2025 Bible Access List

The Bible Access List is a global assessment of 88 countries, showing where access to the Bible is most restricted, and where the shortage among believers is greatest.

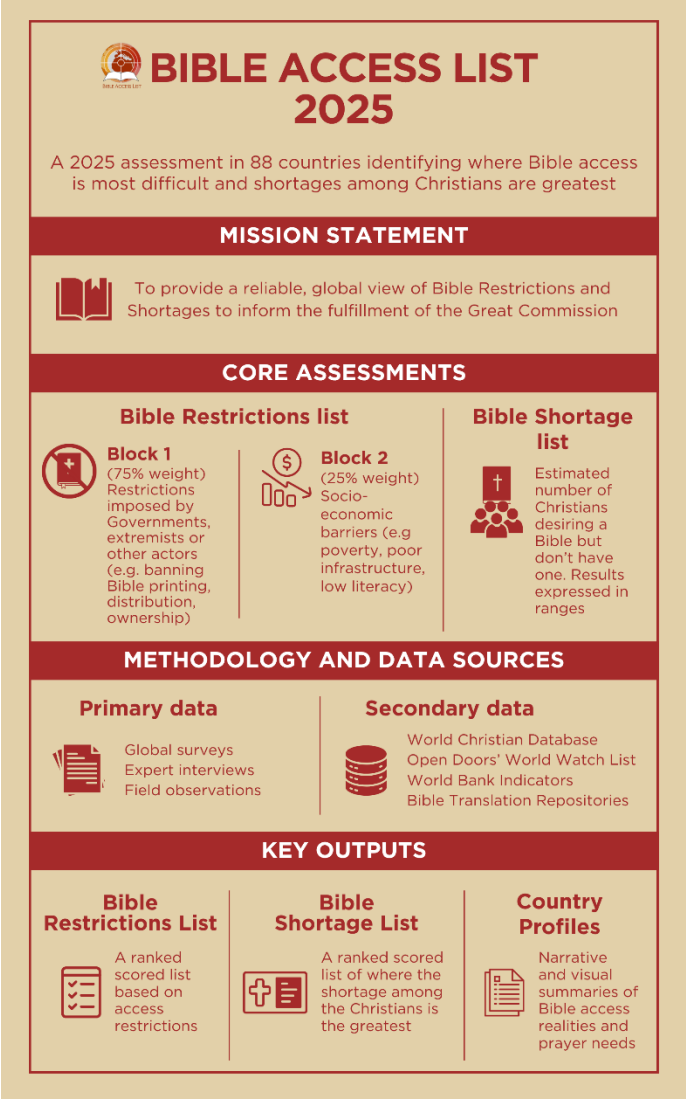
Our mission is to provide a clear, reliable global picture of Bible access so the Church can respond strategically.

The project produces two key lists:
The **Bible Restrictions list** highlighting where Bible access is blocked by law, the actions of religious extremists, or by poverty.
The **Bible Shortage list** estimating how many Christians still want a Bible but don't have one.

We gather data from field surveys, expert interviews, and trusted sources like the World Christian Database and the World Bank, then review and validate every result with in-country experts.

The result? Two ranked lists and detailed Country Profiles and practical tools to guide prayer, planning, and action.

It's a data-driven call to serve those still waiting for God's Word.



For more information and details go to: https://Bibleaccesslist.org – this includes country specific details, an overview of the methodology and other resources.

2025 Bible Restrictions List

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Country	Access Rank	Total Access Points	Overall Access Restriction Description	Country	Access Rank	Total Access Points	Overall Access Restriction Description
Somalia	1	94.72	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Malaysia**	45	61.22	Considerable Access Restrictions
Afghanistan	2	94.47	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Myanmar**	46	60.59	Considerable Access Restrictions
Yemen	3	91.75	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Bangladesh**	47	57.94	Considerable Access Restrictions
North Korea	4	91.72	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Chad**	48	57.34	Considerable Access Restrictions
Mauritania	5	88.72	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Jordan**	49	56.81	Considerable Access Restrictions
Eritrea	6	88.63	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Indonesia**	50	56.34	Considerable Access Restrictions
Libya	7	86.75	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Egypt**	51	53.97	Some Access Restrictions
Algeria	8	83.69	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Dem. Rep. of Congo**	52	53.94	Some Access Restrictions
Iran	9	83.47	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Ethiopia**	53	52.13	Some Access Restrictions
Turkmenistan	10	81.94	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Cameroon**	54	50.44	Some Access Restrictions
Sudan	11	81.59	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Palestine**	55	48.59	Some Access Restrictions
Maldives	12	80.97	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Guinea**	56	43.72	Minimal Access Restrictions
Comoros	13	80.59	Extreme Access Restrictions	**South Sudan**	57	42.19	Minimal Access Restrictions
Tunisia	14	77.09	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Togo**	58	41.75	Minimal Access Restrictions
Tajikistan	15	76.69	Extreme Access Restrictions	**Türkiye**	59	40.81	Minimal Access Restrictions
Bhutan	16	74.38	Severe Access Restrictions	**Uganda**	60	40.31	Minimal Access Restrictions
Morocco	17	73.91	Severe Access Restrictions	**Kenya**	61	39.19	Minimal Access Restrictions
Saudi Arabia	18	70.31	Severe Access Restrictions	**Madagascar**	62	39.00	Minimal Access Restrictions
Oman	19	69.22	Severe Access Restrictions	**Tanzania**	63	37.31	Minimal Access Restrictions
Pakistan	20	69.19	Severe Access Restrictions	**Lebanon**	64	37.28	Minimal Access Restrictions
Laos	21	68.81	Severe Access Restrictions	**Malawi**	65	37.06	Minimal Access Restrictions
Brunei	22	68.44	Severe Access Restrictions	**Colombia**	66	33.53	Minimal Access Restrictions
Niger	23	68.38	Severe Access Restrictions	**Russia**	67	33.44	Minimal Access Restrictions
Uzbekistan	24	68.13	Severe Access Restrictions	**Benin**	68	32.63	Minimal Access Restrictions
China	25	67.84	Severe Access Restrictions	**Ivory Coast**	69	32.31	Minimal Access Restrictions
Kyrgyzstan	26	67.03	Severe Access Restrictions	**Nicaragua**	70	31.00	Minimal Access Restrictions
Kazakhstan	27	67.00	Severe Access Restrictions	**Ukraine**	71	30.81	Minimal Access Restrictions
Central African Rep.	28	66.56	Severe Access Restrictions	**Cambodia**	72	29.75	Minimal Access Restrictions
Burkina Faso	29	66.19	Severe Access Restrictions	**Venezuela**	73	29.31	Minimal Access Restrictions
Azerbaijan	30	65.66	Severe Access Restrictions	**Mexico**	74	28.16	Minimal Access Restrictions
Mozambique	31	65.56	Severe Access Restrictions	**Sri Lanka**	75	26.22	Minimal Access Restrictions
Kuwait	32	65.31	Severe Access Restrictions	**Burundi**	76	24.38	Minimal Access Restrictions
Qatar	33	65.16	Severe Access Restrictions	**Haiti**	77	22.63	Minimal Access Restrictions
Iraq	34	64.88	Considerable Access Restrictions	**Philippines**	78	17.88	Minimal Access Restrictions
Syria	35	64.88	Considerable Access Restrictions	**Rwanda**	79	17.38	Minimal Access Restrictions
Djibouti	36	63.97	Considerable Access Restrictions	**Ghana**	80	15.38	Minimal Access Restrictions
Bahrain	37	63.75	Considerable Access Restrictions	**Zimbabwe**	81	13.25	Minimal Access Restrictions
Nigeria	38	63.41	Considerable Access Restrictions	**Honduras**	82	12.72	Minimal Access Restrictions
Nepal	39	63.25	Considerable Access Restrictions	**Guatemala**	83	12.13	Minimal Access Restrictions
Cuba	40	62.91	Considerable Access Restrictions	**Namibia**	84	12.13	Minimal Access Restrictions
Vietnam	41	62.81	Considerable Access Restrictions	**El Salvador**	85	10.88	Minimal Access Restrictions
India	42	62.47	Considerable Access Restrictions	**Ecuador**	86	7.75	Minimal Access Restrictions
Mali	43	62.22	Considerable Access Restrictions	**Armenia**	87	6.75	Minimal Access Restrictions
United Arab	44	61.25	Considerable Access Restrictions	**Brazil**	88	6.13	Minimal Access Restrictions

Bible Shortage List

Note: *The Bible Restrictions List scored and ranked all 88 countries in our 2025 assessment. The Bible Shortage List currently includes 76 countries, for which we have sufficient data to publish. We are actively gathering additional information for the remaining 12, which will be included in future editions. For more details, refer to the methodology document available on* ***BibleAccessList.org****.*

Country	Bible Shortage Rank	Shortage Range
Dem. Rep. of Congo	1	>10 million
Nigeria	2	>10 million
Ethiopia	3	>10 million
India	4	>10 million
China	5	5 - 10 million
Tanzania	6	5 - 10 million
Uganda	7	3 - 5 million
Mozambique	8	3 - 5 million
Indonesia	9	3 - 5 million
Madagascar	10	1 - 3 million
Malawi	11	1 - 3 million
Zimbabwe	12	1 - 3 million
Cameroon	13	1 - 3 million
Rwanda	14	1 - 3 million
Burundi	15	1 - 3 million
Haiti	16	1 - 3 million
Cuba	17	1 - 3 million
Burkina Faso	18	1 - 3 million
Kenya	19	1 - 3 million
Pakistan	20	500k - 1 million
Central African Rep.	21	500k - 1 million
South Sudan	22	500k - 1 million
Togo	23	500k - 1 million
Vietnam	24	500k - 1 million
Egypt	25	500k - 1 million
Chad	26	500k - 1 million
Ghana	27	500k - 1 million
Ivory Coast	28	500k - 1 million
Benin	29	250 - 500k
Nicaragua	30	250 - 500k
Sudan	31	250 - 500k
Myanmar	32	250 - 500k
Nepal	33	100 - 250k
Bangladesh	34	100 - 250k
Eritrea	35	100 - 250k
Malaysia	36	100 - 250k
Iran	37	100 - 250k
Armenia	38	100 - 250k

Country	Bible Shortage Rank	Shortage Range
Sri Lanka	39	50 - 100k
Saudi Arabia	40	50 - 100k
Syria	41	50 - 100k
Cambodia	42	50 - 100k
Guinea	43	50 - 100k
Kazakhstan	44	50 - 100k
North Korea	45	50 - 100k
Mali	46	25 - 50k
Qatar	47	25 - 50k
Türkiye	48	25 - 50k
Azerbaijan	49	25 - 50k
Uzbekistan	50	25 - 50k
Kuwait	51	25 - 50k
Lebanon	52	25 - 50k
UAE	53	25 - 50k
Bahrain	54	10 - 25k
Laos	55	10 - 25k
Jordan	56	10 - 25k
Niger	57	10 - 25k
Kyrgyzstan	58	10 - 25k
Iraq	59	10 - 25k
Turkmenistan	60	<10k
Algeria	61	<10k
Bhutan	62	<10k
Oman	63	<10k
Brunei	64	<10k
Libya	65	<10k
Tajikistan	66	<10k
Palestine	67	<10k
Tunisia	68	<10k
Morocco	69	<10k
Mauritania	70	<10k
Afghanistan	71	<10k
Yemen	72	<10k
Djibouti	73	<10k
Comoros	74	<10k
Maldives	75	<10k
Somalia	76	<10k

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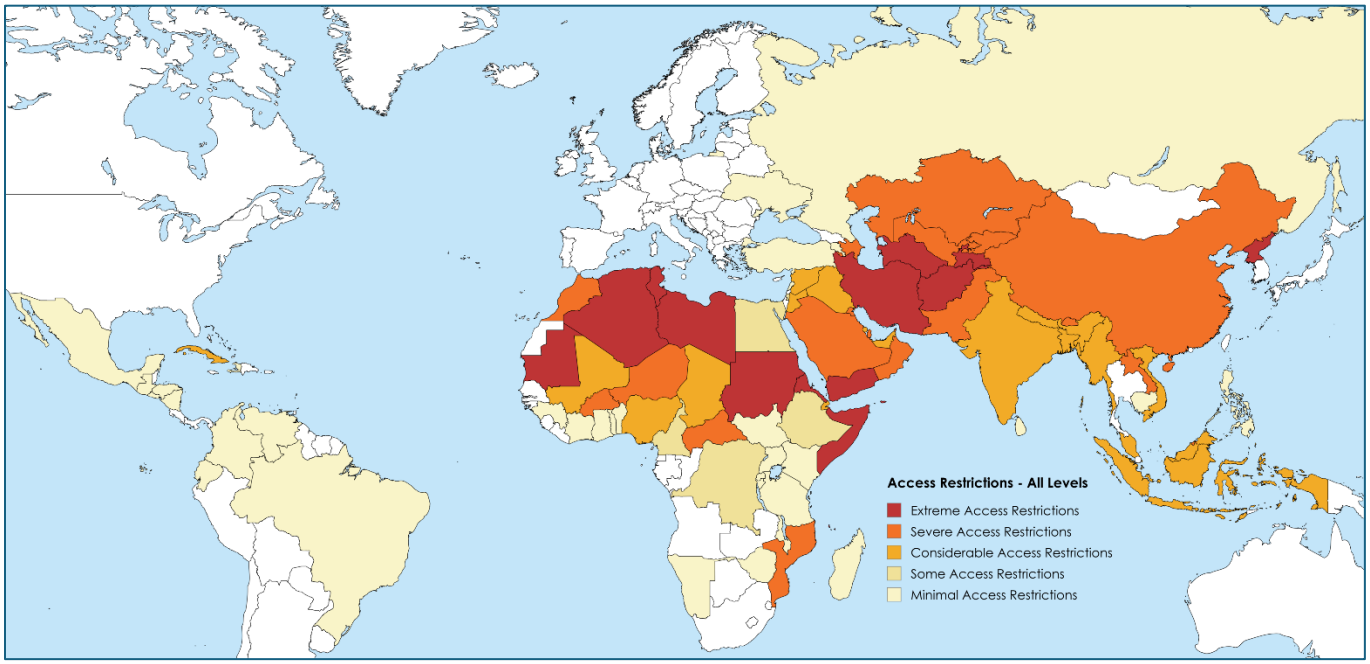
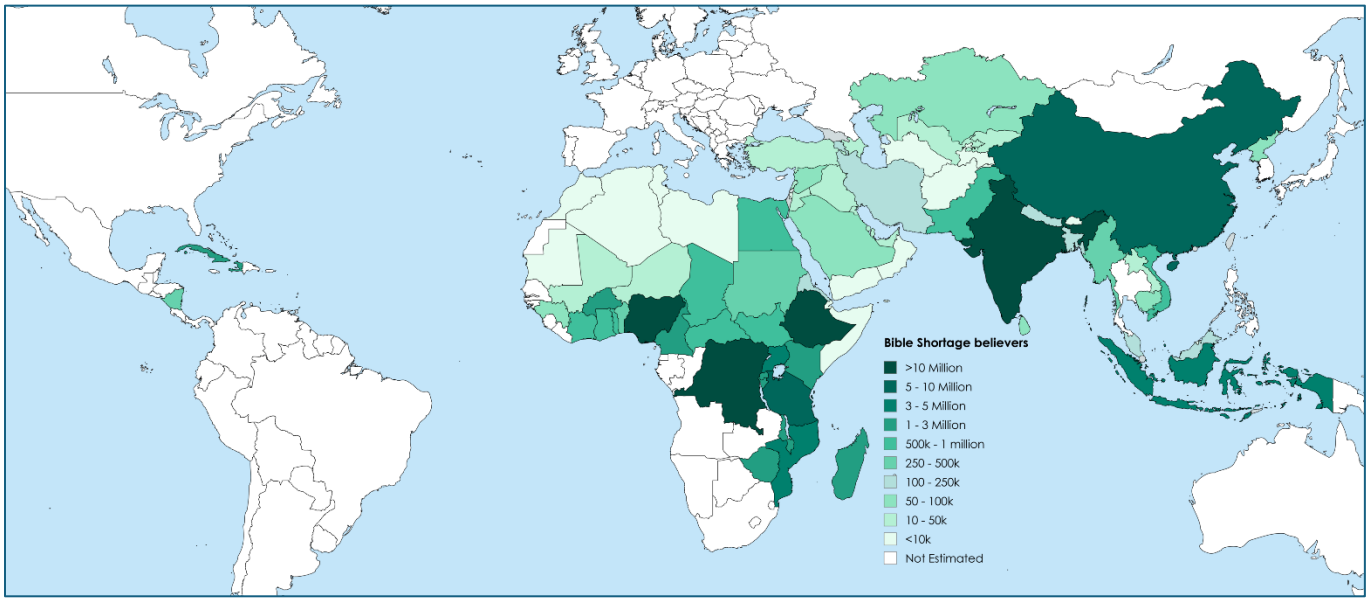
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