

## Why raise money?

Bible Society has been working for more than 200 years to make the Bible heard all over the world – yet Bible poverty still exists.

- More than half of the world's 6900 languages still wait for even one book of the Bible.
- One billion people are unable to read, but only three per cent of languages have the Bible in audio.
- Someone goes blind every five seconds, but the Bible in Braille exists in only 30 languages.
- Sixty per cent of people in this country believe the Bible is irrelevant to them.

Millions of men, women and children still wait for the Bible's life-changing message in a language or a format they can use and understand. Taking up the challenge of the Mary Jones Walk is your opportunity to help make Bible poverty a thing of the past.

## What can I expect?

As you make your way along Mary's 26-mile route, you will witness some of the most spectacular scenery in the UK. You'll join the fight against Bible poverty, and be part of a modern pilgrimage to remember the faithful determination of a teenager with a heart for God.

Some energetic walkers have been known to complete the challenge in a day! However, you can progress at your own pace, perhaps over two or three days, with some B&B stops along the way. Many people walk as part of a group, usually gathered from their church and community.

## Next steps

Bible Society will provide you with help and support as you plan your adventure. Call or email today to order your sponsorship forms, and to receive more detailed information and practical advice.

To find out more –

call: **01793 418222**

email: **contactus@biblesociety.org.uk**

visit: **www.maryjoneswalk.org.uk**

For regional information, and places to stay, you may like to visit local websites including [www.visitmidwales.co.uk](http://www.visitmidwales.co.uk) or call Mid Wales Tourism 01654 703526

# The Mary Jones Walk

Challenge yourself and help fight Bible poverty



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## Who was Mary Jones?



In 1800 Mary Jones, aged 15, set out on a 26-mile walk through her homeland of North Wales. She had a single aim – to buy one of the Welsh Bibles that had been delivered to the town of Bala. The 17 shillings she took with her had taken six years to save. Her patience and determination were rewarded when Mary at last received the Scriptures.

Mary's story was part of the inspiration for the foundation of Bible Society and the birth of the worldwide Bible movement. And, today, many people complete that same 26-mile walk to raise funds so that others can read or hear the Bible's life-changing message in their own language.

## Where does the walk go?

Llanfihangel-y-Pennant, where Mary's walk began, is also the starting point for today's walkers.

It is here that you will see the Mary Jones monument and the village church she attended with her family. Following in her footsteps, walk through breathtaking countryside, past Tal-y-Llyn and Llyn Cau lakes, in the shadow of the majestic Cadair Idris.

The 26-mile route takes you through the Snowdonia National Park for several miles. You will cross narrow stiles and fast-flowing streams before reaching the awe-inspiring expanse of Bala Lake.

From there, walk into the town of Bala where plaques on the wall of Barclays bank depict the spot where Mary, at last, received her Welsh Bible.



*Bible Society's Chief Executive James Catford and Judge Christopher Compston, take a break from their sponsored walk.*



Start at  
Llanfihangel-y-Pennant

You can also find more information about the Mary Jones Walk at [www.maryjoneswalk.org.uk](http://www.maryjoneswalk.org.uk)