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FROM HILTON TO YOU

Dear Friend.

There's so much for you and me to celebrate as God moves powerfully throughout the under-resourced church, transforming lives and restoring hope for thousands.

Your generous support for the Global Prison Bible appeal is giving inmates new hope in the loneliness of prison.

Thousands of imprisoned men and women asked for their own Bible ... and you're helping to deliver them. Thank you!

It was also an absolute joy to gather with many of you at our Annual Dinner in Auckland. I'm sure you found it a great blessing to hear the Global CEO and President of Bible League Jos Snoep speak. Thank God for all He's done through the Bible League ministry so far, and I look forward to all that He will do in the years to come, through the faithfulness of people like you!

As you help to share the Bible in the Muslim World, in prisons, in literacy classes and Project Philip Bible studies, and much more, you're resourcing the under-resourced church and helping plant God's Word in their hearts so that they come to know Jesus - and share Him with others.

Thank you for your faithful support and continued partnership in ministry. May you be encouraged that you're helping to see lives transformed through the power of the Gospel.

"God is fair, and he will remember all the work you have done. He will remember that you showed your love to him by helping his people and that you continue to help them." Hebrews 6:10 (ERV)

God bless you!

Yours in His service,

Hilton Edwards

Chief Executive Officer

YOUR PRAYERS ARE POWERFUL!

Thank you for lifting up the under-resourced Church around the world in prayer, as you join in to...

- Pray for churches worldwide to reach more people than ever before through the Project Philip ministry. May there be a great sense of unity and fellowship among believers across the world!
- Continue to pray for people in the under-resourced Church as they wait for God's Word – pray that the Bibles and biblical resources they hunger for will reach them speedily.
- Ask God for His favour and guidance to continue to provide new opportunities for people to receive God's Word. May they be transformed by His grace and mercy, so that they come to know Jesus and share Him with

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Want to know more about Bible League and the impact that you are making by partnering with us? We have Development Officers who would love to come and share at your Church.

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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.



"The people here do not know God – they are far from the true God. So the Word of God is very much needed in my community."

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Servant Hears

Aarul*, aged 25, is talking about friends and neighbours in his fishing community in Bangladesh. The youngest of four siblings, he belongs to a small Christian church very much in the minority in a nation with the fifth-largest Muslim population in the world.

Islam plays a dominant role in the personal and political lives of most Bangladeshis, yet Aarul was passionate to share the love of Jesus with his friends and neighbours. He just didn't know how to start.

Until, one day - through the support of people like you - Aarul received an opportunity to receive **Church Planter Training through Bible League.**

"In 2020, my pastor asked me if I was interested in studying the Bible and introduced me to the Church Planter Training. Without hesitation, I told him I was interested."

At last, Aarul had an opportunity to learn how to help his church grow. While he says people of different religions live together "like brothers" in his community, his mission is to see more people come to know Jesus.

"I wanted to contribute to the growth of my church by using Bible League materials, but I did not have the confidence to begin.

"But God changed my thinking. I believe God has called me to grow my church."

In fact, Aarul now feels called to full-time ministry. And for that fresh inspiration, he thanks people like you!

"Bible League training was very important for me because it helped me understand God's will, and I decided to pursue full-time ministry. I learned evangelism, pastoral responsibilities, Biblical history, and the teachings of Jesus.

"This training helped me greatly; I encourage others to attend this training."

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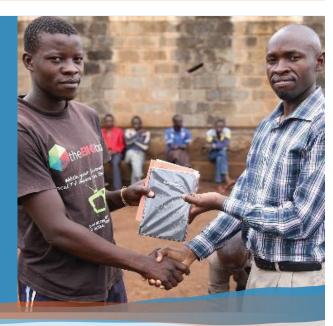
Today, Aarul conducts Bible studies at his local church. He has had several setbacks but considers them a "learning experience".

He says, "The work of Bible League is important to me, because after the training, the focus becomes on follow-up ... Doing this training has changed my understanding of ministry."

So thank you for your generosity in equipping Church Planters like Aarul in Bangladesh and across the globe to plant God's Word in more hearts. Please continue to pray for him and for many more church planters in the Muslim

*Name changed for security reasons.

You're bringing hope to 485 prisoners' lives with special **Prison Bibles!**



Thank you for your support over the past few months to provide God's Word to minister to people like Barasa* in prisons worldwide.

Your giving has put 485 special Prison Bibles and biblical resources into the hands of inmates in prisons across the globe so they can experience the love of God and find true freedom in Christ – and share Him with others!

Pointing across the prison yard in a Kenyan prison, Barasa said, "Sitting alone there on that bench, I realised how far I had drifted away from God. The next thing I knew, I was invited to join a Project Philip Bible study and I jumped at the opportunity."

"I knew that I had to give my life to Jesus. Believe in Him. Live for Him," he says boldly. "Jesus has transformed my life, and I'm so happy today."

Thank you for helping to plant God's Word in thousands of hearts like Barasa's – to see their lives transformed by the love of God!

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"My life has changed a lot!" Here's how you've helped to transform Miyanda ... and thousands more!

Miyanda* never had an opportunity to go to school as a child in Zambia.

"My stepfather had no money to educate me ... It was not a priority to educate girls, as people presumed that we would eventually get married," she says.

But at 53 years of age, Miyanda finally got her chance for an education through a Bible-based Literacy class – thanks to people like you.

"I joined Bible League's Bible-based Literacy class through a friend, and my life has changed ... I gave my life to Jesus Christ, and I've been transformed. I have developed joy and peace in my life."

Your generous support has helped Miyanda to join a Project Philip Bible study where she built her literacy skills and engaged in the Word of God with other believers.

"I can easily communicate... by writing letters. I feel great and am filled with joy. Thank you for the gift of education and Christ's knowledge in my life," she says.

You're helping thousands of people like Miyanda to learn to read and write - and to find new life in Jesus Christ - through the Project Philip Bible study program and Bible-based Literacy courses. Thank you!

*Name changed for security reasons.

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Including a gift in your Will is a powerful way to share the most effective missionary tool in history - the Bible - with those who need it most.

The Gospel holds immeasurable value to those who have ears to hear. It speaks thousands of foreign languages; it overcomes cultural barriers ... and its pages provide comfort, wisdom, courage and peace when they're needed most.

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It's important to provide for your loved ones, so be sure to discuss your plans with those closest to you... and then ask your solicitor to include in your Will a bequest to Bible League.

You'll be joining a community of believers who are passionate about planting God's Word in more hearts both today and tomorrow.

Visit bl.org.nz/bequests for more information about Bible League's Enduring Word Partners program and how you can leave a lasting legacy through your support.











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