## FROM HILTON TO YOU

#### Dear Friend.

In a world that is full of change, God is unchanging.

You and I can put our hope in this eternal truth – that His nature, His very being, is steadfast. It's just as the Psalmist wrote, all those centuries ago...

"But you [God] never change. You will live forever!" Psalm 102:27 ERV

And I'm so encouraged by the unchanging way in which He continues to work through the generosity of friends like you to share the Good News in Australia, New Zealand and all around the world.

Through your support and prayer, hundreds of thousands of people around the world are opening up the Bible, joining a local church, participating in a Project Philip Bible study, and learning about Jesus, as you help to resource the under-resourced Church.

You're reaching many like Andini\*, who are trading a life of crime for a life changed by grace. You're helping thousands of prisoners to find hope in the darkest circumstances, in prisons from New Zealand to Zambia, as they receive God's Word.

As you enter this new year, may you be encouraged that thousands around the world will be celebrating with you - in the joy and hope that comes from knowing Him.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in helping to plant God's Word in so many hearts.

Please, be encouraged to continue praying fervently for the mission to bring God's Word to those in need, so that many more will come to know Jesus... and share Him with others!

Yours in His service.

Hilton Edwards Chief Executive Officer

\*Name-changed for security reasons.

### **THANK YOU FOR STANDING** WITH THE UNDER-RESOURCED CHURCH IN PRAYER TODAY

Your prayers are truly powerful! So, thank you for standing in prayer today as you...

- Pray for the provision of Bibles for the under-resourced Church in Indonesia. Ask God to bless those who read His Word and share it with others.
- Pray for the trainers and leaders of the Church Planter Training and Project Philip programs. Ask God to refresh them as they share the Good News with others.
- Lift up those who minister in places where Christians are very much in the minority. Pray that God's Word will continue to be planted in their hearts and encourage their faith, so that they can share Jesus' love to others with boldness and confidence.

## DO YOU WANT TO MAKE AN **IMPACT IN NEW ZEALAND?**

**EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN** PROJECT PHILIP TRAINING!

Our practical course of Project Philip is a great way to introduce people to Jesus, the Bible and a life following Christ. We provide the training and resources to partner with you in Church Growth and ultimately the Great Commission.

Register you're interest in becoming a 'Philip' (a Project Philip Leader) today and we will notify you of upcoming training events in your area.

It's time to turn the tide in New Zealand!



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.



## BRINGING HOPE

THROUGH PROJECT PHILIP

You're helping to empower leaders like Suleyman in a Muslim nation in Africa to teach and encourage their communities through Project Philip - a Bible study program that trains local church members in evangelism and discipleship.

Inspired by the story of Philip and the Ethiopian in Acts chapter 8, *Project Philip* is equipping leaders like Suleyman to invite their family, friends, and neighbours to study the Gospel of John.

"Whenever I attend the group, I understand what the Scripture says, especially the paragraphs which I couldn't understand the first time I read them. I can say that I came to know Jesus through Project Philip."

As part of *Project Philip*, each participant receives a Bible for personal use, and is encouraged to become part of a local church.

"I can now read and understand my Bible and share it with others. It helps me in evangelism. Through the Bible study group and by God's guidance, I am sure that I will win some of my friends to Jesus."

Thank you for your support and prayer to help plant God's Word in so many hearts through the Project Philip Bible study, so they can know Jesus... and share Him with others!

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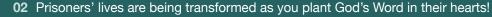












**<sup>03</sup>** Georges shares how the Bible changed his life: "I became a different person!"

**04** From Hilton

## PRISONERS' LIVES ARE **BEING TRANSFORMED...**

as God's Word is planted in their hearts!

Prisons around the world are bleak - often filled with violence and in desperate need of hope. Yet friends and churches like yours are uniting to bring the hope of the Gospel to thousands of prisoners around the world!

Here are some of the highlights of prison ministry since 2015...

- Nearly 500,000 prisoners have received true freedom through God's Word
- 25% of prisoners in a maximum security prison in Zambia report significant life change, thanks to the Prison Bible!
- Over 13,800 Prison Bibles provided by generous friends in New Zealand.

Thank you for your support to help plant God's Word in even more prisoners' hearts. To find out how you can help to share the message of salvation in Christ in prisons where so many need to find hope in Him, visit www.bl.org.nz/globalprisonbibles



Georges shares how the Bible changed his life:

# A DIFFERENT PERSON!

When he accepted Jesus in 2010, George\* saw his life change for the better - and that change affected his family and his entire community in Madagascar. He says:

"I was addicted to alcohol and committed every sin you can imagine. But I became a different person. My transformation has brought so much joy to my family!"

Recently, George had an accident that affected his sight and gave him trouble reading the Bible - that's why he's so excited to receive an Audio Bible, thanks to friends like you.

"I can listen whenever I want now. I'm so thirsty for more!"

George thanks you for helping people like him to know about Jesus so that they can have eternal life.



"May God strengthen and be with you always as you spread the Gospel."

Please pray for George's strength so that he may continue to spread the Word of God - and continue the transformation of his family and his community as more people come to know Jesus!

\*George's name has been changed to protect his privacy.





1.2 MILLION

**CHILDREN WERE REACHED GLOBALLY** IN THE PAST YEAR





**NEW CHURCH PLANTERS TRAINED** IN THE PAST YEAR



**MORE THAN** 

## 2.1 MILLION

**BIBLES AND BIBLICAL RESOURCES PLANTED** IN THE PERSECUTED **CHURCH IN THE PAST YEAR** 

Look how many Bibles are being shared

## IN INDONESIA

AND BEYOND, as friends like you equip the under-resourced Church!



From a life of violent crime, gangsterism and adultery, to becoming a loving mother and follower of Jesus - it's clear that God changed Andini's\* life forever through His Word...

#### ... and it was made possible by friends like you!

Churches like yours across the world are uniting to meet an urgent funding need to supply essential Bibles and biblical resources to the underresourced Church in Indonesia. And hearts like Andini's are being transformed by God's Word!

"I was a bad person. But now, me and my sons are becoming better, thanks to the books from Bible League, thanks to the Bible, thanks to our pastor."

Thank you for your generosity to help plant God's Word in many more hearts like Andini's... and help them find new life in Jesus.

Over \$4,080 was given by generous friends like you - and more than 272 Bibles and biblical resources delivered to plant God's Word in even more hearts. Praise God!

Find out more: www.bl.org.nz/indonesia

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