

Africa



Audio Bibles for Africans

**Project: Non UBS
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2 million+

women suffer from obstetric fistula in Africa

50+

years the Barbara May Foundation has been working to bring hope to fistula patient

650

megavoice players will be distributed to patients in 2025

Overview

Through this project, Bible Society Australia will work in partnership with megavoice Australia and the Barbara May Foundation to distribute 650 solar-powered audio Bibles to fistula patients in Africa in 2025. This initiative supports Dr Andrew Browning's work, promoting safer childbirth, maternal health education, and effective local healthcare, while sharing the gospel in local languages.

The Need

There are critical needs in maternal healthcare across sub-Saharan Africa, and many vulnerable women in rural and impoverished communities. Two million women suffer from obstetric fistula in Africa, and there is an urgent need to prioritise safer childbirth and reduce maternal and neonatal mortality rates, including improved access to quality medical care, cultural sensitivity in treatment, and the provision of free services regardless of race, religion, or financial standing.

Furthermore, there is a need to train local healthcare providers in modern clinical practices, ensuring they can deliver efficient and effective care.

And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. – Micah 6:8, NIV

Goals

In 2025, Dr Andrew Browning is working in Fistula camps in Malawi, Sierra Leone, Kenya, Chad, Uganda, Congo and Togo.

Motivated by the love and compassion of Jesus, for more than 50 years the Barbara May Foundation (BMF) has supported the work of doctors addressing the needs of these vulnerable women by providing healthcare, as well as advocating for the protection of young women and girls, fostering a supportive environment for maternal health. By building maternity hospitals and enhancing existing facilities, BMF significantly increases access to emergency obstetric care for women in remote areas. Their work not only addresses immediate medical needs but also shares the life-saving message of Jesus Christ, integrating spiritual care with health services to enrich community well-being.

Bible Society Australia and megavoice Australia will partner with BMF to deliver 650 audio Bibles to African patients in 2025. Fistula patients will receive an audio player device or lantern to take home to their families — and villages — and hear God's life saving word in their heart language. In addition, Midwives will receive high quality video-based medical training via megavoice's Envision tablet players.

Testimony

"As medical professionals we can bring a limited amount of hope, we can bring physical healing for people, but as Christians we want to share the hope that we have in Christ, of eternal life and a relationship with God. The gospel of Christ can take people much further, it can heal their hearts ..." — Dr Andrew Browning

Prayer Points

- Please pray for the medical teams working within the project and for safe travel in these very remote areas.
- Pray for the patients to receive Christ.
- Pray for expansion into more regions to meet the estimated two million women requiring fistula surgery across Africa.

Impact

Around 650 households will be impacted in 2025 by the distribution of audio Bibles. The megavoice audio Bibles bring hope, the eternal hope offered by God through Jesus. As patients receive the players, they are impacted not just by the health messages, including the testimony of a fistula patient who was physically healed, but also by the Bible and the message of the gospel. The gospel's message that Christ has come to save people brings tremendous renewal in people's lives when they give their lives to Christ, far more than any physical healing can bring.