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FROM HILTON

Dear Friend.

You and I, and Christians all over the globe have recently remembered the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.



This special time of the year is such a powerful reminder of God's overwhelming love and desire to restore relationship with His children. In all the ups and downs of life, He remains faithful – He is always our source of hope and strength.

So, as you reflect on His goodness, I want to thank you for sharing God's Word in the most challenging times – especially with those Ukrainians in the war zone. With your help, Bibles and biblical resources are reaching the underresourced Church... but there are still more and more people that need God's Word so they can come to know Jesus and share Him with others.

Please continue to pray with me, that...

- God's Word will be shared with more people than ever before.
- Many more people will come to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.
- God's Church will be resourced with His Word and what a fantastic privilege and opportunity that God calls us to be a part of it!
- Refugees from the Ukraine and those Ukrainians still in the war zone will find hope in God's Word.

I also have some exciting news for you: Bible League's very own Plain English Version will be released later this year for ministry amongst Indigenous Australians. It's only possible through your support – so thank you for your generosity and prayer as this rolls out.

I pray that you find this verse inspiring as you engage with His Word:

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has great mercy, and because of his mercy he gave us a new life. This new life brings us a living hope through Jesus Christ's resurrection from death." – 1 Peter 1:3 ERV

Yours in His service,

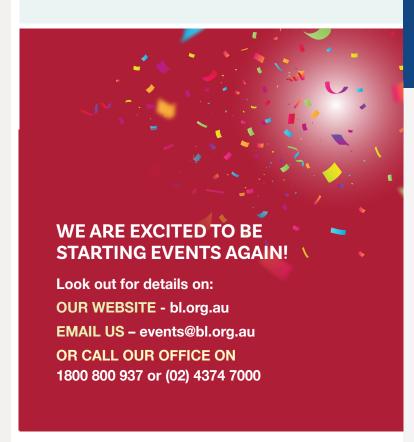
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE UNDER-RESOURCED CHURCH

Thank you for standing strong in prayer today, to lift up the under-resourced Church around the world, and to specifically pray...

- Thanksgiving for Jesus' sacrifice and what He accomplished through His death and resurrection.
 Pray especially for those in places of persecution to be strengthened as they abide in Him and the comfort of His Word.
- For Bible League's partners working with refugees from the Ukraine as well as those in the war zone, as they share the hope of God's Word.
- For churches worldwide as COVID-19 restrictions ease.
 Pray that the Gospel message will reach more people than ever before through *Project Philip*, and that there will be a great sense of unity and fellowship.
- For people in the under-resourced Church as they wait for God's Word – pray that Bibles and biblical resources they hunger for will reach them speedily.



Bible League is a not for profit, multi-denominational organisation serving the local church and other partners around the world by providing Bibles and biblical resources for them to help people know Jesus Christ.



Widows' hope strengthened in a war zone

Thank you for sharing God's Word amongst Ukrainian refugees

You've seen the heart-breaking scenes from Ukraine on the news.

Whole cities bombed. Families separated and displaced. Innocent people fleeing unspeakable violence.

So, when a Ukrainian military plane was shot down and the crew killed, you can imagine the pain and loss. In a moment four women became widows, and six children lost their fathers. And their grief is felt by those around them in the same town.

But amidst this pain, you're helping to bring hope through Bible League, who's there on the ground. An under-resourced local church near this town was equipped with Bibles and biblical resources that people like you have provided.

The nearby church had begun evangelistic meetings for the soldiers at the military camp, and these families have also received the daily support of believers from this church who visit and pray with them.

The six widows have become part of a *Project Philip*Bible study, and the children have received their own
copy of the Children's Bible and *Project Philip for Children*Bible studies.

Those who had lost so much received the message of hope found in God's Word. One widow says:

"If we hadn't had your help in reading the Bible together, praying with us about our pain and for our consolation, our lives would have completely lost meaning. But soon our children began to smile again and we realised life goes on. And in this life we are not alone because God helps us, answers and teaches us through the Bible."

They still live with their loss, but now God's Word is part of their families' lives and the local church is showing them God's love in a very difficult time.

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Bible League has recently printed full Bibles and New Testaments in both Ukrainian and Russian languages to distribute to refugees in nearby countries through local partners on the ground.

The hunger for God's Word is enormous.

Thank you for your generosity to bring the real hope of the Gospel to Ukrainians and to those refugees who are understandably anxious and fearful for what the future may hold.

You're helping to set prisoners free through God's Word!

Your giving has put 4,184 special Prison
Bibles and biblical resources into the
hands of inmates in prisons across
Australia and around the world so they
could know the love of God and find true
freedom in Christ – and share Him with others!

Thank you for sharing the life-changing power of God's Word with people like Peter. He joined a Project Philip Bible study group while imprisoned and discovered a passion for God's Word. He gave his life to Jesus and never looked back. Peter says:

"A copy of the Bible from Bible League during my imprisonment was my tool... to overcome challenges in life. I'm now using the same Bible to share the love of God with other people and my family.

"I am a changed person and I thank Jesus for setting me free."

Only the Word of God can change the hearts of people like Peter who could so easily have fallen into despair. So thank you for helping to plant God's Word in so many hearts like Peter's... and truly change their lives.



Martin grew up in Zambia, and in the struggles of life he lost hope and turned to alcohol to numb the pain. But when he was invited to a Project Philip Bible study, he met Jesus... and suddenly life was clear and simple. He says:

"The program helped me realise that we can't walk in this life without Jesus Christ. The more I attended the Bible study lessons the more I felt the hunger and thirst for the Word of God."

Martin now works as a hospital counsellor, bringing hope to others.

"This program has helped me and my family," he says. "If people were to see me last year and to see me right now, they would say, wow, this is a miracle for sure."

Thank you for helping to bring such a dramatic transformation to his life – and to so many others – through Project Philip. And Martin has a personal word of encouragement for you...

"I want the donors to know... you are doing something tremendous. May God bless you more abundantly and may you continue with this program!"

You've helped Gopal to find God's peace!

Born and raised a Hindu in Southern Asia, Gopal* worshipped many gods.

His family are Dalit, those at the bottom of the caste system in the traditional Hindu culture. Forced to live in separate communities, shunned because they are "untouchable" – anyone who encounters them, or even their shadows, must ritually cleanse themselves.

But when a Bible League-trained pastor invited Gopal's family to a Project Philip Bible study, he found acceptance for the first time and soon gave his life to Jesus.

"I have never felt such peace, acceptance, and contentment," Gopal said.

He says he doesn't fear persecution from his Muslim-majority community as life in Jesus is worth the cost. So thank you for sharing God's Word with him, and please continue to pray for...

 Gopal and Christians just like him to be strengthened by God's Word as they face persecution daily.

The Dalit people of Southern Asia to come to know God's love and acceptance as they study God's Word.

*Name changed for security purposes.











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