



BIBLE ACCESS LIST 2025

A 2025 assessment in 88 countries identifying where Bible access is most difficult and shortages among Christians are greatest

MISSION STATEMENT



To provide a reliable, global view of Bible Restrictions and Shortages to inform the fulfillment of the Great Commission

CORE ASSESSMENTS

Bible Restrictions list



Block 1

(75% weight)
Restrictions imposed by Governments, extremists or other actors (e.g. banning Bible printing, distribution, ownership)



Block 2

(25% weight)
Socio-economic barriers (e.g. poverty, poor infrastructure, low literacy)

Bible Shortage list



Estimated number of Christians desiring a Bible but don't have one. Results expressed in ranges

METHODOLOGY AND DATA SOURCES

Primary data



Global surveys
Expert interviews
Field observations

Secondary data



World Christian Database
Open Doors' World Watch List
World Bank Indicators
Bible Translation Repositories

KEY OUTPUTS

Bible Restrictions List



A ranked scored list based on access restrictions

Bible Shortage List



A ranked scored list of where the shortage among the Christians is the greatest

Country Profiles



Narrative and visual summaries of Bible access realities and prayer needs