



1—Project Name: Connect 360 Youth and Language Lessons

2—If this grant is being requested on behalf of an external organization, what is that organization's name and connection with Texas Baptists?

N/A

3—Please request the minimum amount needed—with a maximum of \$20,000 possible—in order to accomplish the project's goals.

\$19,800.00 (*budget attached*)

4—Overview: Give a one paragraph description of the project.

GC2 Press does not have the resources to produce a complete youth curriculum. However with this grant to cover a student minister or worker to write a lesson plan geared toward youth while using the already written Adult lesson commentary and study guide to help guide them would allow GC2 Press to provide churches with a youth lesson that parallels what the adults study. The plan is to print the Youth Teaching Plan alongside the adult plan in the Connect 360 Teaching Guide. With this resource Teachers of Adults and Youth could glean ideas from either the adult plan or the youth plan in presenting a lesson. This grant would help us launch this with the goal to make this sustainable through increased sales. The Chinese and Arabic portion of the grant would enable GC2 Press to continue to provide at least one study in each language to our Texas Baptist congregations in those languages.

5—STRATEGIC: How will this project make Texas Baptists stronger?

This will help engage more TX Baptist youth in studying the Bible and allow parents and their students to discuss the same Bible lesson together and engage in further conversation about the Scriptures. Texas Baptist Arabic and Chinese churches will be able to study God's Word in their heart language.

6—SIGNIFICANT: What is the anticipated long-term impact of this project?

The more youth engage God's Word, the more they become discipled. It will also foster faith conversations between youth and their parents. The language studies are available for free download so they can be accessed and shared to anywhere in the world that reads those languages.

7—SUSTAINABLE: How will the grant help this project become self-supporting?

Increased sales of our Connect 360 study and teaching guides due to increase use by youth groups and classes will provide the needed income to pay for the Youth Plan. Another benefit will be to expose Youth Ministers to the quality and Bible focussed lessons of the Connect 360 resources, so that when they become Minister of Education, Pastors, or Associate Pastors who will be leading adult groups that they will know where they can turn for quality, high Biblical content studies. GC2 Press does not have the resources to offer the Arabic and Chinese studies on an annual basis. We can only do that through the TBMF grant.

8—INNOVATIVE: How will this project break new ground?

GC2 Press will for the first time be able to offer a concurrent adult and youth lesson plan for each of the 4 new studies in 2026.

9—INVOLVING: How will the churches served by Texas Baptists be included in this project?

We will recruit Texas Baptists Youth Ministers and Workers to write the Youth Lesson Plans. Texas Baptist Arabic and Chinese Translators will do the work, and we will coordinate with Intercultural Ministries to help those language churches be aware of the free resources.

How many churches will be involved? There are at least 300 churches who regularly use Connect 360 curriculum. These churches would be the initial pool who could benefit from the new youth lesson. Potentially every Arabic and Chinese Church would be able to use the free downloadable lessons in their language and then share those with individuals and churches in other parts of the world who read those languages.

10—INTERESTING: How will this project produce helpful stories and encourage donor engagement for future ministry support?

It will encourage donors to support Bible Studies written primarily by Texas Baptists for Texas Baptists and support the ministry of Bible study translation.

11—Has this project received previous TBMF grants? If YES, list years and amounts.

The language translation portion has.

2025 - \$20,000

2023 - \$20,000

2022 - \$20,000

12—Is this request for an ongoing project with a new name? If YES, what was the former name of the project?

N/A

GC2 Press Budget Proposal for 2026 TBMF Grant

Youth Teaching Plan	
Writers for 54 Lesson Plans	\$5,400
Cost to print the extra Youth Plans in the four 2026 Connect 360 Teaching Guides	\$4,000
Subtotal for Youth Teaching Plan	\$9,400
Arabic Translation of 1 complete Study - a Study Guide and Teaching Guide	5,200
Chinese Translation of 1 complete Study - a Study Guide and Teaching Guide	5,200
Total Request	\$19,800