



Read-A-Thon Rules

We are so excited that you have decided to be a part of the 2027 Bibles for Africa Read-A-Thon!

Every page you read helps raise money to give Bibles to pastors, villagers, prisoners, & school children in Africa!

It is up to you or your group coordinator to decide which consecutive 30-day period will work best for you!

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. **SELECT YOUR READING PERIOD:** Choose your 30-day reading period from **January 1-February 28, 2027**.
2. **FIND SPONSORS:** Give the **Sponsor Letter** as you ask family, friends, and neighbors to support you in this reading challenge to spread the Gospel. See "Ways to Sponsor" for ideas on ways they can pledge to sponsor you.
3. List the sponsors and their pledges on the **Sponsor Log**. Please include grand total funds raised.
4. **PICK YOUR BOOKS:** Choose the books you're interested in reading and list them on the **Reading Log**. Please include grand total minutes & pages read. See "What Counts" below.
5. **ENJOY READING:** Have fun reading, learning, and enjoying the adventures of stories!
6. **CALCULATE & COLLECT:** Add up the total number of pages that you read the **Reading Log** and find out how much each sponsor owes you per their pledges listed on the **Sponsor Log**. Use the **Collection Letter** to reach out to sponsors and collect pledged money. *All checks and money orders must be made payable to **GOSPEL EXPRESS MINISTRIES**. Tax deductible receipts will be sent to your sponsors from Gospel Express. **We need their full names and addresses to issue receipts.***
7. **RETURN FORM & PLEDGES:** **Return your Sponsor Logs, Reading Logs, sponsor pledge slips, and sponsor donations** to your group coordinator **by March 15, 2027** or to Gospel Express Ministries *(if you are not part of a group)* **by March 31, 2027** in order to count towards your total fund raised and pages read.

WHAT READING COUNTS:

- Any type of book (*educational, fiction, non-fiction, fun, Bible, etc.*) as long as it's age appropriate (*at child's reading level*)
- Magazines, church periodicals, etc.
- Audio books with page number count
- Kindle, iBooks, and other E-Reader's with page number count
- Reading aloud to other people or being read to (*counts for one person*)
- Assigned reading for school (*completed after school hours*)

WHAT DOES NOT COUNT:

- Assigned reading during class time.
- Reading the same book more than once.
- Kindle, E-Reader, or Audio books without page number count
- Kindle, E-Reader, or Audio books without page number count

QUESTIONS?

Call Lexi, the Read-A-Thon Coordinator, at (828) 859-7003 or email: sponsorship@gospelexpress.com.