



**CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP** | Christian Discipleship Fund

## Progress Report

October 2024–March 2025



## SUMMARY

Empowered by the hope that comes from God, vulnerable children and their communities can overcome barriers and thrive. Life-changing transformation occurs when pastors and other Christian leaders, parents, and communities know their God-given purpose and identity in Christ.

World Vision's Christian discipleship programs help strengthen families and equip parents, pastors, and ministry leaders to provide environments where children can experience God's love. These programs also change mindsets, enabling people to gain a new vision for their future. An overview of what we achieved in the first half of fiscal year 2025 is available [online](#). Following are some of the highlights:

### Let the Children Come (LCC)

So far in FY25, we have reached 2,061,645 children—111% of our semiannual goal—across 14 countries by equipping parents to spiritually nurture their children, strengthening youth ministries, supplying churches

with biblically based learning materials, and providing training. We also worked with local ministry partners to establish mentoring programs and Bible clubs for children and youth. Partnering with churches, we hosted Celebrating Families and Channels of Hope for Child Protection workshops, helping create safer, more nurturing environments for children.

### Biblical Empowered Worldview

During the reporting period, 23 countries facilitated Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV) trainings, a core Christian discipleship program, reaching more than 475,000 people. BEWV is a Bible-based curriculum that transforms dependency mindsets to help people feel empowered to make positive changes in their lives and communities.

### International Bible Fund

In the first half of FY25, we provided 12,325 Bibles to children, families, and pastors in five countries.



*Children in the Philippines received reflection journals to write and draw what they're learning about God. Our Let the Children Come programs nurture children's spiritual growth and provide opportunities to experience the love of God.*

## GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

# 19,957,189

### 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.



## 6,949,828

children and youth directly participated in spiritual nurture activities and were reached through faith-based programs since October 2022.



## 1,556,107

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



## 139,867

Bibles were made available since October 2022, benefiting 699,335 people.



## 13,695

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

# INTERNATIONAL BIBLE FUND

## SUMMARY

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) says “The Word of God is living and active,” so one of the foundational elements of our work is the provision of Bibles and Bible training. In societies impacted by conflict, poverty, and oppression, a Bible is often seen as an impossible luxury. But Scripture is vital to support people’s spiritual well-being and equip them to make godly choices.

In the first half of FY25, 61,625 children and adults benefited from 12,325 Bibles, providing the opportunity to read God’s Word, grow spiritually, and know their identity in Jesus. Pastors, children, and families in five countries received study Bibles, New Testaments, and children’s Bibles.

### Democratic Republic of the Congo

We distributed 587 French and Swahili Bibles to 2,935 pastors, Sunday school teachers, parents, and children. Bibles were provided to 29 churches, as well as three schools, and helped resource Sunday schools and Bible reading clubs for children and youth engaged in our Let the Children Come program. The Bibles also supported parents and guardians in organizing Bible reading activities, prayer groups, and youth spiritual retreats.

### Philippines

World Vision distributed 300 Cebuano (local dialect) Bibles in the Southern Leyte region benefiting 1,500 people in BEWV workshops, churches, and youth groups.

### Nicaragua

Children, youth, and pastors in six area programs (APs) were equipped with 5,858 Spanish Bibles, benefiting both Evangelical and Catholic partners. Church leaders received study Bibles, which contain tools to help them prepare their Bible studies, sermons, and pastoral visits.

### South Sudan

We provided 3,630 English and Arabic Bibles for 18,150 children and adults to support church services, Bible studies, and faith-based activities in schools.

### Zambia

Thanks to your generous donations, World Vision was able to purchase Bibles for every registered child in the Moyo and Hamaundu APs. So far, we’ve distributed 1,950 Bible storybooks. We’re also preparing to gift Africa Study Bibles to local pastors, with contextual commentary most have never had access to before.



*Through the Zambia Reading for Education and Development program, children in World Vision area programs have been learning to read and write. To support children’s literacy gains, we also provided Bibles to their families in partnership with the Bible League, encouraging parents and siblings to help foster reading and spiritual growth at home.*

## PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



**699,335**

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



**139,867**

Bibles have been made available since October 2022.

# BIBLICAL EMPOWERED WORLDVIEW

## SUMMARY

For the first half of fiscal year 2025 we focused on broadening the reach of the Biblical Empowered Worldview curriculum to new countries, new staff, and new age groups.

We expanded BEWV programming to three new countries—Bolivia, Ecuador, and Peru—increasing our reach to 42 countries over the life of the project. The project continued to build a strong pool of facilitators through online workshops, drawing 40 staff from different national offices who are now certified to teach BEWV principles in their countries. We also completed a new curriculum for adolescents, which will be ready to launch in the second half of FY25.

We reached 475,953 people through workshops and activities, achieving 84% of our annual target in the first half of the fiscal year.

We have also begun embedding BEWV principles into our sponsorship programs, intentionally incorporating key concepts such as what it means

to be created in God's image, God's vision for how we should lovingly interact with others, and how to build stronger relationships. These activities also emphasize trusting God, using the resources available to you, and being bold in creating a vision for the future.

In the East Africa region, we partnered with Africa International University to develop a three-month certificate course in BEWV. The course will equip learners with a biblical worldview and practical tools to transform their communities through ethical leadership and holistic ministry.

Over the next six months we will continue to provide support to national offices through technical guidance, training, and resources to help staff contextualize and adapt the curriculum for different cultures, contexts, and age groups.



*Erika, a 28-year-old single mother in Honduras, faced tremendous hardships early in life that led to feeling insecure and overwhelmed as an adult. Her participation in a BEWV workshop changed everything. She slowly became a woman who believed in her own abilities and saw herself as an agent of change for her family and community. Her relationships with her children dramatically improved. Since then, Erika has become a leader, facilitating three BEWV workshops that reached 166 new participants.*

## PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



**1,556,107**

people were impacted directly (153,279) and indirectly (926,875) by the scale-up of BEWV since October 2022.



**184,366**

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



**27,253**

children and youth participated in BEWV activities since October 2022.



**2,566**

partner organizations, mostly churches and faith-based groups, participated in BEWV workshops since October 2022.



# AFRICA

## SUMMARY

In seven countries across Africa, World Vision works with churches and other partners to help children and families develop their faith. FY25 highlights to date include:

### **Democratic Republic of the Congo:**

The “Lead Today” initiative taught 33 adolescents about foundational Christian leadership principles, including integrity, service, and a growth mindset. These youth leaders shared their training with 306 peers across schools and communities. We also distributed 1,484 Christian discipleship resources to 110 Bible clubs, reaching 1,100 children.

**Ethiopia:** Through Bible clubs, Sunday school programs, and church-led Christmas celebrations, we reached 49,444 children who deepened their knowledge of God, with many taking active roles in leading and serving within their churches.

**Ghana:** The LCC program mobilized 3,044 children and 1,292 adults—including parents, caregivers, church leaders, and community volunteers—through a series of children’s prayer summits and spiritual nurture activities. Held amid electoral tensions,

the gatherings empowered children and adults to pray boldly for peace in their communities and nation.

**Mozambique:** We reached more than 7,360 children and youth through activities such as Bible clubs and Dare to Discover (D2D), a program that helps build adolescents’ resilience, confidence, and relationship with God. In the Nante AP, Celebrating Families workshops reached 89 parents and resulted in the restoration of three marriages. Said one participant, “I’ve reconnected with my children and wife. I’ve learned to listen. Today, we support and understand one another.”

**Rwanda:** We reached 1,332 parents through Celebrating Families workshops, equipping them with biblical principles for stronger, Christ-centered families. Through a partnership with Radio Maria Rwanda, World Vision shared biblically based messages of hope with over 1 million people.

**Zimbabwe:** More than 5,500 children participated in D2D, Awana Bible clubs, and Reach for Life, which helps adolescents discover their purpose and identity in God.



*Children in Mozambique display their new workbooks, provided through our LCC program. Children were encouraged to write down their reflections on Bible lessons, their identity in Christ, and God’s love for them.*

## PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES\*



**7,036,028**

people participated directly (1,825,632) and indirectly (5,210,396), including children and youth since October 2022.



**72,982**

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



**4,485**

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

# ASIA PACIFIC

## SUMMARY

World Vision continued to create spaces for children and families to experience God's love, including in communities where people come from different faith backgrounds. Highlights from the first half of FY25 include:

**Indonesia:** In collaboration with local government, churches, and 148 faith leaders, we established 34 Child-Friendly Churches, a strategic approach to ensure that the church is a safe environment for children and functions for their welfare. Faith leaders reported that since the launch of Child-Friendly Churches, kids are more involved in their congregations. World Vision also hosted a Celebrating Families workshop for 19 parents and caregivers of children with disabilities in the Bengkayang AP. After the workshop, one grandparent said, "My grandchild is not a burden. I became a person who does not only focus on my grandchild's limitations but I can see many amazing and great things about him."

**Philippines:** We reached 13,250 children through spiritual nurture activities where they learned about loving and respecting others,

*\*Country name withheld due to restrictions and sensitivity in this context.*

confidence, purpose, and their responsibilities as stewards of God's creation. In partnership with local churches and ministries, 210 faith leaders and community members participated in strategy and planning workshops. Topics included Bible distribution, spiritual nurture activities, Bible studies, and visiting registered children. World Vision also is partnering with the government's departments of education, social welfare, and development to train 100 social workers, psychologists, and teachers in the Celebrating Families curriculum.

**Restricted country\*:** We held workshops at local schools for 5,991 children and adolescents, equipping them with tools to help create more positive, peaceful relationships with their families and communities. Meanwhile, 1,457 children attended D2D workshops where they learned skills to help build confidence and create a vision for their future. Over 660 parents and caregivers in two APs attended Celebrating Families workshops.



*Celebrating Families seeks to ensure that the families World Vision serves enjoy positive and loving relationships, have hope and a vision for the future, and allow children to experience the love of God. Attending a workshop provided Sunshine (far left) the opportunity for deep self-reflection and growth as a parent. "Since [Celebrating Families], my way of disciplining my children has changed; I can limit my words nowadays, and if it is not beneficial to my children, I will not say it," said Sunshine.*

## PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES\*



**1,570,030**

people participated directly (160,683) and indirectly (1,409,347), including children and youth, since October 2022.



**3,443**

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



**416**

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

# CENTRAL AMERICA

## SUMMARY

Here's how our work in four Central American countries contributed to Christian faith formation for children and families in the first half of FY25:

**El Salvador:** Nearly 24,000 children and adolescents participated in our LCC program, growing their faith and increasing their sense of belonging in churches. We also equipped more than 40,000 church leaders, teachers, caregivers, and young mentors to create safe, nurturing environments that are positively impacting children's spiritual development.

**Guatemala:** We hosted a Celebrating Families workshop attended by 122 faith leaders and 79 parents and caregivers, in collaboration with Catholic and Evangelical churches. World Vision has developed partnerships with 529 faith leaders, broadening our reach to promote positive parenting and strengthen families through Christian values.

**Honduras:** We reached 28,869 children and youth with LCC and Celebrating Families activities across 150 churches and 194 schools. In

partnership with the Ministry of Education, we also trained 415 teachers to apply principles from the Celebrating Families curriculum, such as empathy, self-reflection, and active listening, in the classroom. Additionally, 11,697 parents and caregivers attended Celebrating Families workshops where they learned about strengthening emotional bonds and improving the quality of relationships at home, contributing to more loving and supportive environments for children.

**Nicaragua:** In the first half of FY25, we built relationships with 104 new Catholic and Evangelical churches in nine World Vision APs. We supported our church partners with training, curriculum, and materials to reach 26,464 children through Bible studies, Sunday school programs, and youth ministries. Working with Baylor University, we also launched a study on church partnerships, which will research how World Vision can improve its support to local churches for children's faith formation and better family ministries.



*"My family history is a testimony to God's restorative power," said Karla (pictured with her husband, Nelson). "My marriage had gone through a crisis [and] the damage was not only felt as a couple, but also as a family, affecting our son. Our participation in the workshops with World Vision has renewed us, and today we feel motivated to continue growing and serving in the church," said Karla. The couple now facilitate Celebrating Families groups at their church in Nicaragua.*

## PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES\*



**3,246,964**

people participated directly (815,435) and indirectly (2,051,869), including children and youth, since October 2022.



**32,697**

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



**3,847**

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



## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Last summer, we welcomed Jeff Hancock as the new Senior Director of Faith in Development at World Vision. He leads a team that currently works in 49 countries, impacting millions through BEWV, Celebrating Families, church strengthening, and providing Bibles and other study resources. Jeff has spent over 28 years in the ministry and development world, including 20 years in pastoral leadership, and has great passion for the work.

When asked to reflect on his job one year in, Jeff said, “My desire has been for my life and work to be in the direction of the world that I long for. We are invited to bring repair to the broken places by living out the radical love and compassion of Jesus. [My team] gets to stand beside local pastors and church leaders and empower them to meet the needs of their community, amplifying their witness to the incredible love of Jesus. We bring God’s vision of family to parents and leaders, transforming the daily experience of millions of children. We get to enter communities suffering under the weight of poverty and feelings of powerlessness and hopelessness, and partner with them to bring about generational transformation. We do all this by helping bring to life the Truth that God reveals about what causes human life, individually and societally, to thrive. It’s a phenomenal privilege and joy to be a part of this work.”



*“Each day I get to work with an incredible team, here in the US and globally, who are making the world a better place by putting the words of Jesus into action.”*

—Jeff Hancock  
Senior Director,  
Faith in Development

## THANK YOU

Thank you for partnering with us to give children opportunities to grow spiritually, read God’s Word, and know their identity in Jesus. Your generous giving makes it possible to provide children and families with the resources and nurturing environments they need to develop their faith. You are also helping equip under-resourced pastors, ministry leaders, and churches with the biblically based materials and training they need to better serve their communities. We deeply appreciate your role in helping children and families live the abundant lives God intends for them.



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## FINANCIALS

The following financial summaries cover October 2021 through March 2025, except for the International Bible Fund, which covers October 2016 through March 2025.

### Global Christian Discipleship Fund Program\*

\$25,899,726 program-to-date funding

\$21,710,681 spending to date

84%

### Africa Program

\$9,169,082 program-to-date funding

\$7,533,718 spending to date

82%

### Asia Pacific Program

\$2,990,510 program-to-date funding

\$2,861,584 spending to date

96%

### Central America Program

\$5,010,507 program-to-date funding

\$4,431,232 spending to date

88%

### Biblical Empowered Worldview Phase 2 Program

\$4,278,222 program-to-date funding

\$3,039,864 spending to date

71%

### International Bible Fund Program

\$4,451,405 program-to-date funding

\$3,844,283 spending to date

86%

\*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).