



Africa: *Shine the Light*

How It Began

We launched the *Lumière Project* in 2015 with the twin goals of:

- reaching 6 million children and youth with God's Word and
- seeing 3,300 new churches planted in French-speaking Africa.

By 2024, our partners have planted over 3,900 new churches with an attendance of more than 5 million people.

We have now expanded on the goals of the project to include a church plant in every village across the continent.

How It Works

With your support and prayers, OneHope delivers the Scripture programs for children and youth, then our local church partners send teams with the Word for young people in new villages, and from there, they plant churches.

- Over 100 denominational groups are partnering with us to plant churches.
- Over 100 different languages are spoken among the church plants.
- Young people under the age of 21 accounted for over half (59%) of the overall church attendance.

This is a proven strategy for leading children and youth to Jesus and establishing church fellowships where they and their families can grow in the faith. Our partner



pastors and churches are:

- Showing *The GodMan* film in village after village
- Sharing the *Book of Hope* and the illustrated cards of *God's Big Story*
- Preaching the Good News and planting churches

We've forged incredible partnerships with local pastors and churches. This is a proven strategy to reach the next generation across a difficult region and plant new churches where Islam is on the march.

The Impact

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO: Rocky's Story of Transformation

In a rough neighborhood of Kinshasa, young Rocky was known for his mischief and petty crimes. He and his friends carried knives, were stealing, and causing trouble. The community viewed them as a threat rather than as children.

Rocky went to a OneHope program at church with a plan to act up and disrupt the services — he expected to be rejected and instead was welcomed in, despite his reputation. It was a rare experience of acceptance for the boy.

Today Rocky is following Jesus — and he's a regular at church. He and his friends have found a safe haven where they can grow in faith and leave their troubled past behind.



BURKINA FASO: Wheelchair & Witness — Meldon's Tale

Meldon was among the many children who came to see an outdoor showing of *The GodMan* film — and he chose to dedicate his life to Christ! With joy, he received the invitation to come to Sunday school and the local church ...

But as the team packed up the projector at the end of the event, they noticed Meldon still sitting on the ground ... and realized: he is disabled and can't walk. He was waiting for a family member to come and collect him.

His new church family responded with love and took up a collection to give Meldon a tricycle wheelchair. Now Meldon rolls around the village telling people about the love of Jesus and the kindness of Jesus' friends!

Because of Meldon's witness, more than a dozen villagers have placed their faith in Jesus!



The **Shine the Light Matching Challenge** of \$1,000,000 serves to challenge others to give! Every \$1 of the challenge, matched by \$1 from a friend like you, means SIX more children and youth will receive God's Word!

Shine the Light in Africa ...

Multiple churches planted in region that's 99% Muslim



Our partners in many nations of Africa are threatened with persecution because of radical Islam — but God's Word still makes inroads.

Says Pastor Kwasi, who ministers in a predominantly Muslim area, "If you talk to them about God, you are rejected. But when you tell them that in the evening you will show a movie, even the village chief and the imam will come to watch."

➔ **Pastor Kwasi's mission field is 99% Muslim ... but with your help in providing God's Word for the children and youth, he has planted multiple churches.**

"Children are always the first to accept Jesus," says Pastor Enu, who also uses *The GodMan* film to reach children and youth in village after village.

"Sometimes hundreds of children respond to the invitation to meet Jesus, and they become the nucleus of the new church."

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You can be the one who tells Muslim children and other kids about Jesus all across Coastal West Africa — even in areas where believers are persecuted.



How you can shine the light for Africa

\$1,000,000 Shine the Light Matching Challenge

We thank God that friends have donated a \$1,000,000 *Shine the Light* Matching Challenge that will double every dollar to reach twice as many young people in Africa.

Under normal circumstances, every dollar presents God's Word to three children and youth. Today every \$1 of the challenge, matched by a donated dollar, will reach six.

We're asking friends like you, to consider a generous year-end donation to be doubled in impact by the challenge and reach children and youth with God's Word in Africa.

Please pray about how you can help and respond as God directs. The matching challenge is for a limited time only, and we are thankful for your consideration.



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OneHope helps children and youth worldwide engage with God's Word. Our vision is for every child in every generation to encounter Jesus through His Word. We believe the life-changing narrative of the Good News brings hope and has the power to affect destinies. We create research-based, contextualized Scripture engagement programs and work alongside the global Church to share them with young people. Through OneHope's diverse partnerships, more than 2 billion children have received God's Word since 1987.