



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP | Christian Discipleship Fund

Progress Report

October 2025–March 2026

SUMMARY

As a Christian, child-focused organization, our deepest desire is for children to know Jesus and understand God's love for them. Your gift to the Christian Discipleship Fund is helping equip parents, pastors, and church ministry leaders with the support and resources needed to help kids develop a strong foundation of faith.

Since October 2022, we've reached more than 27.6 million people with opportunities to deepen their faith and encounter God's Word through programs like Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV), Celebrating Families, and the International Bible Fund. This report includes highlights of our work during the first half of fiscal year 2026.

Children drawn to Christ

Let the Children Come (LCC) programs in 14 countries provided more than 1.5 million children with opportunities to encounter Jesus through youth groups, camps, children's ministries, vacation Bible schools, peer-to-

peer mentoring, and programs that support parents to create safe, loving home environments.

Mindsets changed

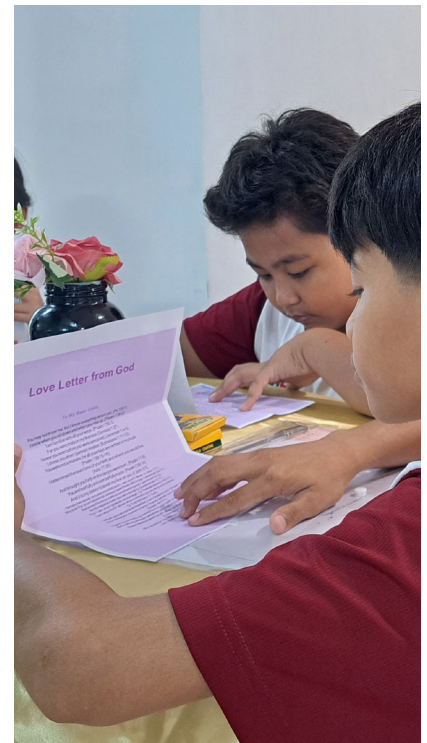
Nearly 250,000 people participated in BEWV workshops, which invite people to discover their identity in Christ and open their hearts and minds to new possibilities for their lives.

Bible access expanded

In many rural communities across the world, access to Bibles remains limited, especially among young people and emerging church leaders. Through the International Bible Fund, we provided more than 18,000 Bibles and scriptural resources to children, adults, and pastors.

Church partnerships grew

Our Christian discipleship work would not be possible without strong church partnerships. During the reporting period, we developed relationships with more than 2,200 new church partners, equipping pastors and church leaders with resources and tools to strengthen their ministry.



Children at a Dare to Discover workshop in the Philippines read "Love Letters from God." The workshop helped kids develop confidence and understand their value as God's unique creation.

GLOBAL UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES

27,675,279

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.



11,083,315

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



2,575,881

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



215,692

Bibles were made available since October 2022, benefiting 988,045 people.



21,103

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

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE FUND

SUMMARY

Thank you for partnering with us to distribute 18,083 Bibles, including study Bibles and children's Bibles, impacting 90,415 people in Ghana and Zambia during the first half of FY26. Additional Bibles are en route to 15 countries, to be delivered by September 2026. Following are highlights from the reporting period:

Ghana

We distributed 8,690 Bibles, supporting the work of 36 children's ministry programs in 12 churches across five area programs, and expanding access to Scripture for 43,450 children. As Christiana, who teaches Sunday school, shared, "One of my biggest concerns [has been], how do you teach children to love God's Word when they don't have access to it themselves?" She continued, **"When the children received their Bibles, the joy on their faces was unforgettable. Some of them held a Bible for the very first time in their lives."**

Zambia

Access to Scripture expanded for 46,965 people—including children in local youth groups—through the distribution of 9,393 Bibles. This included Reach4Life New Testament

Bibles, which help young people apply biblical principles to challenges such as peer pressure, relationships, and decision-making. Youth leaders are also encouraging kids to read their Bibles daily, cultivating a habit of engaging with God's Word.

We also provided Africa Study Bibles to pastors, equipping them to address spiritual and social issues more effectively within their communities.

New partnerships expand Bible access

This year, we launched an exciting new partnership with Biblica, Inc. and Crossway—a leading seller of Christian books—to expand access to Bibles around the world. Through a generous matching contribution from Biblica, Inc., donor gifts are being stretched even further, with Bibles currently being shipped to the Central African Republic, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, El Salvador, Honduras, and the Dominican Republic.

In addition, Crossway is providing gifts-in-kind to support distribution in Lesotho, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Rwanda, and Zimbabwe. These shipments are on the way to their destinations and will help increase access to Bibles for children, adults, and churches.



Above, more than 8,600 children in Ghana received their own copies of the Bible. Below, a pastor in Zambia with a new copy of the Africa Study Bible.



PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



1,078,460

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



215,692

Bibles have been made available since October 2022.

BIBLICAL EMPOWERED WORLDVIEW

SUMMARY

Since October 2022, World Vision's Biblical Empowered Worldview (BEWV) curriculum has reached over 2.5 million people and helped communities examine their long-held beliefs about identity, dignity, and responsibility, through the lens of Scripture. In the first half of FY26, 349,390 adults and children encountered messages of hope, resilience, and agency through BEWV workshops and activities. Additional highlights include:

BEWV in action

BEWV was applied in many different contexts, including a career guidance program in Sri Lanka, where 41 young participants moved from uncertainty to clear life goals, addressing pressures such as unemployment, migration stress, and limited opportunities. In Zimbabwe, we expanded beyond traditional workshops, overcoming barriers to participation like harvest season and migration, to reach over 12,000 people with curriculum via WhatsApp groups. And in Haiti, BEWV was integrated with water, economic

empowerment, and child protection programming to reach more than 15,000 people.

BEWV for adolescents

We launched our new curriculum, *Made Good. For Good.*, designed specifically for kids age 12–18. This launch marked a significant milestone following a journey of testing and receiving feedback from adolescents, facilitators, and subject matter experts. The new curriculum will help empower young people to see themselves as capable of making positive changes in their communities and discover their inherent value and unique gifts as God's children.

Facilitator training

During the reporting period, 376 people across Africa, Asia Pacific, and Central America—including community members, pastors, and other faith leaders—participated in online training programs and were certified as facilitators. These BEWV facilitators will help widen and deepen our impact as they reach more people through BEWV workshops.



Guribys (right) was only a baby when village elders decided he was cursed and should be killed. His neighbor Tesfaye (left), boldly decided to take Guribys away from the village and save his life. Years later, BEWV was introduced to the community and helped transform their beliefs, from fear and harmful traditions to recognizing every child as valued and created with dignity. You can read more of Guribys' powerful story [online](#).

PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



2,575,881

people were impacted directly (285,720) and indirectly (2,290,161) by the scale-up of BEWV since October 2022.



285,720

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



48,635

children and youth participated in BEWV activities since October 2022.



3,333

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. Highlights from the first half of FY26 include:

Democratic Republic of the Congo:

In Goma, Celebrating Families prepared 33 parents to be peer mentors for other parents. Celebrating Families equips parents and caregivers with biblically based training that fosters safer home environments and improves family relationships and children's spiritual development.

Ethiopia: By partnering with local churches, we reached 22,551 children and adolescents with vacation Bible camps, Bible study groups, and weekly Sunday school programs, creating safe and consistent spaces where kids can grow spiritually, build supportive peer relationships, and deepen their understanding of biblical values.

Ghana: We worked with 28 pastors and faith leaders to share messages with more than 500 people about positive parenting practices and child protection, gently challenging long-held social norms and cultural practices that put children at risk.

Kenya: We reached 1,097 children and adolescents through the BEWV for Children initiative across Kakuma Refugee Camp, Mathare, and Muhuru Bay. Children participated in sessions that strengthened their understanding of God's love and their identity, purpose, and value within God's creation.

Mozambique: We collaborated with 94 Christian faith leaders to address harmful social norms, gender inequality, and child protection concerns within their communities.

Rwanda: Through Bible clubs, outreach sessions, and Sunday school programs, we helped 24,021 children reflect on the theme "Jesus as the Light of the World." These programs encouraged kids to become positive influences in their schools, families, and communities.

Zimbabwe: World Vision partnered with youth-focused discipleship organizations including [AWANA](#), [Scripture Union](#), and [Reach for Life](#) to reach 7,548 children with Scripture-based programs and activities.



Scripture Union clubs provide space for kids to engage with and reflect on God's Word. Above, boys and girls in Zimbabwe's Nyashanu Area Program review workbooks titled "A Better Way to Live," which help adolescents and teens explore biblical lessons that address relationship dynamics, anxiety, and peer pressure.

PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



9,321,025

people participated directly (2,399,249) and indirectly (6,921,776), including 1,623,097 children and youth since October 2022.



84,639

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



6,225

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

ASIA PACIFIC

SUMMARY

Spiritual development grew across three countries in the Asia Pacific region, including among people of other faiths. Highlights from the first half of FY26 include:

Indonesia: Church partnerships are increasing, helping expand programs to reach to more children and families. During the reporting period, we developed relationships with 80 Christian churches and 346 faith leaders who led faith-focused programs and activities, including 19 BEWV workshops as well as Celebrating Families sessions for 483 parents and caregivers. Meanwhile, 146 children attended Bible-based literacy classes at a reading center, where they built reading skills while learning from God's Word.

Philippines: Together with our church, school, and other community partners, we served 7,453 children through spiritual nurture and Dare to Discover programs. These activities helped kids grow in their awareness, understanding, and knowledge of God, deepening their relationship with Him. We also engaged with 618

people through Celebrating Families, helping families adopt positive parenting practices and create stronger, more nurturing, and faith-centered home environments.

Restricted country*: In restricted contexts, we bear witness to Christ in culturally sensitive ways that align with our values. During the reporting period, we served 9,766 kids through Dare to Discover and IMPACT+ clubs. Both programs seek to build confidence and help kids become active citizens through life-skills training, mentorship, service projects, and other activities. We also supported 485 parents and caregivers through Celebrating Families workshops. Many caregivers reported a shift to more thoughtful, patient, and understanding approaches in raising children and greater awareness of the importance of listening, encouraging, and guiding their children. This shift contributed to reduced conflicts and stronger emotional connections within families.



Once quiet and withdrawn, Brian (second from right, in blue) is now a confident leader in his community. When Brian began participating in the children's forum at a local church in South Central Timor, Indonesia, he discovered his voice, became a youth facilitator, and eventually was selected as a children's ambassador. "I want to be [an] ambassador who can inspire other children in my community and become a public speaker," he said with a smile.

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

PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



1,856,042

people participated directly (242,943) and indirectly (1,622,099), including 180,061 children and youth since October 2022.



4,823

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



749

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

CENTRAL AMERICA

SUMMARY

World Vision's Christian discipleship programs support spiritual development for children, families, and their communities in four countries across Central America. Following are highlights from the first half of FY26:

El Salvador: Through a partnership with the Church of God, we equipped 130 people to mentor 3,799 adolescents and teens. The program has provided youth with a sense of belonging and a safe environment where they can share their experiences and receive emotional and spiritual support.

Guatemala: Together with 285 local churches and 856 pastors and other faith leaders, we equipped 6,774 parents and caregivers with tools to create nurturing family environments and helped 5,667 children grow closer to Jesus through vacation Bible schools. Another key achievement was expanding our church partnerships with a major denomination in the eastern region of the country.

Honduras: We reached 16,052 children and adolescents, thanks to

strong partnerships with 60 churches who run programs that are engaging and fun, showing kids that they are known and loved by God. In addition, more than 10,500 parents and caregivers participated in Celebrating Families and Raising Children with Tenderness workshops. Since these programs began, pastors and church leaders have observed encouraging changes in their communities, including reduced physical abuse, more peaceful families, and improved child well-being.

Nicaragua: World Vision partnered with 163 churches, working closely with local faith leaders across eight area programs. Churches began or expanded programs including Celebrating Families and Channels of Hope—a model that helps churches respond to some of the most difficult issues affecting children in their communities. The project also prepared 235 youth leaders to mentor their peers and trained 147 Bible school teachers to help children grow in prayer and faith through interactive, child-friendly approaches.



Above, youth mentors participated in training events with World Vision and church partners, equipping them to serve thousands of adolescents and teens in El Salvador. Mentors learned to use their own life experiences to support more than 3,500 young people in San Miguel, creating a sense of community, belonging, and purpose for participants.

PARTICIPANT UPDATE & PROGRESS ON CORE ACTIVITIES



5,101,507

people participated directly (1,382,973) and indirectly (3,718,534), including 1,011,930 children and youth since October 2022.



55,536

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



5,460

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

LOOKING AHEAD

A new phase of Christian discipleship programming will begin in FY27. Over the past year, we completed the process of discerning program directions, identifying areas of greatest need, and seeking the right community partners with whom we'll continue our work. From the beginning, we covered the process in prayer.

The local church is at the heart of the new program framework. Through a layered approach, churches will guide their communities to examine cultural beliefs in light of Scripture and reflect on God's design for human life and flourishing. At the same time, couples will gain practical, biblically grounded skills—such as communication and shared decision-making—to strengthen relationships at home. Together, this discipleship journey connects faith to everyday actions and relationships. Our goal remains the same: that children grow in their faith, experience the love of Christ, and thrive in environments shaped by His truth—foundations the church is uniquely positioned to cultivate.

Our work with research partners to study the impact of our programs is ongoing. World Vision uses these insights to better understand what aspects of our programming is working, what needs improvement, and what leaders and participants themselves need to experience greater impact.

Baylor University is completing the second phase of an LCC study in Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Nicaragua, taking a closer look at how partnership with World Vision can strengthen local churches in their overall mission. Early results show that church engagement with their surrounding communities has increased, and our programs are drawing more young people from non-church going families. In addition, a study conducted by Fuller Seminary evaluating Celebrating Families programs will be highlighted in a policy session at a global child protection conference in August. The study revealed meaningful improvements in parenting attitudes and a reduction in harsh discipline among program participants. Sharing this evidence in a global policy session represents a milestone in a two-year evidence-building journey across 14 countries.

THANK YOU

Thank you for putting your faith into action by supporting programs that help children and families experience a deeper relationship with God. We're grateful you chose to partner with us to foster hope, encourage transformation, and share the love of Jesus with children around the world.



After Sakurayi (above, left) and Tambudzayi (right) attended a Celebrating Families workshop, their family dynamic began to change. They forgave each other for past hurts and committed to be more patient and give each other grace. Tambudzayi and Sakurayi met monthly with other couples to talk through what they were learning, providing a safe space for accountability and ownership. The experience sparked a transformation in the couple, which in turn has profoundly affected their family and the community around them.

"[The workshop] opened my mind to many things, especially how I was treating my husband and my children," Tambudzayi said.



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FINANCIALS

The following financial summaries cover October 2021 through March 2026, except for the International Bible Fund, which covers October 2016 through March 2026.

Global Christian Discipleship Fund Program

\$32,796,625 program-to-date funding

\$28,134,342 spending to date

86%

Africa Program

\$11,875,859 program-to-date funding

\$9,844,182 spending to date

83%

Asia Pacific Program

\$4,182,106 program-to-date funding

\$3,752,547 spending to date

90%

Central America Program

\$6,338,221 program-to-date funding

\$5,640,096 spending to date

89%

Biblical Empowered Worldview Phase 2 Program

\$5,054,040 program-to-date funding

\$4,519,032 spending to date

89%

International Bible Fund Program

\$5,346,399 program-to-date funding

\$4,378,485 spending to date

82%

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).