

NAIROBI, KENYA
The Bible Journey Program
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The Bible Journey Program is an initiative of the Daughters of St Paul in Kenya. It has always been one of the main objectives as we celebrate Pauline Biblical Year, to have a Radio program running in the Catholic Radio Stations here in the Archdiocese of Nairobi, with a special interest in the areas of the Bible and Catechesis.



The *Bible Journey* program is designed as a practical but in-depth inquiry into the Bible. It is a journey with the Word of God meant to help Christians and all those interested to understand the background and context of the Christian Scripture. It aims at helping the listeners become familiar with the Word of God, diligent at reading it, able to understand its meaning and find God’s will for them in the Bible. This program is not meant to be scholarly in approach because the Radio here in Kenya reaches all classes of people; in fact, the Radio is popular with many people who are not highly educated. Therefore, this program aims to bring the Word of God in all its beauty to the people, making sure that they understand the context, the theology, the call to make it alive today in the church and society. The preparation of this program is extremely demanding, because it demands an in-depth Bible Study but at the same time simplicity in presentation to make sure that the audience is able to understand and relate to the presentation.



The recorded program were also posted on Radio Maria Nairobi Website Page as podcasts and a summary of the program was put up on Radio Maria YouTube channel. This gave us a good outreach especially to the young people and to others who were able to access the Social Media platforms. It is currently the most popular program on Radio Maria Nairobi. We have

audiences across the board: young people, adults, catechists, priests, religious, and seminarians. It has helped us to understand that people are really thirsty to have a genuine, simple and in-depth explanation of the word of God. We give the historical background of each book we are dealing with, the message and theology of the Book, and the cultural context. We have a lot of feedback from our audience especially through social media and it is a joy to be able to, “Give wings to the Gospel” as Maestra Tecla encouraged us. There is also a renewed appreciation of the African Bible as we refer to it often and explain how to use the introduction, comments and footnotes.



So far we have produced Ninety programs and it is indeed a learning experience and a great tool of formation for our people on the Word of God. Soon the program will be much more interactive since Radio Maria Nairobi has a bigger audience. There is a frequency and hence those who are not on social media can have access

to the Radio. We hope, by the grace of God, to continue this beautiful ministry through the Radio.

If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Corinthians 9:16)

SOUTH SUDAN

MARY AND THE WORD OF GOD

By Sr Noel Lucy Nangira, fsp

The Legion of Mary is one of the largest group in the South Sudan. Our Sisters took several initiatives to animate the group and especially on the deeper understanding of Mary and the Word of God.

