



## Bible Books to Encourage and Strengthen Faith in Africa

### Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children Lutheran Heritage Foundation — \$100,000

2021–2023 Biennium Mission Goal:	<b>\$2,150,000</b>
Mission Grant #3	<b>\$100,000</b>

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to your children,  
talking of them  
when you are sitting  
in your house,  
and when you are  
walking by the way,  
and when you lie down,  
and when you rise  
(Deuteronomy 11:19).*

*I have no greater joy  
than to hear that  
my children are walking  
in the truth (3 John 1:4).*

Leader: *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path* (Psalm 119:105).

**Response:** Lord, we thank You for the growth of the church in Africa, where it is estimated there are over 631 million followers of Christ. With the help of Lutheran Heritage Foundation, training materials are being translated, printed, and distributed to children and new Christians, lighting their path.

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Leader: *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them,  
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven"* (Matthew 19:14).

**Response:** Lord, we ask You to bless the children in Africa. Of the 400 million children, nearly half live in the spiritual darkness of Islam or the worship of ancestors and nature. The children You have called to Yourself are blessed by the work of Lutheran Heritage Foundation, as translations of a Children's Garden of Bible Stories and Luther's Small Catechism are given to them to learn. We thank You that these materials are given as a gift to the children so they can share this book with family and friends.

Leader: *Train up a child in the way he should go;  
even when he is old he will not depart from it* (Proverbs 22:6).

**Response:** Lord, we praise You that materials are available to help parents and Sunday school teachers train the children in Your ways. The books supplied by Lutheran Heritage Foundation provide teaching material for parents, and those who are new to the faith, in their heart language. This strong base of training will strengthen the church and spread the Good News to all.

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**Response:** Lord, we give thanks for the work of Lutheran Heritage Foundation that supplies materials that assist fathers in their role of the spiritual head of the household. Literacy levels can be low, so it is essential that easy-to-understand books about God are available. The Small Catechism is a foundational instruction booklet for the Christian faith, presented simply and accessible for young and old, as well as for new and mature Christians.

Leader: I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth (3 John 1:4).

**Response:** Lord, we thank You for the Lutheran Schools in Africa who teach Your Word. Many of the children are not Christians, but the Children Garden of Bible Stories and Luther's Small Catechism are used as textbooks to teach both religion and reading. The small children learn the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments, and Apostles' Creed. Children learn and share with family.

(Deuteronomy 11:19).

Leader: Lord we pray for the young Christians in Africa and the growth of the church. We thank You that the work of Lutheran Heritage Foundation provides materials in the heart language of the Lutheran Church members. We ask Your blessing on this ministry and on the children and their parents as they learn to read while learning more about the one true God. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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