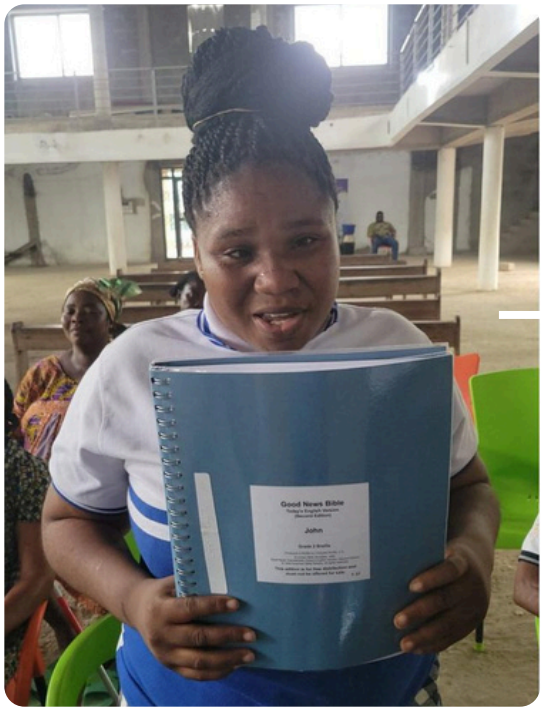
COMPASS BRAILLE NEWS

Braille Bibles Good News at the Fingertips Autumn 2026

“Today I have received my own braille Bible”



These are the words of Vinolia, a girl from Ghana, having recently received a braille Bible, produced by Compass Braille, from the Bible Society of Ghana. She is pictured here holding a braille copy of John’s Gospel. Read, in her own words, how this came about:

> “Anytime I am in church, I get worried about not having a Bible to read and it is difficult to get a Bible as a visually impaired person. I complained to my pastor, and he said the church does not have it. We had a braille Bible in school but were not allowed to take it home, but today I have received my own braille Bible, I am very happy because I love reading the Bible and now I have my own Bible. I thank the Bible Society of Ghana for this gift.”
>
> - Vinolia Mordey



Over the past two years we have sent 694 volumes of braille to Ghana. Vinolia’s story above illustrates the impact of a few of these on one person. Over the summer the Bible Society of Ghana has been busy distributing others to visually impaired school students in their country. In this way many hundreds of visually impaired young people have been given the opportunity to find out more about the God who loves them by reading His Word for themselves. In the following pages we feature photographs and stories from this distribution as well as those from similar distributions which have taken place in Uganda.



Ghana

This summer the Bible Society of Ghana distributed 217 braille volumes in three schools serving visually impaired students in the Volta Region of the country:

- **Hohoe School for the Blind**
- **Adidome Senior High School**
- **Three Kings School for the Blind**

The majority of the volumes distributed were from the English Good News Bible. The remainder consisted of Lion Children's Bibles, other collections of children's Bible stories, 'thematic portions' – collections of encouraging Scriptures on a theme – and copies of 'Mary Jones and her Bible' – the story of the 16-year-old Welsh girl who, in 1800, walked 26 miles barefoot to purchase a copy of the Bible, inspiring the founding of the first Bible Society.

The heads of the schools and students expressed their profound appreciation to the Bible Society of Ghana and pledged to make thebraille materials readily accessible to learners and to encourage their regular use to strengthen their spiritual growth and biblical knowledge.

In recent weeks we have sent to Ghana a braille Bible in the Ghanaian language of Asante Twi and have nearly completed transcription of the Bible in another Ghanaian language: Ewe.





The Bible Society of Uganda has also been extremely busy this summer distributing braille volumes, produced by Compass Braille, throughout their country. Some of the institutions visited include:

- **Hornby High School Primary, Kabale (1)**
- **St Bernadette Primary School, Hoima (2)**
- **CEVIC School for the Blind, Mpigi (3)**
- **Kyambogo University, Kampala (4)**
- **Salaam School and Chain Foundation, Mukono (5)**
- **St Thereza Bujani Primary School, Kibaale (6)**
- **Madera Secondary School of the Blind, Soroti (7)**

(numbers refer to locations on the map, right)

Here are some highlights from the visits:

Hornby High School Primary was presented with a whole Bible in the local Runyankore-Rukiga language. Previously students had had to borrow the Secondary School's copy. The Head Teacher expressed deep gratitude, saying, "This gift is a great blessing to our school."

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A complete braille Bible was given to visually impaired students who worship at the Uganda Martyrs Chapel at Kyambogo Universtity, Kampala. For one recipient, Brenda, the moment was deeply emotional. She exclaimed, "Finally, we shall also have an opportunity to participate in taking readings in church!" Brenda and her peers were no longer just observers of the liturgy; they were now active participants.





On June 1st, the Bible Society of Uganda team visited two special schools in Mukono District: Salaam School of the Blind and Chain Foundation Uganda.

Salaam School of the Blind was given a complete English braille Bible and also Lion Children's Bibles. The smiles and excitement on the faces of the children reflected the deep impact of receiving God's Word in a form they could read and cherish.

At Chain Foundation, the joy was equally evident. The recipients expressed heartfelt gratitude not only for the braille volumes but also for the Bible Society's involvement in their spiritual lives. They appreciated being included in church activities both within and outside the school, such as opportunities to take part in Scripture sharing.

Commenting on the distribution at St Bernadette Primary School, Hoima, William Balyesiima of the Bible Society of Uganda said, "Beyond spiritual enrichment, the distribution also carries significant academic value. With access to braille and audio Bibles, students can strengthen their literacy skills, improve comprehension, and enhance their overall learning experience."

Daphine's story

As well as visits to institutions, the Bible Society of Uganda made a special visit to a young lady called Daphine in Bwizibwera, Mbarara District.

Daphine was overwhelmed with joy as she received her own full Runyankore-Rukiga braille Bible. She described it as the answer to a

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prayer she had made many years ago:

"I had a strong desire to own a braille Bible. I even asked my aunt to buy one for me, but she told me it was too expensive. I continued praying and asking God to make a way for me. Today, I am grateful to God because He has answered my prayer."

Daphine, who lost her sight at the age of ten, has persevered through many challenges. Raised by her grandmother, she completed Senior Six and has now been admitted to Kyambogo University to pursue a Bachelor of Guidance and Counselling. She attributes her journey to God's grace and faithfulness.

Her Bible was presented (pictured below) at the home of the retired Bishop of Ankole Diocese, The Rt. Rev. Elisha Kyamugambi, Mama Mable Kyamugambi, and their daughter Annet, keen supporters of the Bible Society of Uganda's ministry of making God's Word accessible to visually impaired people.



Updates

Transcription

Ewe
A Ghanaian language (pronounced "eh-weh"). In the last issue we reported that proof copies had been sent to Ghana. We have since had feedback which revealed no errors in the braille but a few in the source text. Therefore we are waiting for the translation team to correct these before we can proceed with transcription of the final production files.

Malayalam
As mentioned last time, this Bible was one of the original 11 Indian languages transcribed by Compass Braille in the 1990s but it now needs to be retranscribed. Proofs were sent to India for checking many months ago but we are still waiting for feedback. Please pray that there would be progress with this project.

Luganda – Catholic Bible
This is another project where we are awaiting feedback. Luganda is one of Uganda's most widely spoken languages and this translation will be distributed within the many Catholic institutions there.

Good News Bible in Unified English Braille
We have been producing this Bible in Standard English Braille for decades but now we are in the process of a long overdue update to the latest braille code.

Production

In the last issue we reported that we were experiencing a severe shortage of orders because those which we normally receive from India were not being placed. We heard that this was due to increased regulation of charities within India. We urged our supporters to pray for the situation and are pleased to report that the blockage seems to have been cleared! Praise God! We now have orders which will last us well into 2027!

Because of the shortage of orders mentioned above the production figures shown below, for the third quarter of 2026, are much lower than usual but we predict they will pick up significantly by the next quarter.

Dispatches July-September 2026:

Braille Bible Volumes
- 430 Kannada to India
- 44 Ao Naga to India
- 43 Asante Twi to Ghana
- 120 Swahili to Kenya
- 7 Romanian to Romania
- 2 Luganda to Uganda (proofs)
- 1 English to Uganda (sample)

Braille Thematic Portions
- 25 English to Zimbabwe

Giant Print Bible Volumes
- 70 English to Zimbabwe

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