



**MISSION 865**  
IN EVERY LANGUAGE, TO EVERY PEOPLE

306 Languages Completed

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*"...They who had no news of Him shall see, and they who have not heard shall understand" (Romans 15:21, New American Standard Bible).*

### LEAVING JESUS OUT OF THE REACH OF MILLIONS ... is just out of the question.

#### EVERYONE. EVERYWHERE. WHATEVER IT TAKES!

**Underground. Secret. Classified.** Whatever the term, there are times when silence is a good thing. In places where the gospel faces hostility for political or religious reasons, operating under the radar is the wisest course of action.

Remaining unknown and unnoticed is just one of the ways God has given Mission 865 momentum and a positive trajectory. This year we will likely reach the halfway mark of translating the *JESUS* film for 865 language communities with more than 50,000 speakers!

An undercover team using a robust community-based strategy and newly developed software operates in places we rarely speak openly about. We refer to this international team of faithful servants as Snap Dragon. No, this is not their real name.

In the past three years, Snap Dragon has led the way in some of the most challenging places, giving more than 36 million people a chance to hear Jesus speak their language! For security, many of these language communities in classified countries are listed on the Mission 865 website only by pseudonyms.

During the second half of this year, Snap Dragon will begin work in 56 additional language communities. Please pray for this secret, but highly impactful initiative. And pray for the people in unnamed places as they will one day soon have the *JESUS* film.

I'm thankful for your prayers and faithful support. And that's no secret!

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He had worked for years, hand-writing a rough first draft of the film script. Not knowing if he'd ever see the film completed, he gave his writing to his grandchildren and told them to keep praying that one day the film would be done for them and their children.



# SEEING “JESUS” FOR THE FIRST TIME

by Zak Kerr

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## Everlasting Love for Women

The man on the small screen captivated Yasmine. This elderly woman, watching *Magdalena: Released From Shame* in her North African home, had never before thought about following Christ. But as Jesus spoke with and cared for the women in the film, she realized how deeply He loved them—and loved women like her.

Yasmine quickly called her daughter and friends in to see the film, which was being streamed in Tasahlit (a dialect of Kabyle) on a satellite TV station. They were overwhelmed and amazed at how Jesus reached out to Magdalena and the other women in the movie. His care for these women and their needs touched the viewers' hearts.

“It is the best story I’ve heard,” Yasmine later said. She explained that she placed her faith in Jesus because, when she watched *Magdalena*, she saw how He forgave the sins of the women who came to Him. After the film aired on TV, Yasmine went to her town’s church, where believers had previously screened *Magdalena*. The people she met there gave her a DVD of the film, which she now cherishes.

“I did not believe Jesus would be interested in me also. At last I’ve found peace. Now I tell all my family and friends about Jesus.”

While Yasmine has joined the church, she can’t always make it there in her old age. But she joyfully shares the love of her Savior with many women by showing *Magdalena* in her home.

## Reaching Great Multitudes

Like the elderly woman, millions of North African Tasahlit speakers had the opportunity to watch *Magdalena* on television in December 2016. Although not Christian, the channel also broadcast *JESUS*, giving Tasahlit speakers both films in their heart language. Global Church Movements (GCM) staff members in the region rejoiced as God answered their prayers to reach the multitudes with the life-changing story of Jesus despite persecution and the government’s ban on evangelism.

Demand has soared! Thousands of nonbelievers keep requesting and receiving DVDs of these films. Local churches continue to host screenings with hundreds watching. Local ministry leaders plan to start Bible discussion groups as they follow up with the thousands enthralled by Christ.



**Yasmine eagerly showed *Magdalena* to her family. She then prayed and received Christ!**

## How You Can Pray

**PRAISE** God for answering GCM staff members’ prayers to reach many Tasahlit speakers with the gospel.

**PRAY** for all who have accepted Christ but cannot join a small group or church because of family persecution. Pray believers would visit and encourage them.

**PRAY** for the distribution of Jesus Film® DVDs to touch thousands of North African hearts for Christ.

**PRAY** the many people who watched *JESUS* and *Magdalena* on TV would get connected with local believers for follow-up.

**ASK** God to continue to raise Tasahlit-speaking leaders who are willing to receive training to boldly share their faith and hone others.

# ERICK'S CORNER

## Jesus Film® Executive Director



**GOD IS HELPING US WORK TOGETHER**—better than ever—to fulfill the Great Commission. The partnership between Jesus Film Project®, our Mission 865 Finishers and Operation Snap Dragon is a wonderful example of successful

cooperation between marketplace leaders, a non-profit ministry and a for-profit company. Each one of these partners has brought unique strengths to the table to enable us to do something for the Lord that none of us could have done as well without the others. This cooperation is something that brings glory to God and is worth celebrating!

During a recent visit with him, one of the original donors to Jesus Film Project told me a story. On one of our early mission trips to the Caribbean that included staff members and donors, an evening *JESUS* film showing was being drowned out by loud music coming from a nearby café. Staff members saw this as spiritual warfare and right away called the group to prayer. But one of the ministry partners had a different insight. He approached the café owner and asked, “How much do you expect to make tonight?” When he heard the answer, he offered the owner that amount plus a generous bonus ... to take the night off. Problem solved!

Here’s my point. Kingdom-minded marketplace leaders can often solve problems in ways that ministry staff members may not have considered. Operation Snap Dragon has brought unique creativity and ingenuity to the process of making a *JESUS* film version in unwritten languages. The Mission 865 Finishers have funded this work in a way that maximizes the use of every dollar for the task. Jesus Film Project has filled in lots of parts in the process, but we could not have done the language versions that Snap Dragon has done as quickly or as well without this unique collaboration. **To God be the glory!**

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## Jesus Calms the Storm

### Ukraine

**A SMILE SPREAD ACROSS FEDIR'S FACE** at the video clip about the disciples calling out to Jesus to calm the storm. After Fedir viewed the clip on the Jesus Film® app, he knew he wanted to use it to share his faith with others. A believer for two years, he had not yet learned how to evangelize. This was the reason he had come to today’s event, a training session led by a Jesus Film Mission Trips® team.

Fedir teamed up with another national and a couple of Jesus Film staff members to evangelize in town. Right away they saw a man, Oleg, sitting on a park bench. After talking with him, they showed him the *JESUS* film segment “Jesus Calms the Storm” on a tablet, given to the local ministry by Jesus Film.

Fedir asked Oleg if he’d ever experienced storms in his life. Oleg said yes, stiffening in his seat as painful memories washed over him.

“Jesus calmed the storms in my life,” Fedir said. He explained how Christ had saved him from a life of drunkenness and shame.

Fedir then asked Oleg if he would like to know how to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Oleg enthusiastically said, “Yes!” So, Fedir and his teammates used the tablet to go through a digital presentation of the Four Spiritual Laws using Cru’s GodTools app. At the end, Fedir asked Oleg if he wanted to receive Christ’s forgiveness. Once again the answer was yes.

Fedir later told teammates this was the first time he’d ever shared his faith with someone else. It also was the first time he’d ever seen someone trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Fedir plans to follow up with Oleg and connect him with a local church. And he’s more excited than ever about reaching others with the gospel using the media-rich Jesus Film app.

# FINANCIAL UPDATE

**WITH MORE THAN 1,600 MINISTRY PARTNERS** who have financially participated in Mission 865 to date, this ministry is truly blessed. New languages continue to be funded as new ministry partners have committed to a language, thereby joining the team. Of the 865 languages on the list, 576 of the languages have been funded or committed to. More recording specialists have joined the team, so accelerated production of languages is anticipated. For the first time in a long time, there is a backlog of languages waiting to be recorded. Snap Dragon, our language production partner, will finish the India languages and has already begun working on Indonesian languages. The ministry remains on target for completing at least 67 languages this calendar year. To date, \$19 million has been given to Mission 865 toward finishing the 865 languages goal.

## BILL WOLFE

### Director of Global Partnership Strategy



**BILL WOLFE**, shown with his wife, Lana, is director of Global Partnership Strategy with Jesus Film Project®. In earlier years, Bill worked with Campus Ministry in the U.S. and internationally. Global leadership development and ministry training were priorities he underscored in leading the Great Commission training centers. Enthusiastic about providing the gospel to those who have not yet heard or seen it in their own language, his time is

now focused in multiplying kingdom impact through the JESUS film. Bill and his wife have worked with Campus Crusade for Christ® (Cru®) for the past 45 years. They have four grown children and currently reside in Orlando, Florida.

## 306 Languages Completed

Recently Completed Versions	Country
Dogon	Mali
Pengo	India
Chikunda	Zimbabwe
Mbembe	Cameroon
Glavda	Nigeria
Burun	Sudan
Daasanach	Ethiopia
Sansi	India
Zokam	India
Sardinian	Italy
Laro	Sudan



**Bill Wolfe was in Dubai training new film team workers, many of whom are former terrorists who have accepted Christ and want to introduce others to Him.**

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Give them one minute with JESUS and see what God does.

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