

## Olorundare, Femi Receive Braille Bible, Commend BSN

Two people with visual disabilities, Mrs. Adenike Olorundare and Authentic Femi, have commended The Bible Society of Nigeria for giving them a complete set of the Braille Bible each.



Mrs. Adenike Olorundare

They gave the commendations while receiving the sets of the Braille Bible delivered to their respective homes by BSN officials. Both said they had needed the Bible but had no means to acquire it.

Mrs. Adenike, a mother, works as a Braille Instructor and serves as a member of the Board of Lectors (*a group of individuals responsible for reading the Bible during Mass and other liturgical celebrations*) in her church. Before now, she said she would manually transcribe and braille any portion of the Scripture assigned to her to read during each Sunday service. This exercise, she said, is tedious and time-consuming, but with the Braille Bible there will no longer be a need for that.

Furthermore, she said the Bible will enhance her knowledge of the word of God, help improve her spelling, as she can now pause, go back and forth, and cross-check anything while reading. This, she said, is not possible when listening to an audio Bible. “I was quite

excited when I learnt I was going to get Braille Bible from The Bible Society of Nigeria, and here I am with the Bible. I really appreciate it. I had to take a day off from work to receive this Bible because of its value to me. I am so grateful now that it is mine. The organisation will continue to grow from strength to strength in Jesus’ name,” she said in appreciation of the Bible she received from the BSN.

Mrs. Olorundare said she was determined not to be a liability, which was why she went to school. She advised parents who have children with visual challenges not to lock them up at home but take them to special schools to get an education.

Mrs. Olorundare and Femi said they both lost their sight at a tender age after suffering from measles. Mr. Femi, a student of History at Obafemi Awolowo University, said he had become rusty at reading braille. According to him, the Braille Bible will help him improve his knowledge of the Bible and his proficiency in reading braille materials. “I can now read the Bible at any time. This was not possible when listening to an audio on the phone, because if the phone is not charged or available, I cannot listen to it.,” he added, and prayed for The Bible Society of Nigeria and the donors that gave him the Bible.



Mr. Augustine Anyiloibi, BSN Official, presenting a set of Braille Bible to Authentic Femi

## BSN donates Bibles worth ₦7.4 million

The Bible Society of Nigeria (BSN) donated assorted Bibles worth ₦7.4 million in 2024 as part of its free Bible distribution objective.

The value of the Bibles donated to the sighted was ₦5.4million, while 29 complete sets of Braille Bible given to people with visual disabilities cost ₦2 million **₦2,030,000**. In 2023, the organisation also donated Scriptures worth ₦18.8m to the less privileged.

This gesture aligns with the Society's mission to make the Holy Bible available to Nigerians in their preferred languages and formats and help them engage with the Word of God through programmes that transform their lives. Beneficiaries of the free Bible distribution included prison inmates, churches, Christian fellowships and organisations, schools for the blind, and individual members of the public, among others.

A complete set of the Braille Bible, which comes in 37 volumes, now costs ₦70,000. The organisation carried out the free distribution programme with funds donated by different categories of its members, corporate organisations, churches, and individual donors through the Braille Bible project, You Can Be Their Eyes (YCBTE).

Through its free Bible distribution and other laudable programmes, the BSN continues to break every known barrier that makes the Word of God inaccessible to people. The BSN is a not-for-profit interdenominational Christian organisation that translates the Bible into local languages, distributes, publishes, and raises funds for Bible work. So far, the organisation has translated the full Bible into 27 Nigerian languages, while translation/revision is ongoing in several other Nigerian languages.

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