as a way to support the work of The Gideons International. These types of gifts may offer certain tax advantages, such as avoiding capital gains taxes and qualifying for income tax deductions. By reducing the overall cost of giving, appreciated assets can make it possible to contribute at a higher level.

Retirement Plans

Individuals age 70½ and older can give through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA, which may also count toward Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) for those 73 and older. Additionally, The Gideons International can be named as a beneficiary of most retirement accounts to support the Association through a legacy gift after passing.

Personal Property & Assets

A variety of property types can be donated to support the mission of The Gideons International. Examples include residential or commercial real estate, business interests, commodities, vehicles, oil and gas interests, and other appreciated assets. These non-cash gifts offer a meaningful way to contribute to the Association's ongoing work.



Church Offerings

The Gideons International partners with evangelical and Protestant churches around the world. Members visit congregations to share ministry updates, request prayer, and receive support to help share the Gospel. For those not able to give during the service, donations can also be made online to provide Scriptures to be distributed by Gideon members.

Make a Difference Through Friends of Gideons

Friends of Gideons are faithful supporters who long to see lives changed by the Gospel. Through their prayers and ongoing financial support, they help equip Gideons and Auxiliary to fulfill the single objective of winning others for the Lord Jesus Christ. Their gifts provide practical tools—from personal witnessing and business skill training to providing opportunities to share Scriptures. As a result, lives are being transformed in local communities around the world. The Gospel advances, hearts are changed, and God is glorified. Consider joining Friends of Gideons—or, if you're a member, invite someone you know to visit FriendsofGideons.org.

Planned Giving Strategies

Certain giving methods—such as after-lifetime or dual-benefit gifts—can support The Gideons International while helping meet broader financial

goals, such as generating lifetime income or protecting assets. Options may include Charitable Gift Annuities, Donor Advised Funds, Life Insurance, Charitable Trusts, or Retained Life Estate arrangements, depending on how they align with a donor's overall planning.

Torchbearers: Shine the Light for Generations to Come

What if your faith could shine long after you're gone? By including The Gideons International in your will, trust, life insurance policy, or as a beneficiary to a financial account, you can help send the Gospel to places you may never go—impacting people you may never meet.

When you make this eternal investment, you become a Torchbearer—one of a faithful group whose legacy lights the way for future generations. Just as Gideon's 300 men broke their jars to let their torches blaze (Judges 7:16-20), your gift helps break through spiritual darkness with the light of God's Word.

We thank God for our Torchbearers who choose to leave a legacy to The Gideons International, supporting the free distribution of the Word of God. Every soul reached through your generosity will reveal God's glory. Let your light keep shining. To share your plans or learn more, contact the Donor Support Team at our International Headquarters. We'd be honored to walk with you as you leave a legacy that lasts forever.



Talk to Our Staff Professionals

Our Donor Support team is available to help you consider giving options that align with your values and goals. Whether you are exploring current giving or planning for the future, we are here to serve you with care and clarity.

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Central Time

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✉ donorsupport@gideons.org

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Mark D. Becknal

 MESSAGE FROM
INTERNATIONAL
TREASURER

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

—Philippians 1:3–5 (ESV)

When God's people respond in faith, lives are changed for eternity. Over the past twelve months, through the faithful partnership of members, donors, and churches, 63,804,599 Scriptures were placed in the hands of people around the world. We praise God for His provision and power, because behind every number is a person with an opportunity to encounter the living hope of Jesus Christ.

As International Treasurer, I am deeply grateful for the way God has worked through your generosity. Your support is far more than a financial transaction. It is a testimony of faith and a tangible expression of obedience that helps place God's Word where it is needed most. This year, Gideons shared about the Gospel's impact around the world through church presentations, and believers responded with heartfelt generosity. Donors, members, and churches acted in faith and joined together to fund Scriptures and strengthen this Association.

We hold these entrusted resources with deep reverence and accountability. By God's grace, we remain committed to careful stewardship, transparency, and integrity so that every gift is used to support the Gospel-centered ministry work. Your generosity helps equip members to witness, distribute Scriptures, and share the Gospel in communities around the world.

Thank you for standing with us in this vital work. We thank God for you, and we thank

you for answering His call to invest in eternal impact. As we look ahead, we pray the Lord will continue to bless every gift, every witness, and every Scripture placed, drawing many more people to Himself. Together, we rejoice that The Gospel Is Our Mission.

In Christ,

Mark D. Becknal
International Treasurer

2025-2026 Financial Highlights

The following pages provide a transparent view of our ministry investments, featuring the Statement of Functional Expenses, Statement of Activities, and Statement of Financial Position. These figures show exactly how faith, when moved to action translates into measurable Gospel impact worldwide.

Statement of Activities

OPERATING SUPPORT & REVENUES	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
Contributions			
General	\$25,822,636	\$477,656	\$26,300,292
Endowment		\$912,174	\$912,174
Scriptures	\$75,273,199		\$75,273,199
USA Used at State & Camp Level*	\$9,038,333		\$9,038,333
International Contributions	\$7,995,351		\$7,995,351
Nonfinancial Assets	\$476,500		\$476,500
Revenues	\$118,606,019	\$1,389,830	\$119,995,849
Dues Income	\$6,303,594		\$6,303,594
Investment Income (Loss)	\$8,239,924	\$282,658	\$8,522,582
Merchandise Sales	\$3,181,827		\$3,181,827
Other Income	\$367,007	\$376,007	\$376,007
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	\$7,176,894	\$(7,176,894)	\$0
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES	\$143,884,265	\$(5,504,406)	\$138,379,859

*NOTE: State & Local Level Income & Expenses are included in Revenues, as well as Expenses of the Associations. [Funded from personal donations by individual members.]

OPERATING EXPENSES	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
Program Services			
Scripture Purchases & Distribution	\$101,467,483		\$101,467,483
Membership Support & Development	\$18,266,040		\$18,266,040
State & Camp Level*	\$9,543,639		\$9,543,639
Supporting Services			
Management & General	\$9,340,013		\$9,340,013
Fundraising	\$5,234,556		\$5,234,556
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$143,851,731		\$143,851,731

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	\$32,534	\$(5,504,406)	\$(5,471,872)
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NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES	WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
Actuarial Adjustment on Annuity Obligations and Payments to Donors	\$1,749,985	\$348,737	\$2,098,722
Nonqualified Pension Plan Expense	\$(25,181)		\$(25,181)
TOTAL NON-OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$1,724,804	\$348,737	\$2,073,541

Change in Net Assets	\$1,757,338	\$(5,155,669)	\$(3,398,331)
Beginning-of-Year Net Assets	\$107,472,119	\$111,331,694	\$218,803,813
END-OF-YEAR NET ASSETS	\$109,229,457	\$106,176,025	\$215,405,482

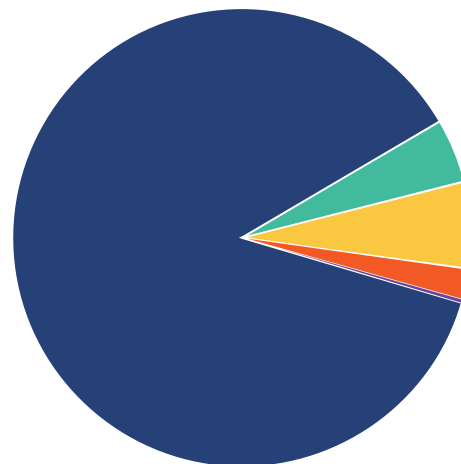
Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$25,959,860
Short-Term Operating Investments	\$98,400,411
Inventories and Other Assets	\$65,494,752
Property and Equipment, Net	\$9,010,334
Assets Held for Long-Term Purposes	\$40,439,335
TOTAL ASSETS	\$239,304,692

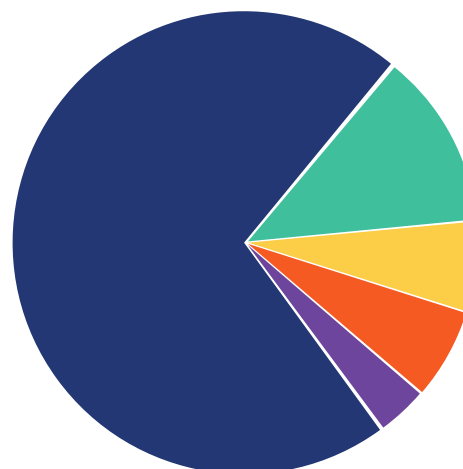
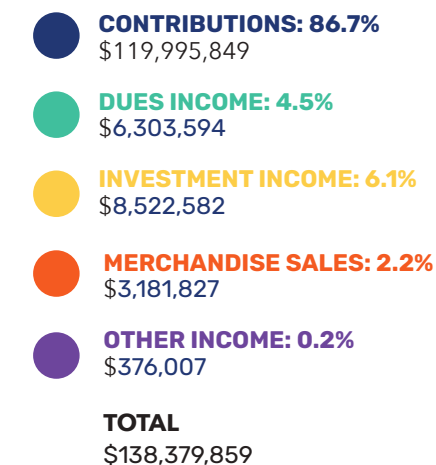
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$8,682,332
Employee Benefit Obligations	\$1,159,609
Annuities and Trusts Payable	\$14,057,269
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$23,899,210

NET ASSETS	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$109,229,457
With Donor Restrictions	106,176,025
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$215,405,482

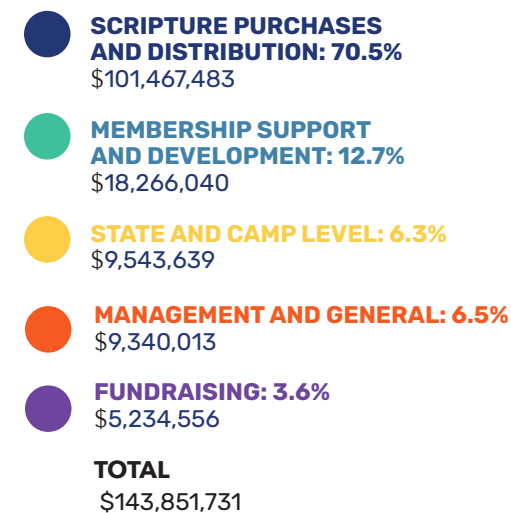
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$239,304,692
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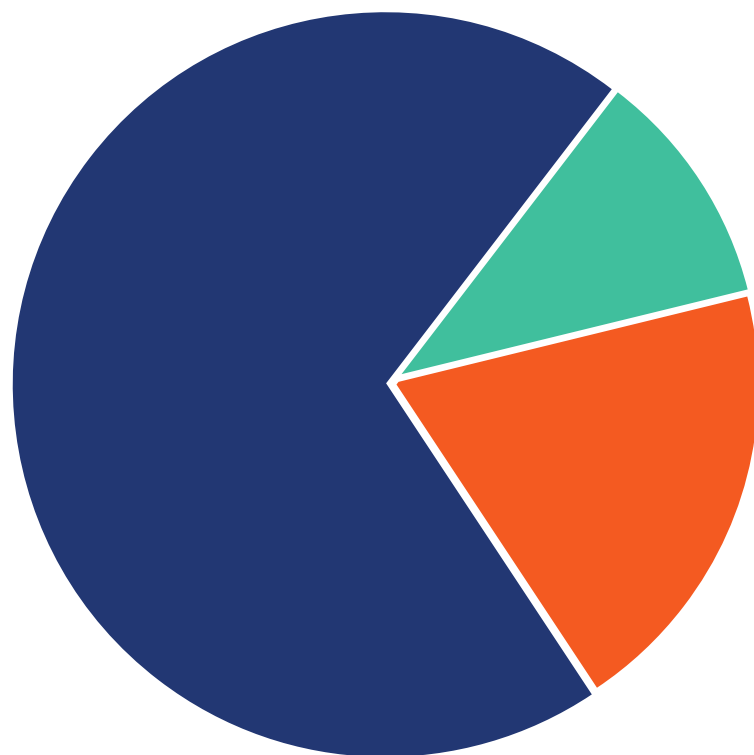


Operating Revenue



Operating Expenses





STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

-  **ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT, GENERAL AND FUNDRAISING: 10.1%**
\$14,574,569
-  **NON-SCRIPTURE PROGRAM SERVICES: 19.3%**
\$27,809,679
-  **SCRIPTURE PURCHASES AND DISTRIBUTIONS: 70.6%**
\$101,467,483

\$143,851,731

TOTAL

For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2026



Guided by God's Word. Grounded in Faithful Service.

It takes men and women of prayer and a separated walk to lead a unified, global Association. Over the past year, the International Officers, Auxiliary Officers, Trustees, State Association Leaders, and Regional Directors recognized here faithfully stewarded our mission with absolute reliance on God. Their servant leadership reflects a deep conviction that when we are called by faith and moved to action, God can use us to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ and change lives for eternity. Through consistent prayer and dedicated oversight, these leaders worked to ensure our members were equipped, encouraged, and focused on the single goal of sharing the hope of the Gospel.

Our Leadership

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

President	Kevin B. Keck
Vice President	André du Plessis
Treasurer	Mark D. Becknal
Secretary	Daniel J. Heighway
Chaplain	Grady Phillips

INTERNATIONAL AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Deena Hubler
Vice President	Patsy Pigford
Secretary	Aimee Beal
Chaplain	Sheila Edwin

Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household?

—Matthew 24:45 (ESV)

INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEES

Australia	Raymond A. Christinat
Brazil	Sidney Lino de Oliveira
Finland	Lasse Schultz
Germany	Yannick Schneider
India	Shajee Joseph
Japan	Takashi Tomizawa
Republic of Korea	Dr. Young-in Kwon
Republic of China (Taiwan)	Jim Liou
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USA Zone 1	John Rotunno
USA Zone 2	Greg Lange
USA Zone 3	John Ortega
USA Zone 4	Larry VanGilder
USA Zone 5	Douglas S. Bicket
USA Zone 6	Ronald Simpson
USA Zone 7	Mark Warsco
USA Zone 8	C. Dan Scott
USA Zone 9	Col. Donald Cobb (Ret)
USA Zone 10	Jerry Clunan
USA Zone 11	Charley Lee Logwood
USA Zone 12	A.C. (Chuck) Smith



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