

## SUMMARY

World Vision desires for everyone to grow in their understanding of God and His unending love for them. During fiscal year 2023, we reached nearly 8 million people—half of them women and girls—with Christian discipleship activities, trainings, tools, and other faith-based programming to support the spiritual nurture of children. FY23 highlights include:

### Parents, pastors, and programs

Working with parents, pastors, faith leaders, programs, and ministry partners, World Vision created opportunities and removed barriers for children to experience God’s love—and to know Jesus’ offer of life in all its fullness. We

equipped parents with principles that reflect Christian values, helped pastors multiply the impact of their ministries, and created programs to bring children closer to God.

### Biblical Empowered Worldview

We reached nearly 580,000 people with messages of transformation and hope through our Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV) model, helping participants change their mindsets and see their incalculable value in the eyes of God.

### International Bible Fund

World Vision distributed more than 40,000 Bibles, enabling over 200,000 people to benefit from reading and studying God’s Word.



*Min Tatuil (left, with daughter Eci) said she made parenting mistakes “because I did not understand how to nurture my children properly.” After Min participated in World Vision’s Parenting with Love workshop in Indonesia, “my mom now never uses violence anymore,” Eci said.*

## GLOBAL UPDATE AND PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

# 7,959,665

**PASTORS, CHRISTIAN LEADERS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, CHILDREN, AND YOUTH** have been equipped with the training and resources they need to learn Bible-based life skills and to explore or deepen their faith in Jesus Christ since October 2022.

 **2,611,161**

children and youth directly participated in spiritual nurture activities since October 2022.

 **579,585**

people were impacted directly and indirectly by the Phase 2 scale-up of BEWV since October 2022.

 **148,606**

pastors, church leaders, and other faith leaders were trained in theology and children’s ministry, as well as engaged in faith-based programming, since October 2022.

 **40,472**

Bibles were made available since October 2022, benefiting 202,360 people.

 **5,817**

new churches engaged in Christian discipleship and other faith-based programs for children and youth since October 2022.

# AFRICA

## SUMMARY

In seven countries across Africa, World Vision works with churches and other partners to help children develop their faith through Celebrating Families, Dare to Discover, BEWV for children and youth, and other approaches. Highlights from FY23 include:

**Ghana:** Through empowering nearly 20,000 parents and caregivers, we engaged 44,538 children with spiritual nurture interventions. We also partnered with local churches to hold gospel rallies that reached 2,429 people, including faith leaders.

**Kenya:** World Vision helped equip 55,207 adolescents to demonstrate their Christian faith through acts of love to God and their neighbors. A pastor who led trainings in Celebrating Families reported the restoration of 15 troubled marriages at his church.

**Ethiopia:** We reached nearly 103,000 children, parents, and faith leaders through spiritual nurture activities, including Bible study groups, children's clubs, and Sunday school teacher involvement. Positive partnerships were established between faith-based partners, schools, and groups that focus on child well-being.

**Rwanda:** Outreach campaigns, workshops, parent support groups, and other efforts helped 19,852 parents and caregivers understand their role in creating loving family environments. Involvement by church leaders and Sunday school teachers enriched both children and leadership in the church.

**Mozambique:** Dare to Discover helped 12,038 children and adolescents become aware of their dignity and purpose, align their dreams with God's plans for their lives, increase their self-esteem and, in some cases, recover from sexual abuse. Nearly 100 church leaders were active in Channels of Hope-Child Protection groups.


**Democratic Republic of the Congo:** More than 58,000 children and adolescents increased their knowledge of God, His love, and their purpose in Him. Nearly 80,000 parents and caregivers received training to enable their children to thrive.


**Zimbabwe:** BEWV and other models equipped youth with life skills, while 743 men participated in forums on marriage, family, abuse, and other topics from a Christian perspective to promote gender equality and inclusion.




*When her daughter made a poor decision that brought Mercy shame in Ghana, the distraught mother (center, with some of her children) contemplated suicide. But participating in the Celebrating Families approach helped her understand her role from a biblical perspective to create a safe and spiritually nurturing environment for her children. Mercy began having honest conversations with her daughter that led them on a healing journey to unconditional love and hope. "I saw a change in behavior in my child," Mercy said. "I asked her to forgive me ... She wept uncontrollably and knelt before me for forgiveness [too]."*

## PARTICIPANT UPDATE AND PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

 **2,445,071** people participated directly (789,921) and indirectly (1,655,150), including 514,610 children and youth, since October 2022.

 **20,880** Christian church leaders and other faith and community leaders participated since October 2022.

 **2,287** partners, mostly churches and faith-based organizations, participated since October 2022.

# ASIA PACIFIC

## SUMMARY

World Vision continued to promote spiritual development in three countries in the Asia Pacific region, including to participants of other faiths. Highlights from FY23 include:

**Philippines:** Through spiritual nurture activities and Dare to Discover workshops—some facilitated by trained youth and church volunteers—32,847 children reflected on faith, character, and loving God and others, and learned how to build their resilience, confidence, and relationship with God. About 1,650 parents and caregivers participated in various activities, including 20 workshops in Celebrating Families. Our partner, New Life Ministries, distributed 38,400 copies of the Tagalog Manga Bible, allowing children to read Scripture in a comic style. Nearly 130 teachers participated in spiritual nurture activities.

**Indonesia:** We trained 848 parents in positive discipline, Celebrating Families, and other child protection issues, with 502 parents following up by joining support groups. An interfaith version of Celebrating Families drew 58 parents




from different churches. They learned to nurture their children and respect others, regardless of faith beliefs. More than 400 faith leaders participated in spiritual nurture activities and helped 3,526 children develop spiritually. We collaborated with churches and trained community groups to improve literacy and child protection awareness.

**Vietnam:** World Vision trained 1,791 children in Dare to Discover, with 12,499 children benefiting from various activities to change behaviors, embrace positive values, and learn life skills. Children were enabled to change their views about themselves and their future, with some daring to dream for the first time. We trained 1,939 new parents and caregivers in Celebrating Families (90% from vulnerable ethnic minority groups), with 800 attending follow-up sessions. More than 6,000 parents and children participated in events promoting family unity. We trained fathers to be more active in positive parenting and engaged community leaders in activities promoting the development of life skills and values in children.



Naryl (right) raised eight active children nearly on her own in the Philippines. When frustrated and fatigued, she sometimes lashed out at them violently. Through training from World Vision, she became more patient and a better listener. “I told [my husband] that we need to help each other and be a team, and that means giving our children our time together,” Naryl said. “I’m very grateful to God and to World Vision that I was ... given this opportunity. I will not keep this to myself, but share also with other mothers.” The family prays together nightly. “Mama and Papa changed,” one of their grateful children said.

## PARTICIPANT UPDATE AND PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

	<b>431,957</b>	people participated directly (62,272) and indirectly (369,685), including 51,516 children and youth, since October 2022.
	<b>1,066</b>	Christian church leaders and other faith and community leaders participated since October 2022.
	<b>122</b>	partners, mostly churches and faith-based organizations, participated since October 2022.

# CENTRAL AMERICA

## SUMMARY

Our growing work in four Central American countries increased spiritual nurture and Christian formation. Highlights from FY23 include:

**El Salvador:** World Vision helped 79,110 children develop their faith, including those through Papito Nuestro (Our Daddy), a methodology consisting of playful prayer activities, and through churches and schools. We trained 412 teachers in Raising Children with Tenderness, an approach used to reach 9,982 parents. An additional 203 parents participated in Celebrating Families. We partnered with 202 new churches and trained 1,364 of their leaders in Parenting with Tenderness, and trained 394 young people to spiritually mentor 2,048 teens.

**Honduras:** Working through parents, caregivers, and church leaders, we reached 137,648 children with spiritual nurturing, teaching values and approaches that promote violence prevention. Nearly 5,700 youth developed leadership skills by mentoring children and peers in their churches and communities. We equipped 10,322 leaders from

525 churches with School of Tenderness and other caring approaches.

**Nicaragua:** More than 300 parents and caregivers received training related to parenting styles and positive family relationships, including recognizing the harm of physically and emotionally punishing children. Through Sunday school teachers and Christian education, World Vision trained 70,512 people to develop Christian formation in children. We partnered with 194 faith-based organizations—including churches, schools, communities, and children's reading clubs—that enabled us to work directly and indirectly with 96,928 people.

**Guatemala:** World Vision's partnership with Fe y Alegria (Faith and Joy), a faith-based organization, enabled us to promote the importance of prayer, family relationships, and playful moments in 57 schools, impacting 15,000 families. Nearly 4,400 families in the city of Ixcán and over 4,000 families in the south and southwest regions of Iglesia de Dios Evangelio Completo, one of the country's largest denominations, helped their children develop spiritually.



Gang violence has left many children in El Salvador on their own, including Liliana (left), a teen whose mother was imprisoned. Her lack of basic resources was noticed by Abigail (right), a Bible school teacher. After attending a World Vision workshop, Abigail organized a mentoring group that, along with her church, provided food, clothing, and Bible teaching to youth. "I feel safe because they care about me," Liliana said. "They teach me all the things I love about God ... Jesus is in my heart ... Now I don't feel so lonely anymore."

## PARTICIPANT UPDATE AND PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



**2,044,195**

people participated directly (569,670) and indirectly (1,474,525), including 446,731 children and youth, since October 2022.



**17,063**

Christian church leaders and other faith and community leaders participated since October 2022.



**2,238**

partners, mostly churches and faith-based organizations, participated since October 2022.



# BIBLICAL EMPOWERED WORLDVIEW

## SUMMARY

In FY23, World Vision reached nearly 580,000 people in Phase 2 of BEWV, started collecting information for a baseline assessment, continued trainings, and kept the focus on empowering participants to positively change their lives.

Baseline surveys of more than 7,000 adults and children so far show that about 6% of adults and 11% of children reported good self-efficacy prior to BEWV training, with 6% of adults and 14% of children holding hope for the future. In addition, 7% of adults believe that social cohesion, community ownership, and trust exists in their communities. We expect all these percentages to improve following BEWV interventions.

Other highlights from FY23 include:

- With security deteriorating in the Oromia and Amhara regions of Ethiopia, we trained 1,800 faith leaders in the Evangelical Church Fellowship and challenged them to embrace an empowered worldview. Their churches raised

\$17,700 and provided access to loans to more than 100 vulnerable community groups, restoring relationships and improving trust.

- BEWV contributed to outcomes related to child sponsorship, livelihoods, health and nutrition, Kids Club, and water, sanitation, and hygiene in Ethiopia, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Eswatini, Ghana, Indonesia, Mali, and Thailand.
- World Vision partnered with African International University in leadership and theological development/training, governance and social transformation, and research, publication, and dissemination of our work.
- BEWV participants surveyed in Zambia reported sustained levels of empowerment between 2020 and 2023. To expand and improve research on BEWV effectiveness, we are supporting a study in Zambia and Honduras led by the University of Illinois.



Pastors could barely feed their families in the Southwest Shewa church district of Ethiopia. Dagne (above), the district general secretary, said training in BEWV led participants to “mobilize communities ... by transforming [people’s] mindsets, hearts, and pockets.” Church members taught 3,645 people to save money and established a savings and credit cooperative society. Participants saved \$153,000 and loaned \$104,000 to each other. Dagne said BEWV brings “a new dawn for the most vulnerable Christian communities.”

## PARTICIPANT UPDATE AND PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



**579,585**

people were impacted directly and indirectly by the scale-up of BEWV since October 2022.



**41,810**

people participated in BEWV activities or benefited from training given to their parents or caregivers since October 2022.



**10,891**

children and youth participated in BEWV activities since October 2022.



**978**

partner organizations (mostly churches and other groups) participated in BEWV workshops since October 2022.

# INTERNATIONAL BIBLE FUND

## SUMMARY

Through World Vision's distribution of more than 40,000 Bibles in FY23, over 200,000 children and adults benefited from reading, hearing, or studying God's Word in six countries. Highlights from FY23 include:

**Angola:** Congregations distributed Portuguese New Testaments and full Bibles to adolescents, pastors, and parents. Youth received special New Testaments called "Reach4Life" in partnership with Biblica. They are participating in Bible studies with peers in Reach for Life clubs, gaining biblical guidance related to peer pressure, self-esteem, and healthy life choices.

**Democratic Republic of the Congo:** We integrated Bible distribution in our programs to equip children and pastors to grow in their faith. Bibles supported activities in World Vision child sponsorship areas and in fragile contexts, including the Eastern zone that is experiencing armed conflict.

**Lesotho:** World Vision provided 550 Bibles to reach 2,750 children, youth, parents, and pastors. Some were distributed to children in Bible clubs, increasing interest in God's Word. We also gave Bibles to students in biblical learning programs at school,

with attendance and participation increasing as a result.

**Papua New Guinea:** We made Bibles available to churches lacking age-appropriate biblical resources, new mothers caring for infants at health centers, farmers and their children in remote areas, tribal leaders in conflict-affected areas, and vulnerable children with disabilities or undergoing treatment in hospitals.

**Peru:** World Vision partnered with the Church of God of Peru to train 105 church leaders to conduct positive parenting workshops, distributing Bibles to participants. We used the Everything Starts with Tenderness approach to train churches and parents to reduce physical and psychological violence against children.

**Rwanda:** We distributed nearly 15,000 Bibles to 541 churches and 32 schools. The child and adolescent recipients are in a critical age group and face challenges that affect their spiritual growth. Through studying the Bible alone or through clubs, they will be equipped to develop godly character and establish a lifelong relationship with God and others.



*"A few weeks ago, I was invited to preach at a church, and I was embarrassed because I did not have my own Bible," said Pastor Emanuel (left) from the Council of the Christian Churches in Angola. "The Bible I use for sermon preparations belongs to my church. I cannot take that Bible home or anywhere else. As [a] pastor, I cannot afford to buy a Bible; it is very expensive. I am so grateful that today I am receiving a Bible through the World Vision program. God is faithful. You cannot imagine the joy I feel in my heart to receive just a great gift. The best gift of all."*

## PARTICIPANT UPDATE AND PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



**202,360**

people have benefited from Bibles provided through the International Bible Fund since October 2022.



**40,472**

Bibles have been made available since October 2022.

## MEASURING IMPACT

Through World Vision's partnership with Baylor University and Fuller Theological Seminary, we seek to build research-based evidence about how our programs facilitate the spiritual nurture of children and demonstrate the link between Christian discipleship and community health and well-being.

Initial findings from Baylor's multiyear study of our mentorship program in El Salvador and Honduras show significant increases in religious practices among mentees—praying in groups, reading the Bible, and talking with others about their faith. Mentees also reported higher levels of giving and receiving support from friends.

Fuller has surveyed more than 5,000 parents and children in 14 countries to assess the effectiveness and impact of our Celebrating Families curriculum. Participants in all countries reduced negative parenting attitudes. More specifically, preliminary outcomes from the first cohort in Africa revealed that parents in Mozambique, Ghana, and Zimbabwe demonstrated significant changes, especially in connecting with peers. They also indicated increases in experiencing God's love, engaging in religious/spiritual activities, and feeling hope.

The research team has started the second cohort to ensure we have a robust evidence pipeline for years to come.

## THANK YOU

When asked to draw their dream for their community and church, a group of active church members in the Philippines boldly depicted a world of people unified by Jesus. Your partnership helps vulnerable children and families realize their dreams, be transformed by God, reach their full potential, and experience life-changing hope. World Vision's work, supported by prayers and gifts from generous donors, creates opportunities for people to deepen their faith. Thank you for joining us to help more children experience spiritual nurturing and know Jesus and His love.



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## FINANCIALS

The following financial summaries cover October 2021 through September 2023, except for the International Bible Fund, which covers October 2016 through September 2023.

### Global Christian Discipleship Fund Program-to-Date Spending\*



### Africa Program-to-Date Spending



### Asia Pacific Program-to-Date Spending



### Central America Program-to-Date Spending



### Biblical Empowered Worldview Phase 2 Program-to-Date Spending



### International Bible Fund Program-to-Date Spending



\*Composed of Let the Children Come program spending

Note: These financials represent funding for programs that began during the Every Last One Campaign and are still in process, as well as programs begun as part of our new campaign during fiscal year 2023 (October 2022 through September 2023).