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*Some identifying details may have been changed throughout this report for confidentiality.*



## What Is Mission 865?

Mission 865™ is a Jesus Film Project® initiative to translate the *JESUS* film into the heart language of each people group with 50,000 or more speakers—and smaller languages as determined.

**“The LORD went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and He provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel by day or by night. And the LORD did not remove the pillar of cloud or pillar of fire from its place in front of the people.”**

— Exodus 13:21-22, New Living Translation

# Illuminating the Path Forward

Ever since the Mission 865™ (M865) initiative began in 2010, we’ve entrusted it to the Lord, relying on His power to bring it to completion. More than ever before, we can see Him illuminating the path forward, guiding every step we take. By the end of this year, we expect to have every remaining M865 language translation started. This milestone clearly demonstrates God’s faithfulness, as many of the remaining languages are in the hardest-to-reach places—some of which we can’t physically reach, therefore requiring greater attention and effort to complete.

While we remain focused on moving forward, we can’t help but celebrate what the Lord accomplished in 2025. There were more East Asian languages produced in the last two years—15 in 2025 alone—than in the previous 10 years combined. We recorded one of the last M865 languages in the Latin America and Caribbean region—a language spoken in Mexico that now has its own *JESUS* film. And Pennsylvania Dutch, one of the final languages for North America and Oceania, is well on its way to completion!

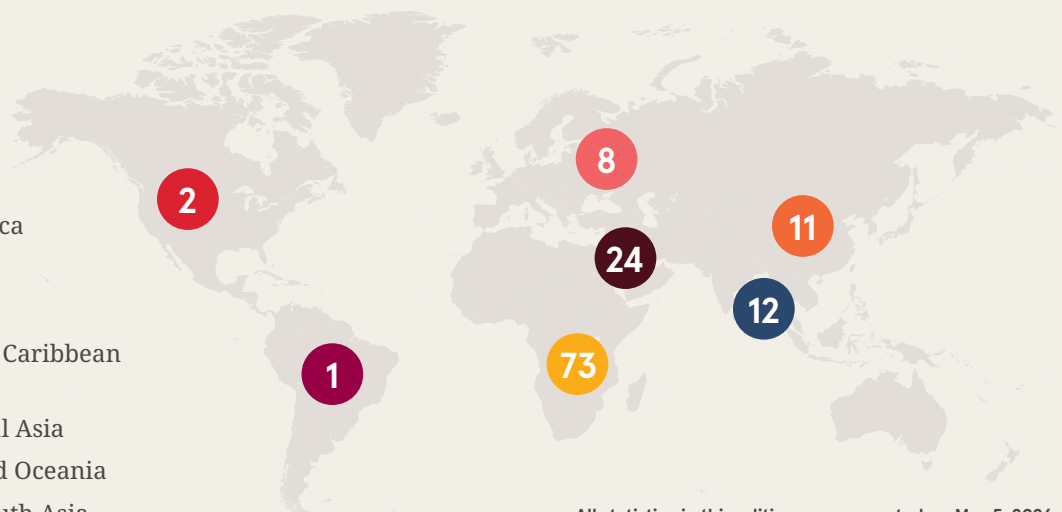
This report illuminates the work that took place in 2025—as well as the work that remains—and shows how God made a way for the gospel to advance, even in challenging places. Thank you for prayerfully walking this path with us, helping us take the story of Christ to all the nations.

## Guiding Our Steps

We completed **38** M865 languages in 2025. So far in 2026, we’ve completed **11** languages. This brings the language total to **734**, which represents **84.86%** completion of the M865 languages.

### *Breakdown by geographic location of the remaining M865 languages:*

- **73** in sub-Saharan Africa
- **11** in East Asia
- **8** in Europe
- **1** in Latin America and Caribbean
- **24** in North Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia
- **2** in North America and Oceania
- **12** in Southeast and South Asia



All statistics in this edition were reported on May 5, 2026.



## Opening Closed Doors



**LANGUAGE**  
Confidential



**LOCATION**  
A country in Central Asia



**WORLD SPEAKERS**  
1.5 million



**RECORDING COMPLETED**  
October 9, 2025

Remaining Country  
Languages to Complete: 5



## Reaching Their Hearts

**A**lthough the speakers of this confidential M865 language live in a Central Asian country, the *JESUS* film recording took place in a European country for security reasons. The people who speak this language are deeply rooted in the regional religion. Yet many of them are spiritually restless, longing for peace and answers about forgiveness. The recording team could tell the voice actors were searching—curious and open to hearing more about Jesus. In a time when their region is marked by so much uncertainty, the story of Jesus in their own language is especially significant, as it offers a message of eternal hope and peace many may welcome.

When the recording process ended, the woman who voiced Narrator approached one of the recordists and said, “You have positive energy coming from you.” He told her about the Holy Spirit who lives in and through him. The other recordist then explained the fruit of the Spirit. They didn’t get the opportunity to talk further, but the recordists could tell she thought about what they said.

Six voice actors gathered to review the film, which was their first opportunity to hear the story of Jesus. As the scene that portrays the Crucifixion played, they were visibly moved. During the gospel presentation at the end, one man gave vocal affirmation to the truths he heard, and another man expressed his desire to follow Jesus. The dialogue director offered to find someone in his home country who could follow up with him and help him grow in his faith. The voice actors appreciated the chance to participate in the recording and insisted the recordists let them know when the movie is available. Even though the country where people speak this language is closed, the Lord made a way for this film translation and recording to take place—and He’s already reaching their hearts.



### Prayer Point

Pray the Lord will use the *JESUS* film in this M865 language in mighty ways, continuing to soften hearts so people will accept the truth of Jesus and the salvation He offers. Ask Him to provide a way for recording teams to safely complete the five remaining M865 languages in this country.



*This project served as a reminder for the recordists that God’s mission cannot be stopped by closed borders or conflicts. Even when challenges arose, God made a way for this project to happen, demonstrating that He is at work in their lives. “As technicians, we came to record voices,” shared one of the recordists. “But we ended up witnessing hearts being stirred by the [words] of Jesus Himself.”*



## Creating Avenues of Faith



**LANGUAGE**  
Confidential



**LOCATION**  
A country  
in East Asia



**WORLD  
SPEAKERS**  
80,000



**FILM  
COMPLETED**  
November 10, 2025

Remaining Country  
Languages to Complete: 11



## Sacrificing for Progress

**M**any speakers of this confidential M865 language worship their ancestors and nature. Few have heard of Jesus, and even fewer have access to God's Word in their heart language. But that may change as ministry workers reach them using the *JESUS* Narration General film in their language. This version of the *JESUS* film typically enables one actor to voice the role of Jesus and another to narrate the story—and works well for areas where it's difficult to gather a large group of voice actors.

Years ago a woman named Lynn established the first church among her people. Starting with her family, the truths of Jesus took root. As others learned about Jesus, the small congregation became one of the largest churches among the speakers of this language.

Lynn was asked to translate *JESUS* into her language, and her cousin David joined her, agreeing to voice the role of Jesus. Together they started working on the script, but challenges quickly followed. Lynn's church was questioned, which paused the translation work. The recording team waited and prayed.

When the translation work resumed, there was another delay due to Lynn's limited availability. Through it all David remained committed, and he made sacrifices to ensure the work progressed, going so far as to leave his full-time job to be more available. He kept the momentum going—recording lines, checking translations and encouraging people to recognize the film's importance—and his sacrifices paid off. After months of hard work, David and Lynn finished the film! Translating and recording *JESUS* in this East Asian country started as a risky endeavor, but now the film is an avenue for the story of Jesus to change lives.



## 2 Prayer Point

Ask the Lord to bless the *JESUS* film in this M865 language, enabling all who watch it to understand the sacrifice Christ made on the cross. Pray God will keep ministry workers and other believers safe as they share the good news with people in their communities.



## Advancing the Gospel



### LANGUAGE

Wassa



### LOCATION

Ghana



### WORLD SPEAKERS

375,000



### FILM COMPLETED

March 6, 2025

Remaining Country  
Languages to Complete: 0



## Finding God Faithful

Until the completion of the *JESUS* film in the Wassa language, only portions of Scripture and two biblically based resources offered the Wassa people access to the good news of Christ in their heart language. In a community where people practice various religions—and where some who profess faith in Jesus may not understand what it means to truly follow Him—Wassa believers longed for a resource like *JESUS*, which tells the story of the Savior and proclaims His message of love and forgiveness.

One day during the recording trip for this M865 film version, the recording team members decided to have lunch by the sea. As they walked along the shore, the man who voiced Jesus in the Wassa film observed how God keeps the sea within its boundaries: “God is wonderful. Look at the sea rolling to its end and not flowing through the township.” They were all inspired to speak of God’s greatness—including His kindness in making a way for the Wassa people to hear the words of Jesus in their mother tongue and understand who He is and why He came.

The review committee members were so excited after they watched the newly recorded *JESUS* film that they insisted the recording team show it again so their families and friends could watch it. They couldn’t hold back the good news about having the film in their language!



*The God who created heaven and earth made a way for the Wassa people to learn about Him in the best way possible—in their very own language. He keeps the sea within its boundaries, and He prepared these voice actors to take part in a long-desired film for their people!*



### Prayer Point

Praise God for the completion of all 10 M865 language versions of *JESUS* in Ghana! Pray for seekers across these language groups to find satisfaction and joy in the words of Jesus, giving them the confidence to follow Him.



## Preparing the Way

To prepare the way for sharing and showing the Wassa *JESUS* film, Great Commission Movement (GCM) Ghana (as Cru® is known there) partnered with Biblica and held a vision-casting meeting with the Wassa Local Council of Churches. The gathering marked an important step in building strong partnerships between GCM Ghana and the local churches as they work together to advance the gospel and strengthen the body of Christ among the Wassa people.

GCM Ghana staff members explained their desire to partner with and serve local churches, equipping and empowering them to reach their communities more effectively. They introduced the church leaders in attendance to various Jesus Film Project® resources—like the Jesus Film Project app—and discussed strategies they use for sharing the story of Jesus, mentoring new believers and planting churches. At this gathering they also introduced the newly completed Wassa *JESUS* film and shared their plans for showing it in Wassa communities during a two-week outreach event. They invited the local churches to help them prepare for it.

When GCM Ghana staff members later premiered the film, they described their wonderful experience: “As the *JESUS* film played under the open sky in Mpohor, hearts were moved and lives were touched. Many heard the gospel in their own language—some for the very first time—and responded with amazement, joy and newfound faith. It was a night filled with light, laughter and lasting hope.”



Scan the QR code to see a glimpse of how God moved during the

Wassa *JESUS* film premiere. He worked in powerful ways, advancing His kingdom as the Wassa people heard the truths of Jesus.



## Thank You

*Translating the JESUS film into all of the M865 languages is a goal we've worked toward for many years. As we get closer to starting the translation process for our final language versions of JESUS, we eagerly anticipate how the Lord may change lives through them. Even though the remaining languages are in some of the most challenging areas, we firmly believe God will make a way. Thank you for your support, your prayers and your encouragement. We're so grateful you've been with us on our journey to reach everyone, everywhere with the story of Jesus.*

**“Who is like You among the gods, O LORD—glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, performing great wonders?”**

— Exodus 15:11,  
New Living Translation



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