

Investing in Discipleship

that the next generation may know, honor, and treasure God



The Greatest Treasure for the Next Generation

When Truth78 was founded 23 years ago, the concern was that too many children were growing up in our churches and homes blinded by the attractions of the wide way that leads to destruction and ignorant of the truth about God, His works, and the narrow gate that leads to eternal life (Mt. 7:13-14). Now, over two decades later, there is even more reason to be concerned. It seems that the force and speed of secularization is greater than ever, luring young people toward idols of the age that cannot satisfy or save. I tremble to think of the world my grandchildren will face.

Reading the news headlines about the heart-wrenching migration crisis on our southern border, the Rohingya refugee crisis in Bangladesh, and the killings in Tigray region of Ethiopia, I am reminded that as serious as the situation is in North America, it is far worse in other parts of the world. Opening my inbox, I see messages from friends in Myanmar: *“In Hlaing Tharyar town, hundreds of thousands flee their homes while others hide inside. We hear guns shooting every day. Over 150 have been shot already. It’s a killing field...Am I having a nightmare that may be ignored in the morning? No,*

I’m NOT. I’m awake, unfortunately!” Almost all these reports included stories and pictures of children and youth caught in a maze of human suffering.

At Truth78, we feel as powerless as most do to change the complex circumstances that lead to such suffering. What we are doing is everything that we can to mobilize and equip church leaders and parents in North America and around the world to teach the Word of Truth to the next generation. Our aim, as defined in the text from which we take our name, is a generation that sets its hope in God (Psalm 78:7) as a solid Rock that cannot be shaken. He is our Eternal Treasure that moth and rust cannot destroy, and political upheaval, violence, famine, and pandemics can never take from us. We are zealous for those who come behind us to have confidence in God so that they can sing with the Reformer in the face of fierce threats to their physical and emotional survival, *“Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill; God’s truth abideth still; his kingdom [and His treasure] is forever.”*

Our mission is to inspire and equip the church and the home for the

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A Gospel Resource for You

We’re excited to release a new evangelistic resource, designed to lead children on a journey to discover 10 essential truths of the gospel, which culminate in the greatest treasure of all—enjoying God Himself forevermore! This is just one of many tools made possible by the generous financial investments of God’s people, who keep this work of supporting churches and parents going strong. Share *The Greatest Treasure* with others at Truth78.org/the-greatest-treasure.

comprehensive discipleship of the next generation. The word “comprehensive” is important, as Psalm 78:5; Deut. 6:6; 1 Timothy 6:20; and Acts 20:27 all suggest that there is a body of truth that we need to teach the next generation. Truth78 takes this responsibility seriously and is committed to doing all we can to produce curricula and other tools to support parents and teachers in their desire to be faithful to this calling.

A Sunday school teacher recently wrote the following encouragement to our team: “I just watched your vision videos this morning and am again so thankful for your impact in my life. I passed on my favorite [Vision for God-centered, Gospel-Focused Teaching for the Next Generations] to my sister who has just begun teaching preschool Sunday school at her church...I remember the first time I heard your comparisons of God-centered vs. man-centered Bible stories at the 2016 National Conference, and my teaching has never been the same since! Thanks for teaching me, and know that I’m passing the torch to those I know who teach the next generation.” It is stories like this that remind us that our efforts are not in vain.

The more I tremble, the more I am compelled to pursue the mission with you to send our children into this world with eyes that see Jesus as their Greatest Treasure. We are desperate for them to count everything as loss for the surpassing worth of knowing Christ (Phil. 3:8). Though the challenge is great, we have never been more encouraged and delighted to share with you a report of some of the progress God has enabled us to make locally and around the world.

Please take some time to review these updates and join us in giving thanks for the glory of our God and King and for the everlasting joy of the next generation,



David Michael,
Executive Director

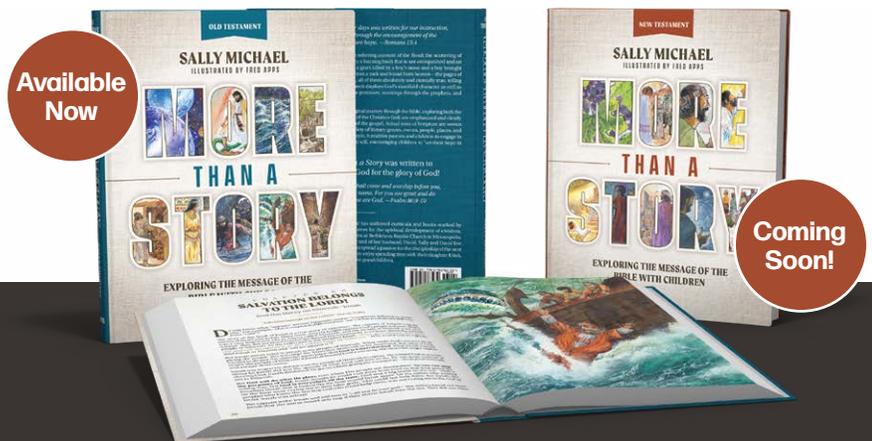
P.S. I hope you will check out the specific investment opportunities we are highlighting here, and as always, contact us with any questions or if you’d like to discuss particular projects further.

Inspiring the Church Spreading Zeal for Discipleship



In an effort to develop a network of pastors and ministry leaders who want to grow with us in the 7 Commitments, we recently mailed *Zealous* books to more than 3,000 key churches in North America. The costs for this project were covered with funds from our general operating budget. Even though investing in our general fund may not sound exciting, those budget dollars are being used for exciting projects like this that will expand our mission to inspire and equip. In fact, the production of the brochure you are holding in your hands now is made possible through this fund, enabling us to communicate our vision and mission progress to our partners, many of whom are also parents and ministry leaders.

Zealous is available at Truth78.org/zealous



Available
Now

Coming
Soon!

More Than a Story

More Than a Story introduces children to a glorious God.

“*More Than a Story* is a special and unique resource which helps me to fulfill my calling as a parent,” a dad recently told us. “Not only does it clearly and concisely tell the stories of the Bible, but more importantly it seamlessly frames every story in context to the awe-inspiring sovereignty and grace of the Creator and His plan for a fallen humanity.”

Since its release in December, more than 2,000 copies have made their way to homes throughout North America and other parts of the world. This unparalleled resource is an indispensable discipleship tool for parents committed to giving their children a big view of God through substantial exposure to His Word and the truth that it reveals. Please join us in praying that every Christian home with school-aged children would have access to this valuable resource for the faithful instruction of their children.

Learn more at Truth78.org/story

The second volume, *More Than a Story: New Testament*, is expected to be available this fall. An estimated \$50K in funding is still needed to complete this project.



Translating Globally

Our global discipleship staff has the joy of working with many translation teams around the world, as part of an effort to equip the church and home globally. One of the unexpected blessings of hiring local, native speakers to help us has been hearing their feedback on how spending time on meticulous translation and theological editing of Truth78 resources is also serving them personally by fueling their passion and zeal for next generation discipleship. One of those is a former Hindu who writes,

“As I received *Zealous* for translating it to Bangla (Bengali language), I never imagined that this piece of literature would continuously teach and inspire me to ponder upon my ways of doing my God-given responsibilities. As I studied and worked on it, and now it is to go to the pews of all Bengali Churches who also are supposed to be zealous for the discipling of the next generation the same way. I hope God will use this Bengali translation work for the benefit of my people as well as co-workers. I have started teaching this to my church and enjoying the grace that is speaking to my people for a change to follow our Master in His way.”

Likewise, a key partner in Mexico shared that,

“*Zealous* has impacted [her] life in different ways” and “brought hope especially during...this pandemic.” Her encouragement to others is, “Do not give up! Rest in God’s sovereign plans and in His love for the next generation. Let’s keep on praying for them even when we don’t see what we might want to see. God is at work and this coming generation will know Him and love Him like no other generation has!”

These stories remind us of how vital it is to share the Greatest Treasure with the next generation around the world.

We are presently working on a plan to provide 30 different language groups with what we are calling our “tier 1” priority resources. The estimated translation and initial publication costs are \$45,000 for each language group. If you are interested in investing in one or more language projects, we can provide more detailed information.

Tier 1 Resources for Translation



Zealous

\$5,500

to translate and print 2,000 copies



Helping Children Understand the Gospel

\$4,500

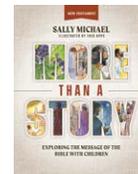
to translate and print 2,000 copies



More Than a Story: Old Testament

\$20,000

to translate and print 1,500 copies



More Than a Story: New Testament

\$15,000

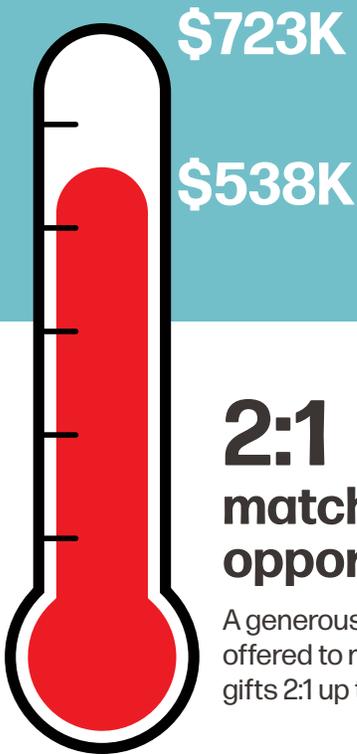
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Learn more at
[Truth78.org/languages](https://truth78.org/languages)

Join the effort to provide resources to the top 30 language groups of the world:

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| 1. English | 15. Marathi |
| 2. Mandarin Chinese | 16. Telugu |
| 3. Hindi | 17. Western Punjabi |
| 4. Spanish | 18. Tamil |
| 5. French | 19. Turkish |
| 6. Arabic | 20. Korean |
| 7. Bengali | 21. Vietnamese |
| 8. Russian | 22. Javanese |
| 9. Portuguese | 23. Italian |
| 10. Indonesian bahasa | 24. Hausa |
| 11. Urdu | 25. Thai |
| 12. German | 26. Gujarati |
| 13. Japanese | 27. Kannada |
| 14. Swahili Kiswahili | 28. Persian Iranian |
| | 29. Bhojpuri |
| | 30. Tagalog |

Bold indicates projects started.



2:1 matching opportunity

A generous partner has offered to match first-time gifts 2:1 up to \$50,000.

We are trusting God for an additional \$185K to reach our fiscal year goal of \$723K.

Partnering Together

Praise God for those who have joined us in praying Big, Bold, Biblical prayers for the faith and discipleship of the next generation.

We are also praising God for a growing network of church leaders who are becoming more intentional with their commitment to the discipleship of the next generation. Our hearts overflow with gratitude to God for the growing numbers of people who are financially investing in this effort.

In a recent conversation with a new partner, we learned that it was the example of one of our other financial partners that inspired him to invest so generously. After hearing the story, the other financial partner who has decades of faithful financial stewardship behind him said, “giving begets giving.” We witnessed the truth of that statement twice in March and are confident that it is happening more than we can know.

May God be pleased to continue taking the “loaves and fishes” that we invest and multiply them to satisfy thousands in the next generations for His glory and their everlasting joy. Good things are happening!

We are trusting God to continue providing all we need. If these updates resonate with you, we hope you'll join us by investing financially to support the ongoing ministry to the next generation. Please visit Truth78.org/support-truth78 for more information.

Ways to Give



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with a check made payable to Truth78 in the return envelope provided



Online

at truth78.org/give-now via credit card or bank transfer



Contact

partners@truth78.org with financial partnership questions
We would be delighted to hear from you!

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