



Every Tribe Every Nation Digital Bible Library Value Added Report December 2016

As an organization, eBible.org exists to facilitate making the Holy Bible available to people all over the world in the languages and formats that are most helpful. Obviously, this task is too large for any one organization, so we work in partnership with many other organizations and individuals within the Body of Christ.

Our work includes:

- Bible digital format conversion services
- Preparation of digital Bibles for submission to the Every Tribe Every Nation (ETEN) Digital Bible Library (DBL)
- Bible-related software development
- Web site design and maintenance
- Server maintenance
- Bible translation using innovative processes but never sacrificing quality for speed
- Sharing resources and technology with others within the Body of Christ as God directs

The eBible.org organization is the steward of over 100 domain names, including, of course, <http://eBible.org>. Each serves a purpose. Some of these are operated for the benefit of specific groups of people. For example, <http://PNGScriptures.org> and <http://TokPlesBaibel.org> are operated by eBible.org on behalf of the PNG Bible Translation Association for the benefit of the people of Papua New Guinea.

As in intellectual property contributor (IPC) to the ETEN DBL, eBible.org contributes:

- Original Bible translations by eBible.org (like the World English Bible, World Messianic Bible, LXX2012, etc.)

- Reputable Public Domain Bible translations not already in the ETEN DBL when we have a reliable copy (like the American Standard Version)
- Trustworthy Bible translations provided by third parties who are not direct ETEN DBL contributors

All of these are provided under open access terms, and are available to all ETEN DBL library card holders who want them.

As an ETEN DBL library card holder (LCH), eBible.org adds value for IPCs by:

- Helping Bible societies and Bible translation organizations achieve their mission of making the Scriptures available as economically as possible
- Converting ETEN DBL bundles into several formats useful for end users
- Creating and maintaining web sites for distributing Scriptures in culturally appealing ways
- Helping with formatting Bible translations for submission to the ETEN DBL when appropriate
- Providing feedback regarding Scripture deliveries from our web sites at <http://eBible.org/metrics/>
- Including short promotional messages in Bible translation “about” pages

Note that the last item is significant in that we don’t do any promotion or advertising on our sites except for promoting the Holy Bible and the organizations and missionaries who do the translation and delivery of those Bible translations. It is our hope that this will be a significant source of support, good will, and potentially more laborers for God’s harvest.

There are many awesome organizations doing seemingly similar things with respect to getting God’s Word to people in many languages and formats. This is actually not a problem, because the Great Commission is for all of us. Just because I spread the Good News about Jesus Christ in no way means that you shouldn’t be doing it, too. It is also true that in the Body of Christ, different parts have different purposes. For eBible.org, we focus mainly on reaching the following target audiences with improved access to the Holy Bible:

- People who live in creative access countries (requiring peer-to-peer sharing and offline access as well as Internet access to Scriptures)
- Minority language speakers in any country, including those whose economies are effectively disconnected from ours
- People with limited or no Internet access
- People who don’t yet appreciate the full value of the Holy Bible, but might read some in a free copy

- Anyone else we can help with access to the Holy Bible by doing what we do to help the people mentioned above

In other words, we concentrate on getting God's Word to people who are underserved or totally bypassed by more market-driven approaches to Bible distribution. By the grace of God, we are free to do that through the generosity of donors whom God has led to support this ministry, both directly and indirectly.

For a current look at our Bible delivery metrics based on web server logs, please see <http://eBible.org/metrics/>. These numbers represent our best effort to date at measuring actual Scripture deliveries to real people based on web server logs. These numbers do not include Scriptures delivered from an API, as those are counted separately by the API provider. Note that the numbers in that report attributed to the Bible.cloud site are a joint Digital Bible Society (DBS) and eBible.org project. That is the only site in that report that has Scriptures available in other than an open-access license, and then only in InScript format for online viewing. (There are some other "micro sites" that draw their content from Bible.cloud, giving the appearance of having a separate site, but the files are actually hosted on one or more of the Bible.cloud servers.) All of the rest of the sites are limited to Bible translations with open access licenses (i.e. Creative Commons or similar, or in the Public Domain), which honestly reflects the needs of our primary target communities.

To God be the glory for allowing us to have a part in distributing His Word to the people whom He loves so very much!