



Bible Access List

Where Bible access is most difficult, and Bible shortage is greatest

Haiti

Bible Restrictions Rank: **77**
MINIMAL ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Bible Shortage Rank: **16**
Bible needs estimate between one and three million



An Overview of Bible access in Haiti

Haiti's population stands at nearly 12 million people, with Christians making up the overwhelming majority, around 94%, or just over 11 million believers. Yet despite this large Christian presence, research estimates that roughly a third of Haitian Christians have access to a Bible. This reveals a significant gap between spiritual needs and Bible access across the country.

Haiti faces minimal legal or political barriers when it comes to Bible access. There are currently no restrictions on importing, printing, storing, owning, or distributing Bibles. Bibles move freely throughout the country, and digital access remains open, with no active monitoring hindering access to online Scripture. While the Haitian government has recently begun monitoring some internet activity, this has not presented a barrier to Bible-related content.

The primary obstacles to Bible access in Haiti are not legal, but practical. Centuries of economic instability, natural disasters, and political unrest have left large portions of the population living in poverty. For most families, the cost of a Bible remains out of reach. In rural and underdeveloped regions, this challenge is even more pronounced. Access to digital resources may be growing, but without reliable electricity or internet infrastructure, many Haitians, especially those outside urban centers, cannot depend on online formats alone.

As Haiti continues to navigate complex socio-economic challenges, the spiritual need for Scripture remains high. The demand for Bibles is not just about literacy or logistics. It represents the longing of a nation rooted in faith, seeking hope, direction, and truth in God's Word.

Before we continue, would you take a pause to pray for Haiti?

How can I pray for Haiti?

- **Provision of Resources.** Pray for creative and sustainable ways to provide Bibles to Haitian believers, especially those in remote or impoverished communities.
- **Spiritual Revival.** Ask God to spark a fresh hunger for His Word across Haiti, that people would encounter hope and healing through Scripture.
- **Peace and Stability.** Intercede for peace in the face of political and economic challenges, so that churches and Christian organizations can continue to serve freely and effectively

Bible Access Restrictions

Minimal Access Restrictions

Other Limiting Factors

Severe Other Factors



Very Poor



Poor access to internet



Extremely poor infrastructure



<50% of population access to electricity



50-70% literacy

Bible Shortages Among Believers



Bible ownership is low, **estimated** Bible need is between 1 and 3 million

Main religion: Christianity

Country population: 11,867,000

Christian population:



11,153,000, 93.99% of total population

After praying for Haiti, continue reading on the next page to learn more.

WHAT'S BLOCKING BIBLE ACCESS IN HAITI?

Though Haiti is a nation where nearly everyone identifies as Christian and legal restrictions on religious practice are non-existent, Bible access remains a major challenge—one shaped not by law, but by violence, poverty, and profound structural instability.

A Nation Plagued with Violence

In theory, Haiti offers one of the most religiously free environments in the region. But in practice, widespread lawlessness has replaced the rule of law. In recent years, gang violence has surged to catastrophic levels, with criminal groups now controlling an estimated 90% of the capital, Port-au-Prince. This has had devastating consequences for churches and Christian communities.

Church buildings have been burned. Pastors and believers have been targeted, kidnapped, and in some cases, killed. Some churches have closed altogether after receiving threats or being extorted by armed groups. In this climate of fear, even simple acts of faith—like distributing or gathering around God's Word—have become dangerous.

Transportation routes into the capital, vital for distributing Bibles and other aid, are frequently blocked or controlled by gangs. Church leaders describe this violence as an “organized campaign against the Church,” forcing many congregations underground and cutting off access to spiritual resources like Bibles.

Daily Risks, Deep Spiritual Needs

Christians in Haiti face more than just physical threats. Poverty, illiteracy, and lack of infrastructure create additional barriers to Scripture engagement.

Haiti remains one of the poorest countries in the Western Hemisphere. With most families living on less than \$2 a day, the cost of a printed Bible (around \$10) is simply out of reach. For those in rural areas, the added cost and risk of traveling to a city where Bibles might be available further widens the gap.

Low literacy rates, especially among women, compound the problem. Though Bibles exist in French, most Haitians speak Haitian Creole as their first language; and many struggle to read either language fluently. While efforts are being made to translate the Bible into simpler Creole versions, these remain limited in scope and distribution.

Broken Infrastructure, Limited Distribution

Even where Bibles are available, getting them into the hands of believers is a logistical nightmare. Haiti's broken infrastructure, from damaged roads to unreliable electricity, makes both print and digital Bible access difficult. Ongoing fuel shortages and unstable internet access limit the reach of mobile or online Scripture platforms, and while solar-powered audio Bibles offer promise, their cost remains a barrier for widespread use.

Christian organizations continue to work creatively—through mobile evangelism units, solar audio Bibles, and street distribution—but their efforts are constrained by the country's broader humanitarian crisis.

THE URGENT NEED FOR BIBLES IN HAITI

Despite being a deeply Christian nation, millions of believers lack access to the Word of God. Research estimates that **up to 3 million Bibles** are needed to bridge the gap. Many Haitians carry a deep reverence for Scripture but still lack the resources to access it.

A Growing Church, A Growing Demand

This need is only growing. In the past five years, the Church in Haiti has expanded steadily, adding hundreds of thousands of new believers in the midst of crisis and uncertainty. With every baptism, church plant, and evangelistic outreach, the demand for Bibles increases. But without timely distribution, discipleship efforts are weakened, and new believers are left without the foundational resource they need to grow in their faith.

Bible Formats for Unique Needs

Meeting this need requires thoughtful attention to format and delivery. **Print remains the most critical format**, especially for rural areas with limited digital access. **Audio Bibles are also essential**, particularly in light of low literacy rates and the growing popularity of oral storytelling traditions.

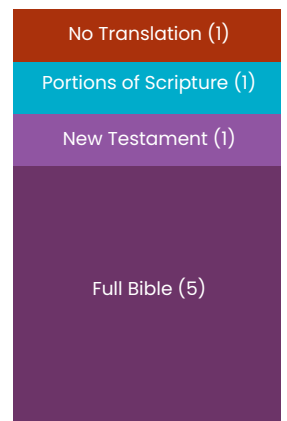
Each format plays a unique role in reaching different demographics, from elderly believers to children, from pastors to seekers in the margins.

The Translation Gap

Language diversity adds another layer of urgency. Haitian Christians speak at least 8 languages. Of these languages:

- Only **5** of those have a full Bible translation.
- **1** has only the New Testament translation.
- **1** has just a portion of the Bible translated.
- **And 1 more language remains without any Scripture at all**

Translation work is ongoing, but until it's completed, and until distribution networks can deliver those translations, entire communities remain unreached by God's Word in a language they truly understand.



Spoken Languages with Believers in Haiti

THE CLARION CALL

Now is the time for the global Church to rise. The need in Haiti is not just statistical. It's deeply spiritual. And we must respond.

Every Bible delivered is a seed planted in a soul longing for truth. Amid poverty, violence, and political collapse, the Word of God remains an unshakable anchor.

Let us act urgently, compassionately, and boldly, so that no believer in Haiti is left without the hope, comfort, and power of God's Word.



0.9%
Annual Church
Growth



Bibles needed for both
**Believers
& Seekers**



1-3 million
Bible needs estimate



**Printed
Bible**
Preferred Format



**Audio
Bible**
Format 2nd Priority