2017 FIELD REPORT

Equipping leaders for gospel-centered ministry worldwide.

A YEAR OF CELEBRATION

It was a wonderful year for LMW as we celebrated our 25th anniversary! As my family gathered for Christmas, a candlelight Christmas Eve worship service, good food around the table, and presents under the tree, I became aware that many people around the world were celebrating their first Christmas–all because a pastor shared the gospel message of hope in Christ:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." *John 3:16 (NIV)*

It is an honor to lead a ministry like LMW that is making a difference in the world by sharing world-class biblical resources that change lives. Free distribution increased by 535% over last year!

- LMW translated and delivered resources in Romania, Pakistan, and to the Spanish-speaking world.
- Advanced digital presence and distribution with Lystra Global and Teleios (Spanish)
- Made LMW's resources available 'print-on-demand" worldwide
- Distributed 238,380 volumes of *The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible*® through the free Chinese Bible app, WeDevote.

These celebrations are YOUR celebrations. Your gifts are equipping pastors to share the gospel, transforming lives and communities in every corner of the world. This year, LMW will reach more pastors, leaders, and believers with God's Word, clearly outlined and explained – growing God's Kingdom.

Our prayer for 2018 is that as LMW takes God's Word into the world, pastors and leaders will be empowered to advance His Kingdom as they teach, preach, baptize and make disciples. Thank you for your support in 2017. I pray that you will continue to partner with us in 2018 through your prayers and giving.

DAVE WORLAND
President & CEO
Leadership Ministries Worldwide

OUR BEST YEAR YET

We have spent 25 years fostering a deeper biblical understanding and more powerful gospel messages through the global distribution of world-class resources and our partnerships with pastoral training organizations. This 25th anniversary year we've been able to distribute more resources to pastors and trainers than ever before.

In 2017 our free distribution increased by 535%. We distributed 53,780 volumes in 2016. In 2017, partners received:

288,814

Free printed and digital volumes distributed globally

238,380

Free digital volumes distributed through WeDevote

31,485

Free printed volumes distributed through OMShips and Theological Book Network

15,607

Free digital volumes distributed through Lystra Global

3,342

Free digital volumes distributed through Teleios

Introducing Teleios in Pampa del Indio, Argentina

HEART LANGUAGES

Timothy Olonade, Vice President of International Training, has spent years training pastors and distributing LMW resources around the world. Rev. David Kanda of Nigeria was so moved when Timothy gave him *"What the Bible Says to the Minister"*, that he committed to translate the book into Hausa, a language spoken by 70 million people in West Africa.

Working with the elders and members of his church, he has also translated *"What the Bible Says to the Believer"*, and has begun work on ***The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible®***. For Rev. Kanda, his translation is serving those for whom Hausa "is the language of their heart." The books are printed out on two-sided, 8 ½ x 11 paper, bound and collated into a volume that is at least 2 inches thick. His prayer is to see these volumes printed in standard book format.

TRAINING UPDATE

6,172
leaders, pastors and priests trained directly

12
countries touched (Congo, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Gabon, Cameroon, Burkina Faso, Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, CAR, Liberia, Egypt)

3,330
electronic volumes- distributed on Lystra Global and on thumb drives

1,337
printed Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible® volumes distributed

THE GOSPEL IN ROMANIA

Pastors in Romania are hungry for quality biblical materials. Most have no theological education and little access to resources to help them understand the Bible. They work 2 or 3 jobs to support their family. Yet, they are faithful to their call to shepherd their community, preaching and teaching gospel-centered truths.

Several years ago, a local pastor with a heart for Romania asked that we sponsor the translation of the letters of Paul from The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible®. Pastors in Romania have been delighted as each volume is translated, proofed, and printed in their native language. **"These materials are of the highest class!" Pastor Chirla Paul-Marian, Romania**

THE FEARLESS PAKISTANI PASTOR

Pakistani pastors received newly translated biblical materials in Urdu this year. **"Through our translation work, thousands of people come to know the methods and principles of teaching and preaching and the profundity of the biblical message. They also came to know the way to deliver a good sermon." Rev. Patras Nazir, Pakistan**

Rev. Nazir rides a motorcycle all over Pakistan, delivering biblical resources to pastors in this predominantly Muslim country. He is baptizing new believers, planting churches, training and discipling pastors. He hopes to translate portions of Acts next year to distribute to the pastors he mentors.

EQUIPPING LATIN AMERICA

The Spanish translation of ***The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible®*** is a work in progress. The entire New Testament plus Genesis and Exodus have been translated, but the demand is strong, and LMW has targeted several other Old Testament volumes to translate over the next few years. These volumes are available digitally on Teleios, LMW's Spanish-language learning system.

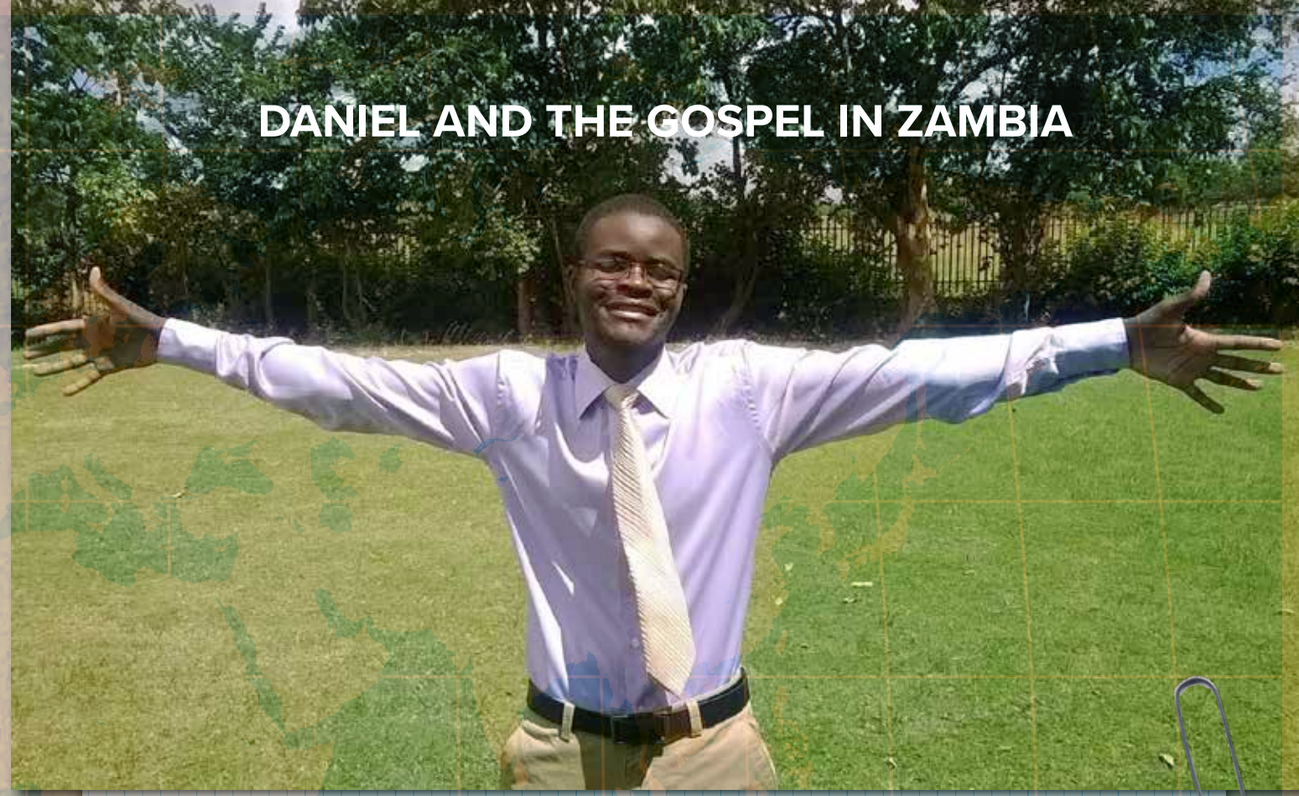
339 Teleios users
14 Trainers **325** Students

LYSTRA GLOBAL 2.0

In our 2nd year of providing a free online digital training platform and library, we were able to increase our engagement by 100%. We now have 342 trainers and 695 students using Lystra Global to effectively train pastors for gospel ministry worldwide.

In 2018, we hope to increase engagement by improving the platform's useability and enhancing functions.

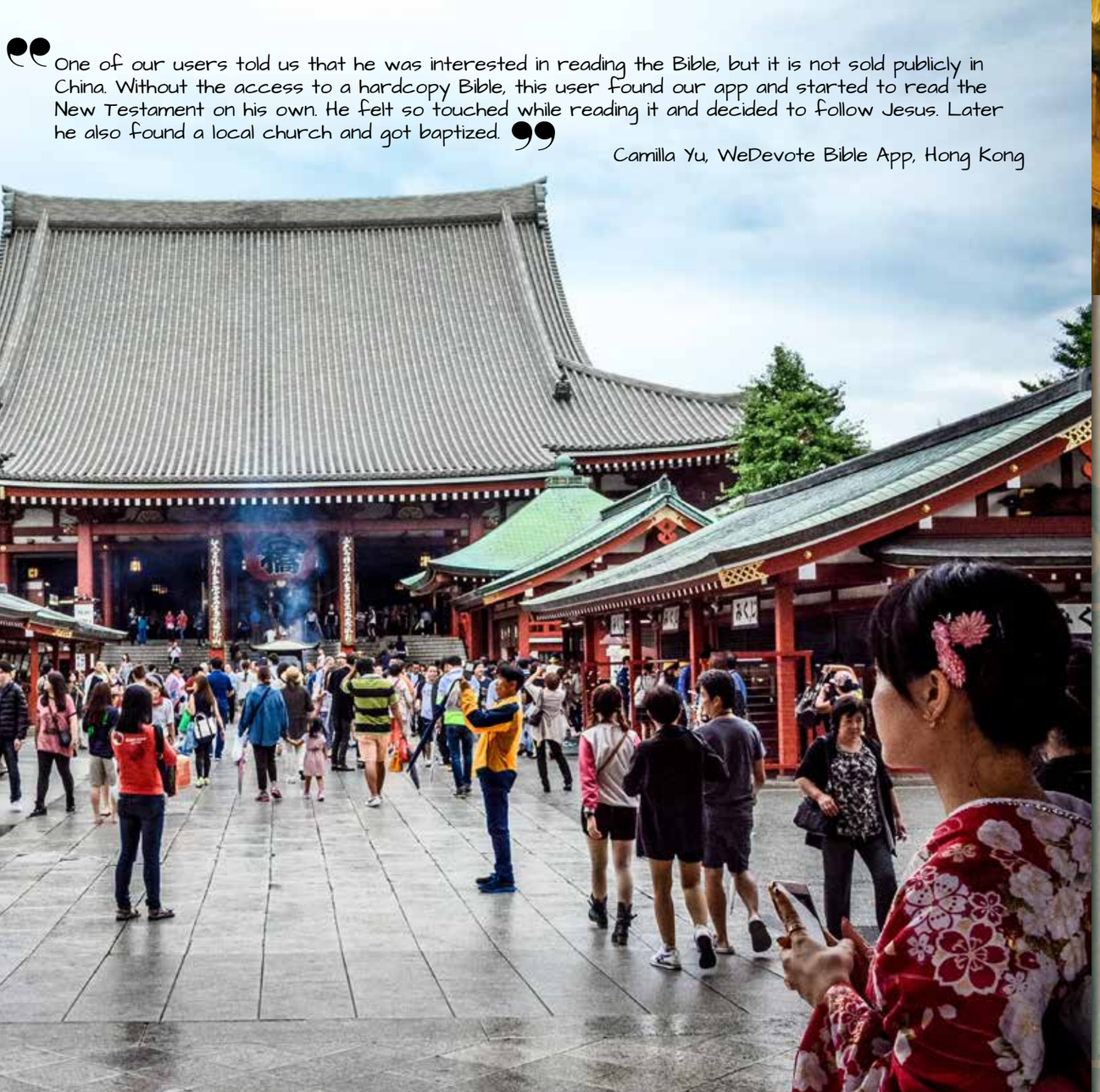
1,037 Lystra Global users
342 Trainers **695** Students



DANIEL AND THE GOSPEL IN ZAMBIA

"My greatest joy in ministry is to preach and teach the gospel and see people getting saved and seeing them grow in the faith. What I like about Lystra (Global) is that it provides good information and some background of a text or a book and the sermon outlines are very easy and clear to understand and follow them."

Daniel Sitali of Zambia has embraced God's call on his life. He is serving a pastoral internship in Zambia this year before entering full-time ministry. Daniel is a graduate of Central Africa Baptist College & Seminary, a seminary that uses LMW resources. There he was connected with Lystra Global, which he uses every day to study God's Word. We are thankful to be a part of the story of the spread of the gospel in Zambia.



> One of our users told us that he was interested in reading the Bible, but it is not sold publicly in China. Without the access to a hardcopy Bible, this user found our app and started to read the New Testament on his own. He felt so touched while reading it and decided to follow Jesus. Later he also found a local church and got baptized.
>
> Camilla Yu, WeDevote Bible App, Hong Kong

THE GOSPEL IN CHINA

The digital word goes where the printed cannot

Through LMW's partnership with WeDevote Bible app, believers in China are provided access to the Bible and our materials in a country where printed Bibles are hard to find. The partnership began in 2016, and already our books have been downloaded 249,496 times. In 2018, we hope to translate more materials into Chinese for use on their app.

WEDEVOTE BIBLE APP STATS

5.06M
mobile users

33K
downloads of
The Gospel of Mark

249K
downloads of
The Preacher's Outline &
Sermon Bible® in Chinese

1.2
monthly active
app users

VISION FOR 2018:

expanding our impact in other languages

With your help, we are seeking to focus our efforts into translating biblical resources into the gateway languages of the world, starting with Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and Arabic.

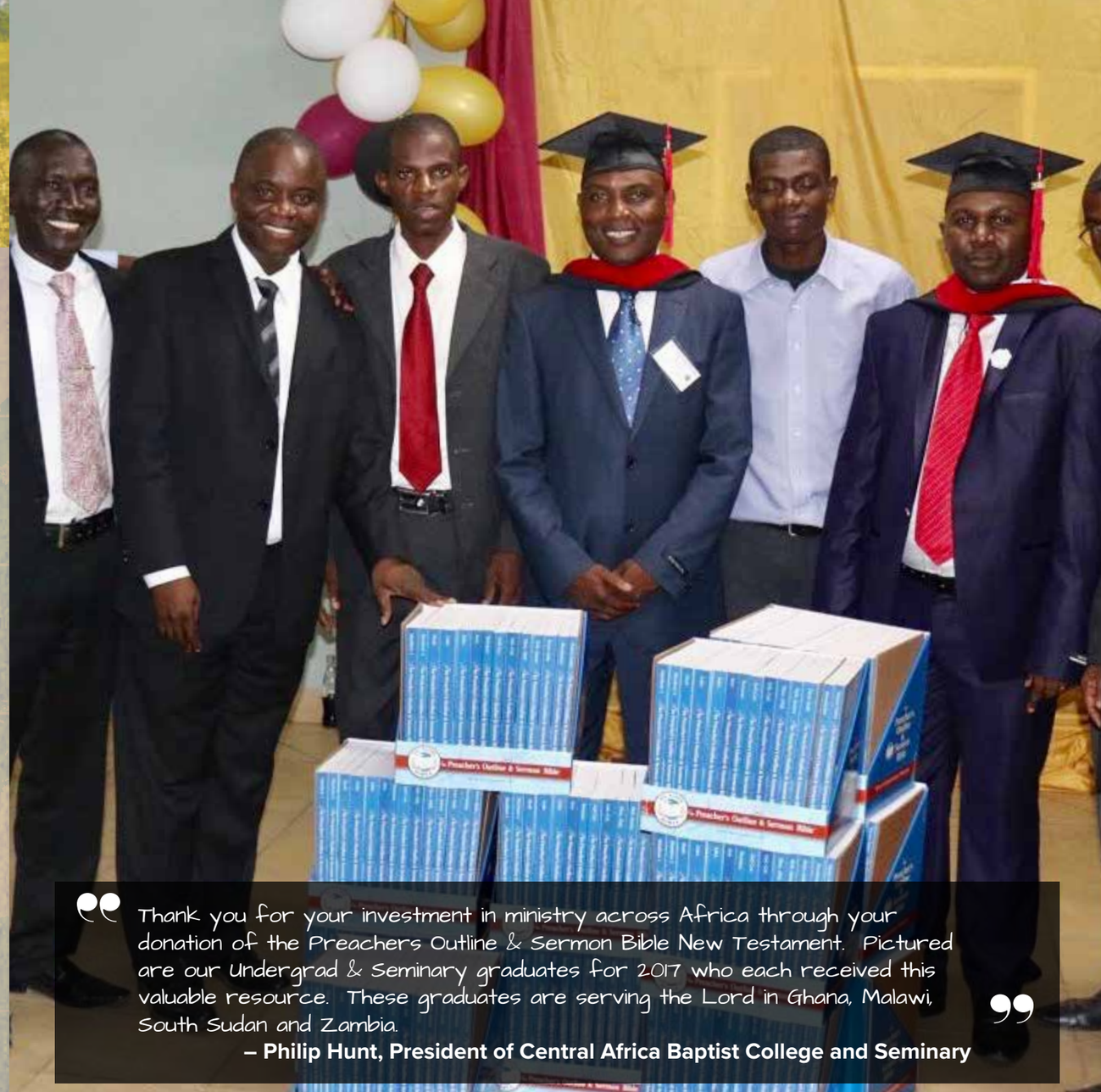
gateway language *– A "gateway language" is a language of wider communication used for translation. People who are bilingual in that language can translate the content into any other language that they speak. Thus, a gateway language functions as a conduit through which content passes by means of translation into other languages. The gateway languages are the smallest number of gateway languages that cover 100% of all other languages of the world, through global patterns of bilingualism.**

Because of the growing popularity of Lystra Global, our free online library and training platform, our goal is to continue to find new ways to improve the platform and help people engage with scripture and our resources.

Because of the WeDevote Bible App, believers in China have the Bible and The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible® available to them. Our goal for 2018 is to continue translating our resources into Mandarin Chinese.

We continue to translate volumes of The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible® into Spanish so they can be uploaded to Teleios for use by Latin American pastors.

**definition from unfoldingword.org*



"Thank you for your investment in ministry across Africa through your donation of the Preachers Outline & Sermon Bible New Testament. Pictured are our Undergrad & Seminary graduates for 2017 who each received this valuable resource. These graduates are serving the Lord in Ghana, Malawi, South Sudan and Zambia."

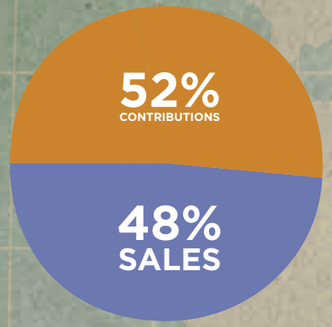
– Philip Hunt, President of Central Africa Baptist College and Seminary

FINANCIALS

Your gift goes where you can't

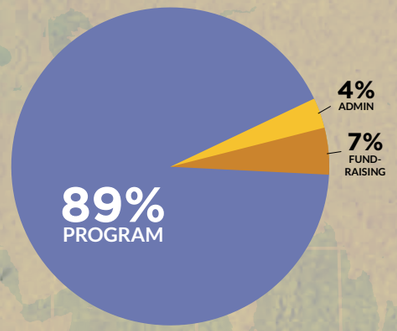
Our net sales and your contributions fund the distribution of resources to those who cannot afford them. We are committed to faithful stewardship of these God-given resources.

INCOME



38 new donors in 2017

EXPENSES



Admin and fundraising expenses decreased in 2017 (25% in 2016 to 11% in 2017)

Based on our 2017 budget of $1,541,050

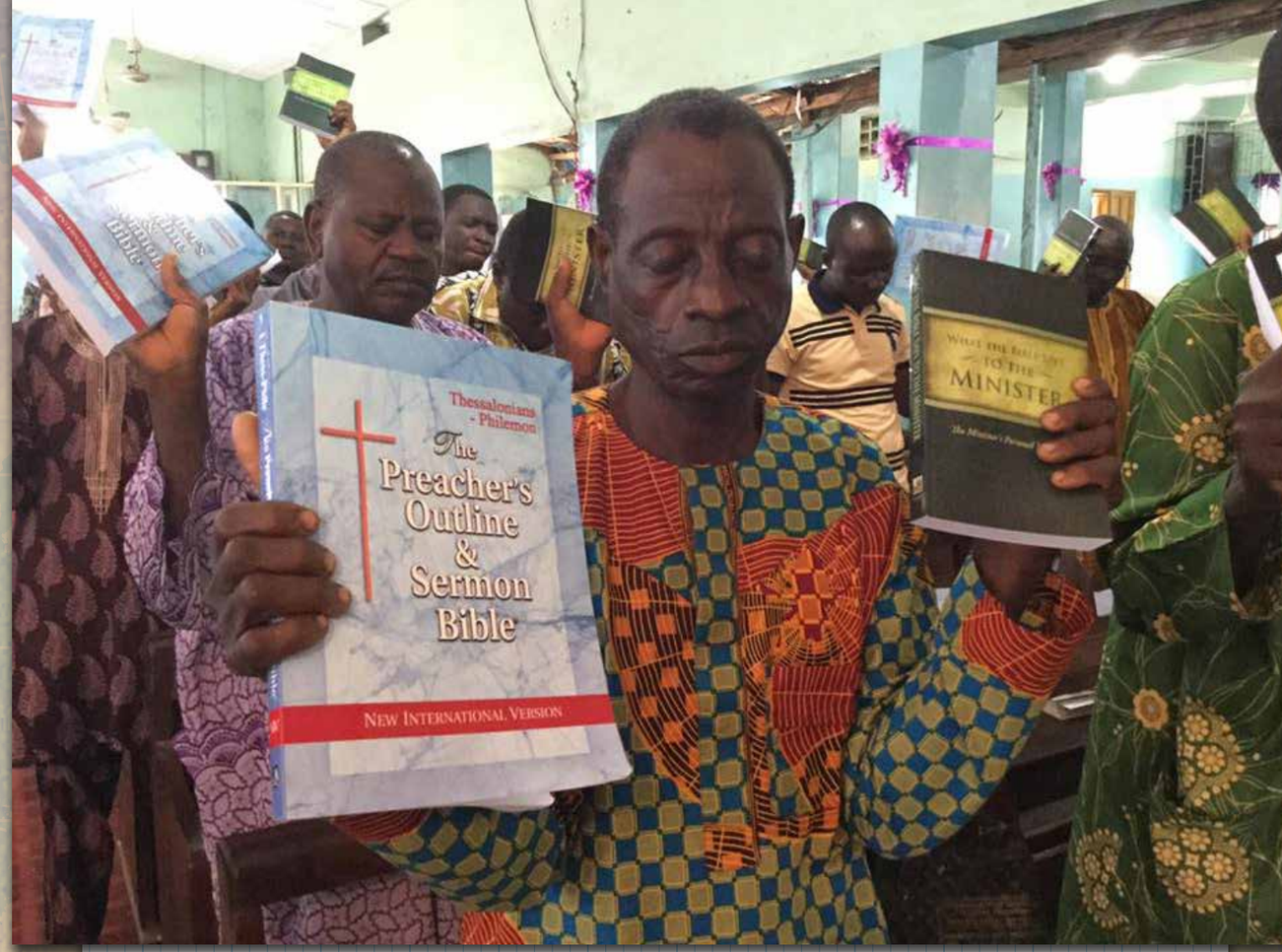
Financial information reflects unaudited figures as of January 10, 2018 and are subject to adjustments.
Financial statements and audit reports are available upon request.

Will you pray for God's Word to transform communities through our ministry to pastors?

Can you connect us to a pastor, church or missionary that will partner with us in our ministry?

Please prayerfully consider giving to impact the world with God's Word.

Visit lmw.org to discover opportunities to pray, connect, and give.



"Our joy knows no bounds as we celebrate the arrival of these books, especially the Old Testament volumes that have not been available in Nigeria for a long while."
- Timothy Olonade

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