

2025 IMPACT REPORT

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MAKING DISCIPLES



COMMUNITY
BIBLE STUDY



WE EXIST TO MAKE DISCIPLES
OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IN OUR
COMMUNITIES THROUGH CARING,
IN-DEPTH BIBLE STUDY, AVAILABLE TO ALL.



WELCOME



As we celebrate 50 years of Community Bible Study in 2025, we rejoice in God's faithfulness from generation to generation. For five decades, CBS has been making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth Bible study, available to all.

We are humbled and grateful to share highlights of how God is working through CBS around the world. Because of your steadfast support through prayer, financial gifts, and the giving of your time, CBS is serving more than 1.3 million participants this year in over 125 countries and more than 100 languages.

All glory to Jesus!

I invite you to explore our 2025 Impact Report, which will take you on a journey across continents and testify to the growing influence of God's Word in the lives of people of all ages and contexts.

On behalf of CBS and the countless lives God has transformed through this ministry, thank you! We are praying for you and look forward to all God will continue to do for His glory among the nations.

Together in Christ,

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "Hélder".

Dr. Hélder Favarin, CEO



Our History

Since the beginning in 1975, CBS has relied on God's provision to grow from a single class in the United States to many classes that reach hundreds of thousands of people around the globe!

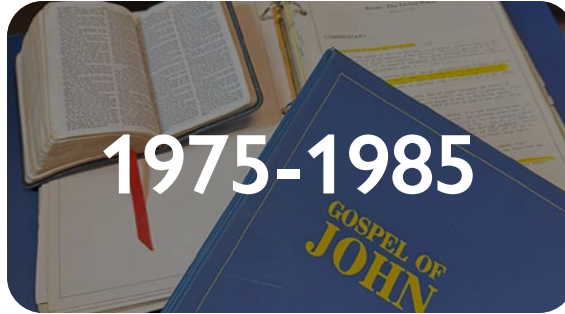
Now, 50 years later, this movement of God has spread to include over 125 countries studying God's Word in over 100 different languages, across seven global regions...

Praise be to God!



*"Come and see
what God has done:
he is awesome in
his deeds toward
the children of man."*

Psalms 66:5



**God's plan for Community Bible Study
is set in motion.**

In 1975, God stirred Lee Campbell and a small team to step out in faith and prayerfully begin Community Bible Study with a clear, Christ-centered mission: "to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in our communities through caring, in-depth Bible study, available to all." The first CBS class gathered in Bethesda, Maryland, to study the Gospel of John. The Lord quickly expanded the work, multiplying classes across the United States and, within a few years, in London, United Kingdom (1979), and Lima, Peru (1980). An international movement of transformative Bible study was born.



**God raises leaders to steward rapid
growth.**

Across this decade, the Lord called and equipped countless servant leaders, and through His power, He brought forth a wave of ministry growth. United by the vision of transformed lives through the Word of God, these shepherds established new classes, cared for existing ones, strengthened training, and adapted resources so that children and youth could engage Scripture in age-appropriate ways. As they served, the Lord Jesus touched lives in diverse settings.



God makes the study of His Word available to more people in more places.

As God opened doors, caring, in-depth Bible study became accessible to new communities and contexts. The ministry started reaching those in prison, college students, and professionals while continuing to invest deeply in children and youth. Responding to requests from numerous countries for study materials in other languages, CBS accelerated its translation efforts, and pioneer leaders launched new classes around the world.

By 2001, CBS was active in 59 countries with 13,552 participants, growing to 61 countries and 25,885 participants by 2005. The decade concluded with CBS offering 16 courses and celebrating its 25th anniversary. All glory to God!



God builds, provides, and multiplies.

During this decade, the Ministry Service Center was established in Colorado Springs to support class leaders and participants around the world. In North America, new ministry expressions took shape, including young adult groups, the Agape Program for adults with intellectual disabilities, Ethnos groups in participants' heart languages, and after-school studies for children. At the same time, the Lord opened doors in new countries and languages while more national leaders were trained and equipped to serve their own communities. By 2015, He had spread CBS to 85 countries with 139,220 participants.



God continues to share His favor with CBS through creative and innovative ways to reach His people where they are.

Through these years, the Lord expanded the work of CBS in ways never envisioned, as the ministry embraced online capabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic and witnessed countless transformed lives. The ministry launched new initiatives, including Spoken CBS for oral-reliant or oral-preferred learners, and CBS Connect, an innovative online platform for small-group Bible study that can be done anytime, anywhere. Also, CBS's collaboration with local churches, denominations, and ministries worldwide fueled a 526% surge in God-given growth during this decade. By 2025, CBS had become a powerful local and global movement of God's Word testifying to His faithfulness over the past 50 years. CBS continues to focus on making disciples of the Lord Jesus for His glory among the nations.

We Are a Global Family...

Who believe God transforms our lives as we study the Bible together. For the past 50 years, CBS has created caring, in-depth Bible studies, available to all. Today, there are four main expressions CBS uses to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Written

Each CBS group explores the Bible in their own regional context. Every study is designed to help participants apply the timeless truths of the Bible through individual study, encouraging discussion, effective teaching, and insightful commentary—all in a caring community.



Oral

Spoken CBS is an oral-based approach that doesn't require reading, so participants who prefer oral study can discover God's Word in a life-changing, Spirit-led way.



Digital

CBS has created an online platform called "CBS Connect" that allows groups to meet anywhere while still connecting with a caring community. Group members meet over video calls or in person, watch videos, and discuss how the Bible can still impact life today.



Children & Youth

The same essential elements of the adult classes are geared especially to help kids of all ages explore God's Word in a caring community, get to know God better, and love Him more.

GLOBAL OVERVIEW 2025



ACTIVE COUNTRIES

126

SERVANT LEADERS

77,000+

PARTICIPANTS

1,300,000+

GROWTH SINCE 2024

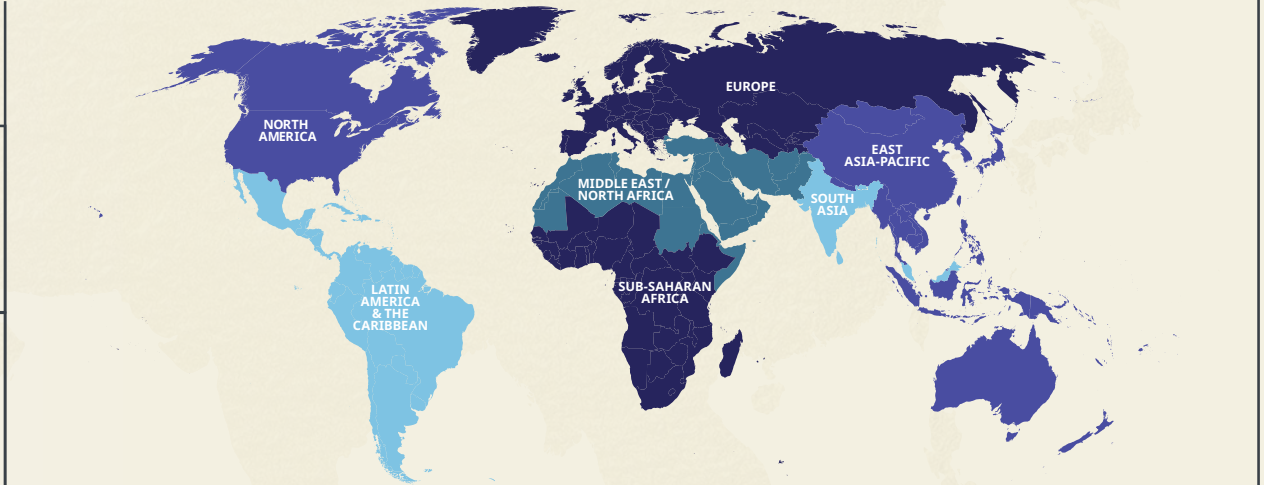
16%

526% Since 2015

LANGUAGES

101

48 Courses
1,036 Translations



NEW LAUNCHES

11



ARMENIA



AUSTRIA



CAMEROON



COLOMBIA



GEORGIA



LIBERIA



PANAMA



PORTUGAL



UZBEKISTAN



VENEZUELA



UNDISCLOSED



North America

COUNTRIES 2	LANGUAGES 9
PARTICIPANTS 107,952	
ADULTS 83,884	CHILDREN & YOUTH 24,068
CLASSES 882	
LAUNCH YEAR 1975	



GROWTH FROM GOD

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL

9% - Increase in Participants



“Community Bible Study has been a cornerstone of my life for nearly 40 years, shaping my faith and three generations of my family. It has helped me fall deeply in love with God’s Word—teaching, guiding, and equipping me to share Scripture from the heart. Next to giving my life to Jesus and my marriage, joining CBS remains one of the most life-changing decisions I’ve ever made.”

— Participant, Alabama



UNITED STATES

God’s Word continues to powerfully impact the North American Region. Bible engagement opportunities are expanding through new class development, a small group format known as CBS Connect, and NextGen Collaborations. We have also had opportunities to serve the deaf community as well as non-English speaking audiences.

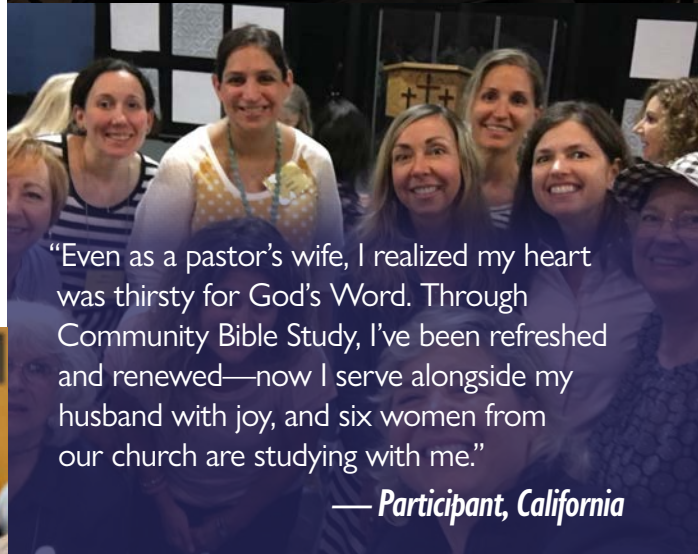


CANADA

CBS is laying a strong foundation for growth in Canada. This year focused on casting vision and mission, and God has faithfully provided called leaders at every step. Unity is growing among communities, and there is anticipation for how CBS will continue to expand.



When Knox’s sister was diagnosed with cancer and he suffered a sports injury in college, he turned to faith for strength. Encouraged by Jon, he joined a CBS Connect study and soon invited six other university friends to join. The experience deepened his faith and led to his baptism—a powerful recommitment as he returned to college with renewed purpose.



“Even as a pastor’s wife, I realized my heart was thirsty for God’s Word. Through Community Bible Study, I’ve been refreshed and renewed—now I serve alongside my husband with joy, and six women from our church are studying with me.”

— Participant, California



Europe



GROWTH FROM GOD

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL

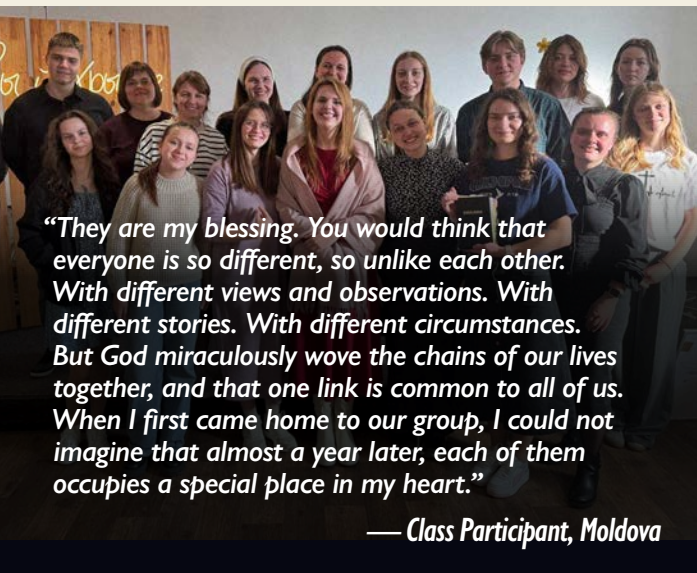
10% - Increase in Participants

MOLDOVA

537%
Increase in
Participants

ENGLAND

33%
Increase in
Participants



“They are my blessing. You would think that everyone is so different, so unlike each other. With different views and observations. With different stories. With different circumstances. But God miraculously wove the chains of our lives together, and that one link is common to all of us. When I first came home to our group, I could not imagine that almost a year later, each of them occupies a special place in my heart.”

— Class Participant, Moldova



ENGLAND

The ministry has renewed momentum. A new national coordinator and her team are actively engaging young adults to build a more multi-generational ministry.



GEORGIA

Ministry in Georgia began when a believer, inspired by her CBS experience abroad, started a class in her home church. Her faithful first step led to interest from another congregation and a large church union. CBS is now translating materials into Georgian to prepare for leader training and wider ministry.



LITHUANIA

In the spring of 2025, the first national conference of CBS Lithuania was held. Almost 60 people from different groups around the country gathered to worship, learn and fellowship. Worship was led by a group of young adults.



One Participant grew up going to church, but had never read the Bible or prayed with others until she joined a CBS class through a friend. At first, praying out loud felt intimidating, but as her confidence grew, she began praying with one person, then with the whole group—once even offering the opening prayer. This journey, paired with Scripture study, has transformed her faith, brought her peace, and now enriches the spiritual lives of her adult daughters.

— Austria



Latin America & The Caribbean

COUNTRIES 25	LANGUAGES 3
PARTICIPANTS 14,529	
ADULTS 5,944	CHILDREN & YOUTH 8,585
CLASSES 630	
LAUNCH YEAR 1980	



GROWTH FROM GOD

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL

20% - Increase in Participants

34% - Increase in Children & Youth Participants

GUATEMALA

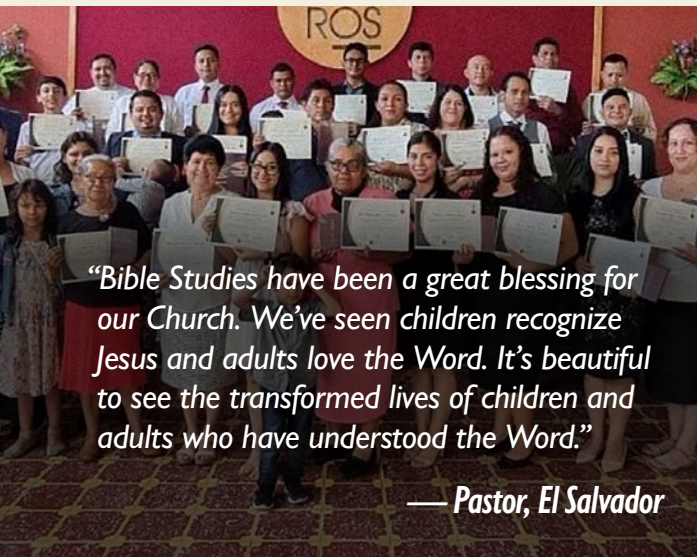
325%

Increase in
Participants

COSTA RICA

246%

Increase in
Participants



“Bible Studies have been a great blessing for our Church. We’ve seen children recognize Jesus and adults love the Word. It’s beautiful to see the transformed lives of children and adults who have understood the Word.”

— Pastor, El Salvador



ARGENTINA

In one prison in Buenos Aires, 90 inmates are gathering to study and reflect on God’s Word. This growing engagement is a powerful sign of spiritual transformation and hope, as CBS reaches hearts even behind prison walls.



GUATEMALA

A newly trained team of local leaders is now serving over 900 children in their community. This initiative has contributed to more than fourfold growth in children and youth participation, reflecting the power of equipping leaders for lasting impact.



BRAZIL

In this first year since the restructuring of CBS in the country, we have seen God move in powerful ways. Today, we have more than 20 active classes and over 200 people gathering to study His Word—most as a result of the first training held in April 2025.



VENEZUELA

The first class was established in Venezuela using WhatsApp. Interest has spread, creating opportunities for more classes to launch online.



“CBS showed me the purpose of Jesus in my life, He brought light, knowledge, and wisdom.”

— Leader, Argentina



Sub-Saharan Africa

COUNTRIES 27	LANGUAGES 34
PARTICIPANTS 1,014,611	
ADULTS 587,207	CHILDREN & YOUTH 427,404
CLASSES 26,829	
LAUNCH YEAR 2003	



GROWTH FROM GOD

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL

15% - Increase in Participants

32% - Increase in Children & Youth Participants

GHANA

381%

Increase in
Participants

ZIMBABWE

167%

Increase in
Participants

S. AFRICA

143%

Increase in
Participants



"We have experienced great love in Christianity. We are ready to die for Christ rather than return back to Islam. We have inner peace in Christ, and we feel safer in Jesus's hands than in Allah. Now, we have launched four Bible study groups in Muslim communities despite the threats we are getting from Muslim leaders. Jesus is sweet. We will forever serve Him with my family."

— Participant, Malawi

AFRICA BIBLE IMPACT SUMMIT

As a direct result of the CBS Africa Bible Impact Summit, our ministry is currently expanding into four new countries: Liberia, the Central African Republic, Botswana, and Sierra Leone.



SOUTH SUDAN

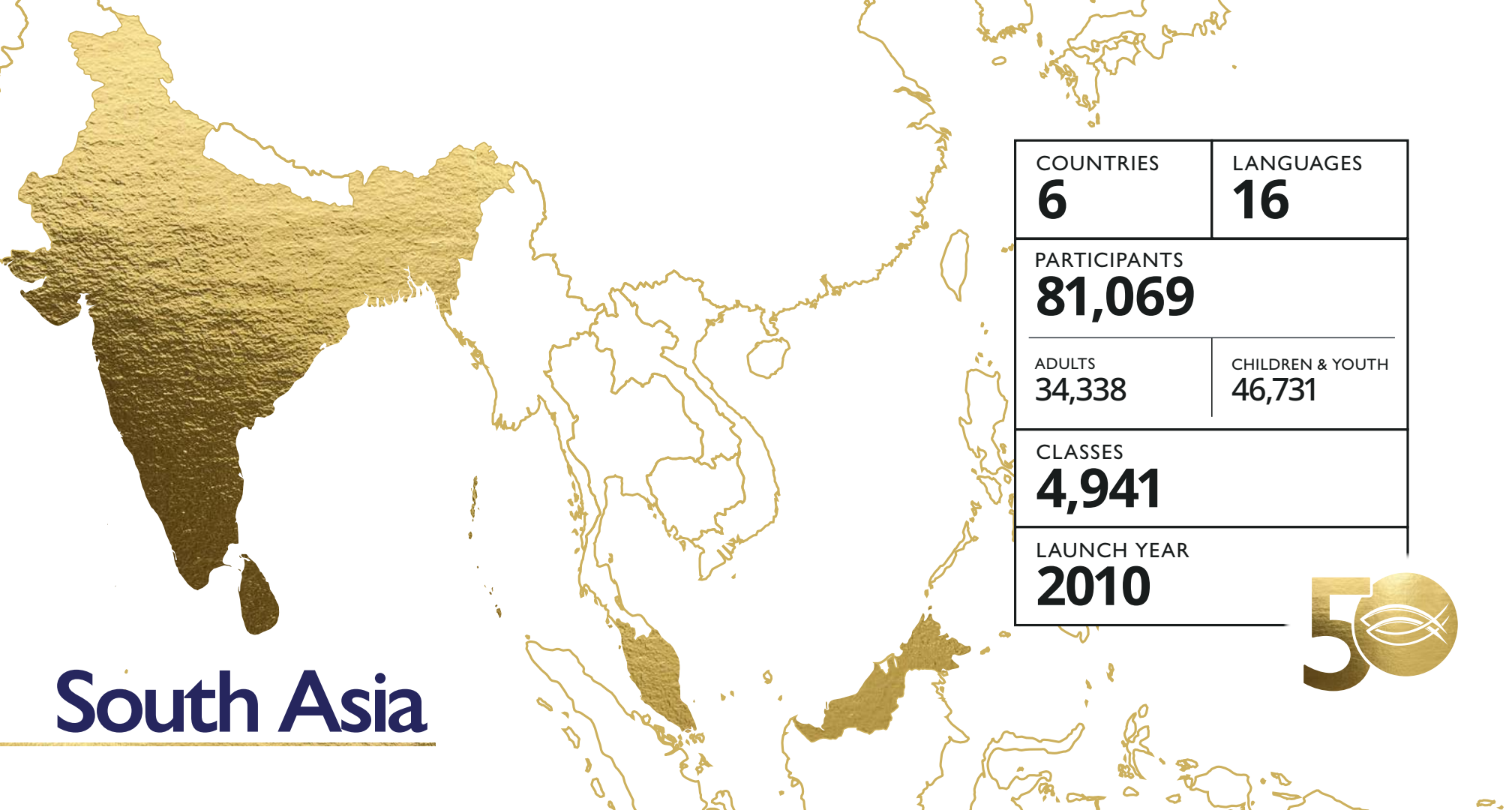
In refugee camps across northern Uganda, over 43,000 South Sudanese participants are now engaged in CBS studies. Additionally, six new classes have launched in three provinces within South Sudan. Leaders are finding creative ways to expand ministry among vulnerable populations and connect God's Word to daily life.



BURUNDI

The first ever CBS radio broadcast in Burundi recently took place in August. An innovative CBS leader has a "dream to use every communication means at our disposal, including the radio, to share God's Word."





South Asia

COUNTRIES 6	LANGUAGES 16
PARTICIPANTS 81,069	
ADULTS 34,338	CHILDREN & YOUTH 46,731
CLASSES 4,941	
LAUNCH YEAR 2010	



GROWTH FROM GOD

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL

66% - Increase in Participants

162% - Increase in Children & Youth Participants

BANGLADESH

171%

Increase in
Participants

SRI LANKA

261%

Increase in
Participants



“I have come to realize that this kind of Bible study does not just impact society, but also transforms individual lives deeply and personally.”

— Participant, Sri Lanka



SINGAPORE

New doors have opened in Singapore. With the addition of a migrant church, classes are now held in English, Tamil, and Hindi, equipping believers from diverse backgrounds.



INDIA

In a nation of over 1.4 billion people and immense linguistic diversity, CBS is making meaningful progress. Classes are now held in 16 major languages across 15 states, helping to equip believers with biblical understanding and expand access to Scripture.



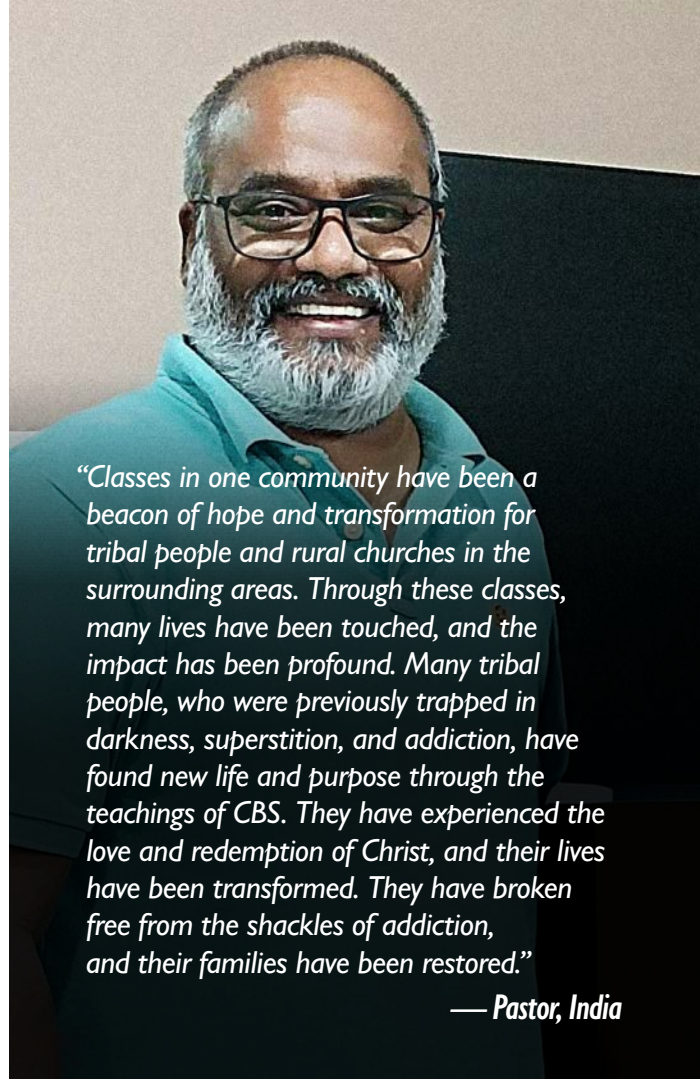
BANGLADESH

In 2025, CBS equipped over 170 leaders and students, launched 11 new youth classes, and celebrated 10 years of ministry—a decade of growth, training, and God’s faithfulness.



SRI LANKA

A theological college now uses CBS materials in its training and has extended this reach to six distance learning centers, increasing access to structured Bible education and preparing future ministry leaders.



“Classes in one community have been a beacon of hope and transformation for tribal people and rural churches in the surrounding areas. Through these classes, many lives have been touched, and the impact has been profound. Many tribal people, who were previously trapped in darkness, superstition, and addiction, have found new life and purpose through the teachings of CBS. They have experienced the love and redemption of Christ, and their lives have been transformed. They have broken free from the shackles of addiction, and their families have been restored.”

— Pastor, India



COUNTRIES 17	LANGUAGES 19
PARTICIPANTS 39,593	
ADULTS 14,974	CHILDREN & YOUTH 24,619
CLASSES 1,778	
LAUNCH YEAR 2013	



East Asia-Pacific

GROWTH FROM GOD

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL

60% - Increase in Adult Participants

NEPAL

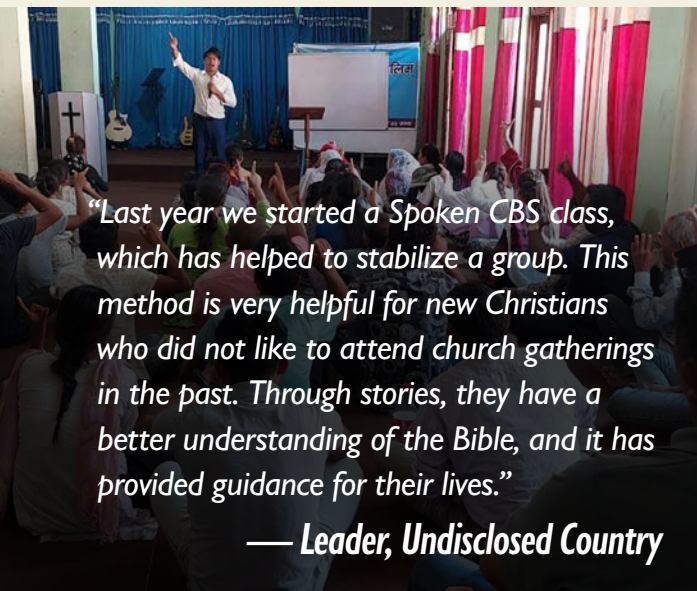
87%

Increase in
Participants

MYANMAR

72%

Increase in
Participants



MONGOLIA

This year, Mongolia established a successful Children & Youth program, marking a key step forward in Bible engagement for children and youth.



MYANMAR (BURMA)

In addition to the growth of the ministry within Myanmar, there are classes among the Burmese diaspora in the US, Japan, Thailand, and India, as well as in refugee camps in India. As one local leader said, “Christians in Myanmar are hungry and thirsty for God’s Word wherever they are.”



NEPAL

“At a church in Nepal, I was invited to give a message in the style of a Spoken CBS story—more than 500 people of all ages eagerly engaged with the five questions, moving their pastor to see its power for discipleship. When invited to be trained in this method, many raised their hands, eager to begin!”

— Spoken CBS Leader, Nepal

“Tears streamed down my face as I experienced God and opened my heart to His truth!”

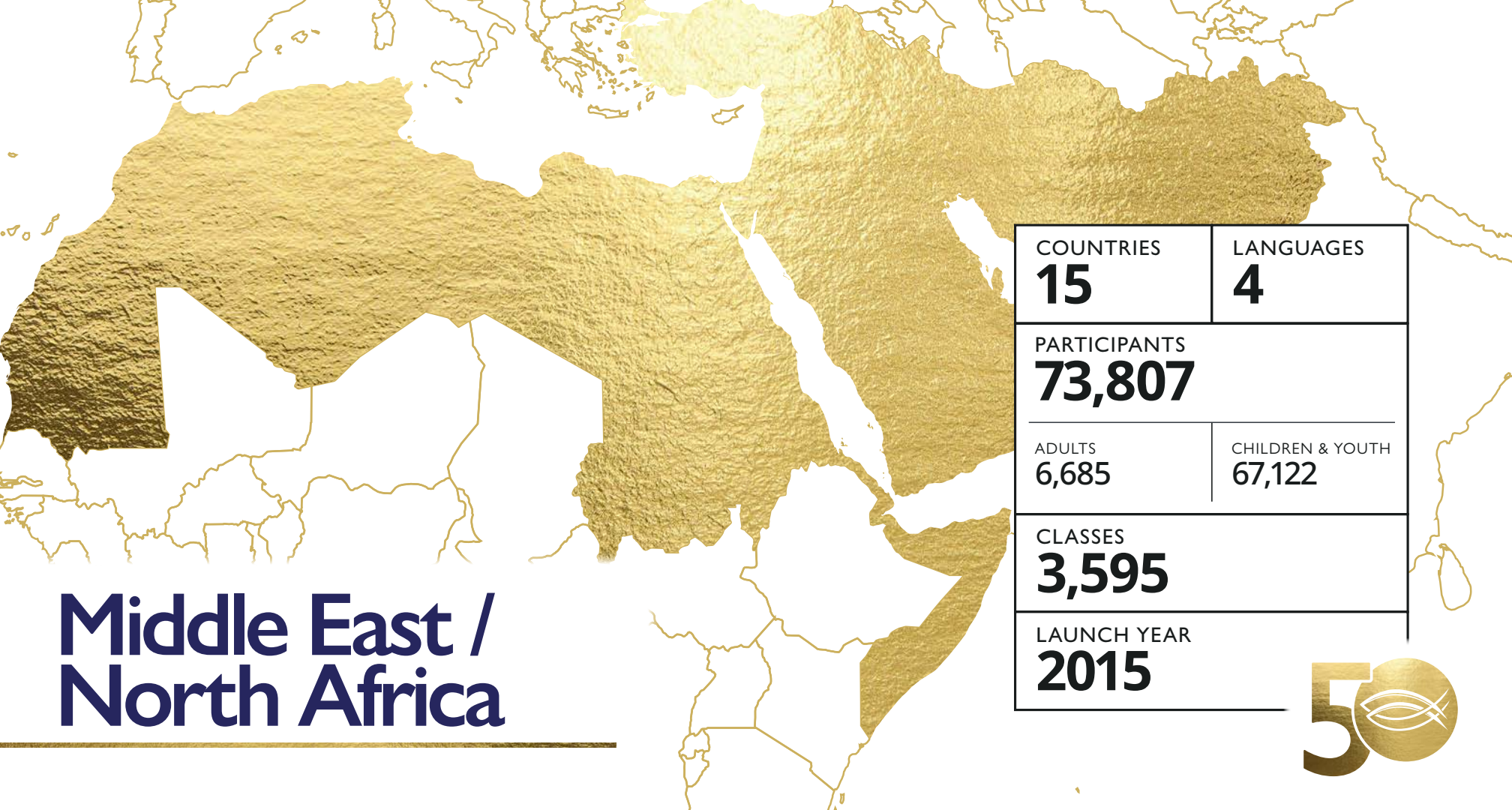
A participant who was once part of a Filipino cult, joined CBS classes this July in the prison where he was being held, just for sentence reduction. But daily Bible study changed his life.

He saw his prayers answered and received real healing. Within weeks, he left his cult, declaring, “I’ve found true love and spiritual family here!”

“Through the Spoken CBS class, I understand more than just sitting and listening because we need to listen to the Bible story carefully several times so that we can answer the five standard questions. I am amazed that God reveals Himself through each one answering the question in the class, and some thoughts are a special revelation that I have never heard before.”

— Participant, Cambodia





Middle East / North Africa

COUNTRIES
15

LANGUAGES
4

PARTICIPANTS
73,807

ADULTS
6,685

CHILDREN & YOUTH
67,122

CLASSES
3,595

LAUNCH YEAR
2015



GROWTH FROM GOD

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

OVERALL

16% - Regional Increase in Adult Participants

UNDISCLOSED COUNTRY

CBS launched in an Undisclosed Country, in spite of uncertainty and risk of persecution.



“Every Saturday evening, our Bible Study group meets. The study book is easy to follow, and the most beautiful part is the short paragraph called ‘Learn the Truth,’ which always includes a deep question. My group and I discuss it together—it really opens things up within us.”

—Participant, Egypt



ISRAEL

Despite the challenges facing Israel in these times, God’s work through CBS continues to grow. Youth leaders and young people are learning how to apply God’s Word in their daily lives, and the translation of CBS studies into Hebrew is well underway.



EGYPT

The ministry continues to grow among children, youth, women, refugees, the marginalized, and the deaf. This year, CBS studies were introduced through summer Bible schools for children and a camp for the deaf, with new trainings held in regions previously unreachable.



JORDAN

A first-of-its-kind training in Jordan brought together leaders from 13 churches and Christian organizations to start classes in their communities. These leaders began immediately applying this disciple-making training in their own contexts.

Making the study of God’s Word available to all in this region often requires creativity, as many groups have been formed among refugees, in homes, and using Spoken CBS and adaptations of CBS studies for the deaf community.



“We were teaching about the life of Jesus all the way to the cross. The Lord spoke to one of the members of our group, prompting them to show forgiveness toward five of the Muslim leaders who were behind putting several of them in prison. So, we brought in five chairs and wrote on them the names of those Muslim leaders. We not only prayed for forgiveness, but also for blessings upon the leaders as well. It was a very powerful testimony of how we can apply the Word of God in our own lives.”

—Leader, Undisclosed Country

Your Gifts Are Transforming Lives

CBS's budget is completely dependent on the Lord's provision through the generosity of the global CBS family.

Since 1975, CBS has trusted the Lord to provide and has seen His provision create a ripple effect around the world. It is a tangible expression of what Jesus said to His followers in Acts 1:8: **"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**



Throughout the years, God has used CBS to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ in communities like yours through caring, in-depth Bible study, available to all. This global movement happens first with local groups, then in expanding ripples throughout the world! From the beginning, God has used the faithful prayers, service, and generosity of previous generations to make an impact on the next. That is why CBS is committed to faithfully steward what God provides for the next generations to come!

82% of our budget supports local and global ministry operations.

10% of our budget goes to new Bible Study development.



**The remaining 8%
of our budget covers
administrative costs.**

**Join the legacy
and support this
disciple-making
work that ripples
throughout
generations.**

Please prayerfully consider joining the
Generation to Generation Campaign at
www.communitybiblestudy.org/50th-anniversary.

Becoming a monthly donor of any amount
helps to transform lives around the world.
Even just \$5 a month is enough to provide
the supplies needed for five children in
some parts of the world to discover
how much God loves them.

5 MILLION IN GOD'S WORD BY 2035.



*Looking to the future,
we are praying for the privilege
of serving 5 million people
engaged in God's Word by 2035.*

Here are just three focuses
that will help us get there:

YOUNG LEADERS

Launching new initiatives in each region to
invest in young leaders around the world.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Investing in strengthening our Children
& Youth programs around the world.

CURRICULUM & LEADERSHIP

Launching new courses and
investing in systematized leader
development and support.

JOIN THE CELEBRATION!

Since 1975, God has shown His faithfulness from generation to generation and through every chapter in the CBS story. Whether you have been in CBS for years or are brand new, you are part of this story.

Join the celebration by sharing your CBS Story and supporting the next generation of CBS participants today!

www.communitybiblestudy.org/50th-anniversary

Scan to join the celebration!





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