

THE BIBLEFRESH YEAR

IN NUMBERS

2011 was a year when hundreds of churches, agencies, organisations, colleges and festivals came together to form a movement to reignite and re-enthuse the Church in its passion for the Bible, to ensure that the scriptures were seen as treasured, trusted and true, not tedious and toxic.

It was the **400TH**

anniversary of the publication of the King James Version of the Bible, giving us a unique opportunity to focus our attention on the Word of God.



54 BIBLE CHAMPIONS
120 PARTNERS



spanning a wide variety of denominations and the length and breadth of the UK got behind Biblefresh. They represented a huge range of organisations: from small trading providers to huge festivals, well-established colleges and publishers to new media agencies, tiny theatre companies to whole church streams.

MORE THAN **2,500**

people engaged with some of the trickiest passages of the Bible at the Get a Grip events, through the Get a Grip books, and the online videos. Both the events and the books were kindly sponsored by CPAS.

More than **285,000** pages were viewed on the Biblefresh website, **3,500** people received monthly newsletters, more than **2,000** people followed Biblefresh on Twitter and the initiative received more than **2,500** 'likes' on Facebook.



shoeboxes filled with 3D images of Bible events were displayed in Peterborough Cathedral. The brainchild of diocesan director of education, Dr Stephen Partridge, shoeboxes illustrated every book of the Bible, and were created by church schools, parishes, organisations and individuals of all ages.

There were **70** Biblefresh theological college events around the country.

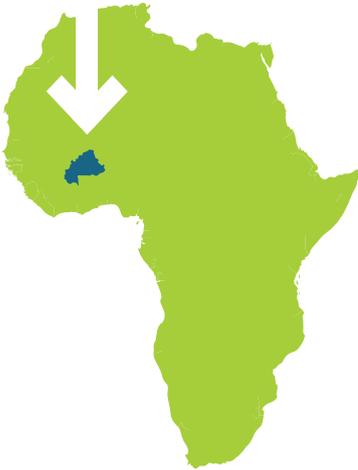
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copies of the Biblefresh handbook were sold. It was crammed with ideas to encourage, inspire and equip individuals and churches to take a fresh look at the Bible – and live it out.

More than

£74,000

was raised to enable the Bible to be translated into two of the languages spoken in **Burkina Faso**. The money will support the work of the Bible Society of Burkina Faso as they translate the Old Testament into Lebir and Wycliffe Burkina Faso as they translate the New Testament into Barka.



10,000

copies of the youth version of *Essential 100*, a Scripture Union resource that provides an overview of the Bible in 100 readings, were given away at Summer Madness in Northern Ireland.

The People's Bible travelled **17,428 miles** throughout England, Wales and Scotland giving the public the opportunity to reproduce an entire King James Bible (and more to spare!) in their own handwriting. The project, led by the Bible Society and the Scottish Bible Society saw more than **43,000** verses written.

25,000

copies of *Soul Survivor Bible in One Year* were sold.

COUNTLESS number of churches and individuals had the opportunity to engage with the Bible in fresh ways during 2011, including many who hadn't thought much about the Bible for years.



120,000 people saw the **Viral Bible Project**, funded by the **Jerusalem Trust**, launched at festivals around the UK and **200** limited edition **Viral Bibles** sent around the UK and beyond. A Bible from Keswick travelled **14,216** miles as it made its way around the UK, also visiting Turkey, Germany and South Sudan.

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