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## A TRIBUTE TO DR. J.L. WILLIAMS

### Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

*“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

*Dear Friends of Galcom,*

As many of you know, Galcom was birthed out of a sovereignly confirmed vision to reach poor, overlooked and often marginalized peoples around the world for Jesus Christ with durable solar audio devices like fix-tuned radios, low power radio stations and audio Bibles in vernacular languages. To help ensure our success, God has graciously given us key Kingdom partnerships over the years. One of our most satisfying and fruitful recent ministry partner relationships began around 2010 with an introduction to Dr. J.L. Williams<sup>1</sup> from North Carolina. A true spiritual giant and published author<sup>2</sup>, J.L. poured his life into mentoring spiritual leaders in some of the globe’s most oppressed regions. In the process he led countless of international ministry trips and oversaw the distribution of thousands of solar-rechargeable audio Bibles across Asia, Africa and The Caribbean. He understood the reality of the orality barrier<sup>3</sup> and refused to allow that to stop him from doing the Lord’s work.



Dr. J.L. Williams  
December 31, 1941 – December 28, 2016

A powerhouse of faithful obedience and entrepreneurial passion, J.L. served God for decades. On December 28<sup>th</sup> Dr. J.L. Williams passed away unto his eternal reward. He viewed himself as primarily an evangelist and teacher who traveled around the world in apostolic ministry as God led and enabled him. We pray you are inspired by J.L.’s legacy as you read testimonies of what God accomplished through his life.

Perhaps one of the most fulfilling projects to complete with J.L. was what we call the **Tibetan Oral Bible Initiative** (TOBI). Through J.L. Williams, Galcom, MegaVoice and our donor partners, we were able to set up a remote recording studio outside Tibet for the recording of the audio Bible and worship songs in Tibetan.

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The acknowledged patriarch of the tiny, emerging Tibetan church, “Pala”<sup>4</sup>, diligently labored to record Scriptures that he himself translated into Tibetan as well as worship songs using Tibetan music forms. The landmark work was finished in 2013 and J.L. Williams distributed hundreds of Galcom-sponsored solar audio Bibles loaded with Pala’s new audio Scripture content and music. J.L. reported: *“They were eagerly received beyond our greatest expectations! We could have easily distributed 1,000 players if we would have had them!”*

### Intercessors’ Corner

Pray that...

- God continues to extend his comfort to J.L.’s widow, Patt, and all the loved ones grieving his loss.
- Hunger for the Word of God will continue to grow in places J.L. & Patt have visited.
- God will show Patt and the board of directors His will for the ministry.





In Nepal: Pala (left) listens to his own voice on the solar player that he recorded in the Tibetan language. Pala and his wife, Amala, pray over the players that J.L. Williams brought for distribution (center).

## Memorable Testimonies:

- **The Tape:** J.L. and Patt returned to Kenya for a women’s conference 8 months after distributing solar audio Bibles. *“J.L. and I were especially anxious to hear how the ladies were doing and if they had any feedback on the use of the Biblical solar digital players we gave each of them last March. We wondered how many women had actually listened to them and shared them with others. Or, did they treat them as a toy, letting their children play with them? Did the goats eat any? We soon found out. Interestingly, they called their players: “The Tape”. Once they started telling how the Word of God had impacted their lives, it was hard to find a stopping place. Woman after woman stood to share a Bible story or verse that had impacted them, and gave the lesson they had learned. We were amazed at the depth of understanding they had. We had goose bumps, tears and smiles – all at the same time!”*  
-Patt Williams
- **Ministry to Unreached Arab Tribal Groups**  
*“Individuals are coming to Christ – many through dreams and visions that they are supernaturally receiving from God. As a result, small house churches are being established. While most of the refugees from Iraq are Christians, the majority of the ones from Syria are Muslims. Our Arab partners are reaching out to these unreached tribal groups with practical expressions of the Gospel. In addition to sharing food and clothing, they also share the “Solar Digital Bibles” in Arabic that we supplied them with. This way, God’s Word is heard in their heart language. Through their holistic approach, the Gospel is being shared through practical acts of mercy.”*  
-J.L. Williams



**Thank you, Galcom donors, for your continued support that makes Galcom’s growing global outreach possible. Please continue to pray for J.L.’s loved ones that are mourning his loss. May we all be inspired by J.L.’s relentless pursuit of God and his faithfulness is being used to bring His kingdom on Earth. For more information please visit our website via <http://www.galcomusa.com/>.**

For the Unreached,

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1 See [http://www.jlwilliams.org/about/about\\_jlpdf](http://www.jlwilliams.org/about/about_jlpdf)

2 See <http://www.jlwilliams.org/media/books>

3 See <http://galcomusa.com/pdf/July2011EltrMegaVoice.pdf> for an explanation of the orality barrier

4 For Pala’s story and more information on TOBI see <http://galcomusa.com/pdf/Nov2013Eltr.pdf>