



LIFT UP YOUR EYES  
AND LOOK AT THE  
FIELDS, FOR THEY  
ARE ALREADY WHITE  
FOR HARVEST.

—John 4:35

*J. Vernon McGee*  
TTB FOUNDER & TEACHER

The remarkable thing about the Word of God  
is that no matter where we turn we find  
a message for us.

—Dr. J. Vernon McGee

Our ministry purpose and priorities still closely follow what Dr. McGee first directed: To help people worldwide grow closer to God through the systematic study of His Word. We believe God has sustained this ministry for this purpose, to take the whole Word to the whole world.

**“THE WHOLE WORD”**

We believe that delivering the whole Word is our calling—every book, every chapter. It explains how to have eternal life, how to know Him, and how to live in this world.

**“TO THE WHOLE WORLD”**

At our core, we are a missionary organization. We daily ask God to give us the creativity, the financial provision, and the connections to take the teaching of God’s Word—in every language possible and by means of every communication method available to us—to the whole world.



 **WorldPrayerToday**  
with THRU THE BIBLE

JOIN THE WORLD PRAYER  
TEAM AT [TTB.ORG/PRAY](http://TTB.ORG/PRAY)

A heartbeat of this ministry will always be the prayers of God’s people for God’s people. Dr. McGee often said people’s prayers were far more important than their gifts, and we see that ministry priority working itself out. Honestly, the mystery behind *Thru the Bible’s* opportunities are the persistent, righteous prayers of our people (James 5:16) and God’s promise to honor His Word (Isaiah 55:11).

Our weekday World Prayer Today email escorts our praying TTB family around the world, country by country. The feedback we get from our prayer warriors is that God blesses them as much as they bless the people in these nations. Isn’t that always God’s way?

More than 8600 intercessors travel the world on their knees every day on the World Prayer Team. If you’re not with us yet—what are you waiting for?

SO WHAT’S NEW AT *THRU THE BIBLE*?

I get asked that question *all* the time! And what’s crazy is I have a new and different answer to share each time. Every week, something great happens through this global ministry, and I often have to hold back my excitement. This ministry is a testimony to God at work. If not for that, it just wouldn’t be happening.

**So, the stories must be told. The Lord must be praised. The work needs prayer support. And rehearsing how God is working bolsters our faith and enthusiasm for challenges yet ahead.**

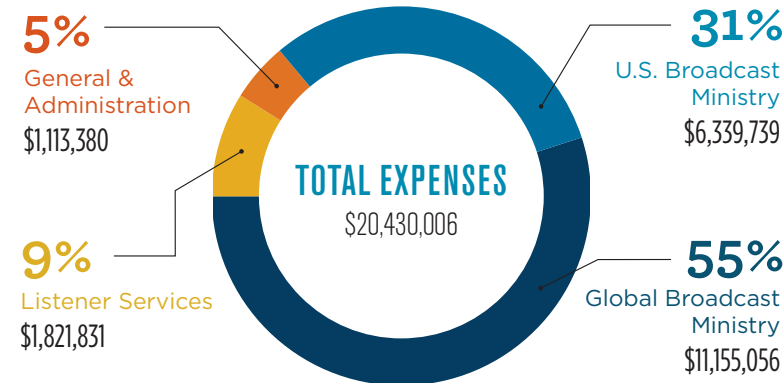
Every Monday, I send a short update to our staff and board leadership of something to praise the Lord and pray about from the global frontline. Now I want to pass them along to you. Inside, you’ll find a quick summary of those email updates from this past year. It’s not a comprehensive look at the ministry, just a taste of things going on.

And remember, behind every update are individuals whose lives have turned around because they’ve heard the good news of Jesus Christ. That’s the mission we are partners in fulfilling. Together—we are taking the whole Word to the whole world. And we’ll do it together until Jesus comes.



*Gregg Harris*  
Thru the Bible President

AT A GLANCE: 2018 FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES



The needs of *Thru the Bible* are provided for solely through the prayer and financial support of its family of listeners. No resources are spent on fundraising. We rely on God to prompt His people to support the ministry efforts that support their spiritual growth and take His whole Word to the whole world.

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THE *President's* UPDATE  
A 2019 MINISTRY UPDATE



  
THRU the BIBLE



# TO: FRIENDS OF THRU THE BIBLE

SUBJECT: GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP  
FROM: GREGG HARRIS, TTB PRESIDENT

## CANADA

Just received an update from our Canadian partners working in Quebec. They are working to place 100 low-power radio stations across this region where less than 1% say they are Christian. In the area where the signal will reach, we have 14 churches ready to respond to people. Please continue to pray as we recruit ministry leaders for this new way to reach out to distant communities across Quebec.

## UNITED STATES

More than 10,000 copies of *Briefing the Bible* have been requested and sent out.

**DON'T HAVE YOURS YET?**  
Get it today at [TTB.org/briefing](http://TTB.org/briefing)



## SOUTH AMERICA

Check out some exciting fruit in South America! Through our new partnership with YouVersion, TTB-Portuguese can now be heard on the YouVersion Bible app. Over 90,000 plans have been downloaded and listened to. Praise the Lord! (We're also testing Russian, Tamil, Mandarin, and Spanish! More on this to come!)



## SOLAR PLAYERS

Many ministry initiatives go on quietly...and even I don't get regular updates. One of those is our partnership with Galcom, who makes and distributes solar-powered audio devices. They recently reported that 5,583 units were distributed in 2018 with TTB on them in the following languages: Spanish, Farsi, Low German, Hausa, Quechua, Malagasy, and Swahili. Most mobile devices impact many people at a time, because people's hunger for God's Word is so great. It's likely this "quiet" initiative touched tens of thousands of lives.

## GERMANY

We don't get a lot of mail from Europe. Hope you enjoy this from Diederich from Frankfurt, Germany: "While I was visiting America, I heard your program and was mystified by it. As a child, I heard from my grandparents that I could have a relationship with God, but not since have I heard it again. I am now on a quest to discover the truth—such a peculiar thing for a man in his 60's to pursue. I am using your website to listen in my German language. Thank you for your help in my quest."

## MIDDLE EAST

The producers of the Arabic TV project, *Kol el Kitab*, have begun working on a new program called *Panorama*—a kind of video version of "Briefing the Bible." These 100 Arabic TV episodes will give an overview of all the books of the Bible. Note: A Persian satellite television program is now approved and in production. Pray for them all!

## FRANCE

Praise the Lord—a re-recording of the TTB-French has been completed!



## UGANDA

Keep praying for Ed Anderson as he is in Uganda meeting with the team that leads our TTB-Luganda ministry. They are discussing new ministry opportunities and expanding reach in the capital city of Kampala. Ed shared the picture above. Some of these men are from South Sudan, a part of the world in great need of God's Word. Ask the Lord to lead these men of God as they deliberate.

## AFRICA

Our TWR partner, Ray Alary, shares this from Africa: "Here, your heart leaps for joy one second, and in the next second it sinks when you see how much still needs to be done. In northern Kenya, I visited the largest refugee camp in Africa—roughly 840,000 people live here. They are people with no hope. But God has historically given us the task of reaching out to the unreachable. We air our programs faithfully, and He does the rest. He has done that again here. In every case in Africa, we have been overwhelmed by the response to the gospel. Pray this will be the same in the camp."



## MONGOLIA

In Mongolia, we have a team from FEBC working hard to share God's Word. Sammy, one of our ministry partners, went shopping in a local shop. While there, he noticed the shopkeeper was listening to *Thru the Bible* on his computer. The shopkeeper and his wife are both Christians and listen to TTB and encourage everyone who comes into the store to engage with them on the Bible. Sammy invited them to the radio station to discuss the Word and to fellowship. The following week they arrived at the station office. Please remember them in your prayers.



## JAPAN

More than 50% of Japan's population has never heard the gospel. Pray they will find *Thru the Bible* and hear about Jesus. In this visit to Toyko, I am encouraged that in spite of cultural resistance to the gospel, some bright young leaders have a heart for getting God's Word to this, one of the largest unreached people groups in the world. We visited one of the 11 secular FM stations that air TTB-Japanese. The young station manager was amazingly open to the value of God's Word. Just imagine being warmly welcomed to air TTB on a secular FM station in the U.S.!...The grace of God can be found in the most unlikely places.



## NEPAL

Visit with Simon Subha, *Thru the Bible's* Nepalese producer since 1994. "Thru the Bible is, without a doubt, a great gift from God to Nepal for His glory and honor. God uses TTB not only to enrich and equip listeners but it also plays a tremendous role in church growth, spiritually and quantitatively. This means that hundreds of churches and believers are protected from cults because of sound Bible teaching. Pray for safety for Christians as government has passed anti-conversion policy targeting them."

## CHINA

Our time in China reminded me of the challenges we face in trying to offer our programming to the world's most populous country! We met Sister Chou who is a devoted listener to TTB. She wanted to know all about Dr. McGee and even took notes as I shared about the history of our ministry. Lots more to think about and discuss regarding ministry in China, but I won't overwhelm you just yet ;-). This email from China: "One day on a train I talked with someone who asked me if I had read the Bible. Previously I had read several chapters, but was left with many unanswered questions. She told me about your program online. That night, I listened to several TTB lessons and understood more in just one hour than I have my entire life. I have since trusted in Jesus as my Savior. God had plans greater than I could know that day on the train." Pray today for more "chance" meetings with followers of Jesus in China.



## INDIA | PAKISTAN | BANGLADESH

The Radio Home Group is one of the most exciting initiatives of the year. As a group, people in India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh will study key TTB material—expanding over the coming years to 124 new languages and a total of 133 million native speakers. (That's more than 1/3 of the U.S. population.) 68 languages are now in production.

## BANGLADESH

One of the leaders of a Christian denomination said that until they studied the book of Luke with TTB, they didn't know Jesus was God. When the Radio Home Group concept was introduced to him, a local pastor said, "I have been praying for something like this for 16 years! Now our people can learn the Word of God systematically."



(Chennai, India) This man leads 130 groups that speak 80 different languages. He loves TTB and listens to TTB-Tamil every day. He wants to work to get TTB into as many of these 80 languages as possible!

## THAILAND

My old FEBC colleague, Noppakhun Prasobkiatkit (Nopp to his friends), sent us some encouraging stories of his team's visits to listeners of TTB-Thai. Look at this picture: MANY of our global listeners live in similar simple circumstances. Yes, we're thrilled to reach people with mobile devices and Internet, but huge numbers of our listeners live this way. For them, radio remains a lifeline.

