

FROM HILTON TO YOU

Dear Friend,

There is much to be thankful for as I write to you and reflect on all that God is doing through your support to resource the under-resourced church.

This year, Bible League marks 85 years of ministry globally! What an amazing achievement. Since 1938, millions of people have been helped to understand God's Word and put their faith in Jesus. Today, more than 150,000 trained Christian volunteers around the world tirelessly serve the Lord as they carry out this global ministry we share.

In fact, Bible League supporters brought the Good News to an average of 315 people every hour of every day in 2022. That's 2,759,400 encounters with God's Word in a year!

In 2022 1,622 churches were planted, and 34,013,847 Bibles and biblical resources were provided to under-resourced churches in 70 countries... planting God's Word in hearts across the globe.

That is simply phenomenal ... and only possible through the grace and power of God. And I want to thank you for playing such an important role in helping to change so many lives.

You may know that I travelled recently across Australia and Asia to witness the life-changing work being done because you support this ministry. As I heard the stories of people whose lives were transformed by the Gospel, I was continually reminded of the importance of reaching people with the message of Christ.

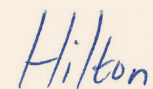
So I urge you to keep your eyes on the Lord and continue praying for our mission together to bring God's Word to those in need.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity as you continue to partner in this ministry to see more lives transformed by God's Word.

And may I encourage you as you continue "... to do good and to share what you have with others, because sacrifices like these are very pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16 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...

- Praise God for the provision of Bibles for the under-resourced Church in the Muslim World. 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.
- Pray for those who minister in places of persecution. 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.

INVITE A DEVELOPMENT OFFICER TO SPEAK AT YOUR CHURCH

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.

Register your church's interest for a speaker and schedule a visit by contacting us today at either:

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INTERNATIONAL

God's Word is Reaching Indigenous Australia, ...and you can help to reach even more!

From the Top End of Australia to the heart of the outback, God's Word is reaching Indigenous communities in a language they understand. And you have an opportunity to grow the momentum and see God's Word planted in even *more* lives and communities!

You know the power of reading a Bible story in language you understand – it makes a profound difference, doesn't it?

But there's a great need for Bibles that our Indigenous brothers and sisters can easily understand. Because many customs in the Bible, and some words used in common versions, have no equivalent in Indigenous cultures.

With your help, Bible League has published the Plain English Version – and your support is helping to resource Indigenous ministries with this easy-to-understand Bible in churches, schools and prisons from the Northern Territory to South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia.

A ministry worker shared:

"Yindi has started reading Bible League's Plain English Version books of the Bible, and they've aided her quiet time. She's also used them as an evangelistic tool, giving them to her family members, confident that they'll understand them."*

"We've also been using the PEV for funerals, and countless people have been comforted by the Psalms. It's an invaluable aid to our ministry in remote Australia, and we are thankful."

Emily, a teacher at Nungalinga College in Darwin says, *"I find the Plain English Version very helpful for those who are not confident readers, or speakers, of English. It makes the Scriptures more accessible."*

And a Christian worker at a school for Aboriginal children reports:

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“... The PEV Gospel of Mark really does speak the students’ language. I’ve also downloaded audio versions of the New Testament Plain English Version books, which are read by mature-age Aboriginal women. When I play those recordings, the kids are rapt.”

So please pray for all those reading and hearing the simple-to-understand words in the Plain English Version. And please pray that the under-resourced Indigenous church in Australia will be resourced with more Plain English Version Bibles – so more lives can be transformed!

*Name changed for privacy

THANK YOU
for resourcing the under-resourced church in the Muslim world



Thank you for helping Bible League-trained believers in Asia – home to the world’s largest Muslim population – to bring Project Philip Bible studies into public schools to reach students with God’s Word.

Your support to help provide more than 3,616 essential Bibles and biblical resources is creating a life-transforming impact for students like Dian* who says:

“Through Project Philip Bible studies, I have learned that Jesus is the epitome of perfect love.”

Each week, Dian* looks forward eagerly to her Bible study lesson, along with her best friend, Syahla*. It’s not easy to be a Christian in their community, but Syahla says:

“My Bible study leader is more than a mentor to me. She listens to all my struggles and comforts me when I am being bullied for being a Christian.”

Thank you for helping more Muslims to engage with God’s Word in ways they understand. And thank you for your prayers for Dian and Syahla to grow in God’s Word and help others to discover Jesus!

*Name changed for security reasons

BIBLES
for Persecuted Christians

You’re helping Endrit pray for his enemies – and find hope!

Endrit* was born into a Muslim family like most around him in Albania. But after receiving a Bible, he “came to know Jesus”!

He now prays for his enemies who’ve been attacking his Christian community:

“Radicals don’t like to see a church. The pressure is big. Sometimes they scream when we’re inside to don’t let us quietly pray and worship God. Some set fire to the door. Others threw stones to break the glass. They damaged my car.

“I was upset, but decided to pray for them and ask God to intervene. Then things became much more quiet.”

Studying God’s Word helped changed Endrit’s attitude as he did what Jesus said:

You have heard...‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies. Pray for those who treat you badly. Matthew 5:43-48 ERV

Thank you for providing Bibles so persecuted Christians like Endrit can stand strong!

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Church Planter
TRAINING

Your generosity helps equip church planters like Adesh in Nepal!

Church Planter Training is designed for places where there are no local churches, and for growing churches eager to share the Gospel. And you’re helping equip passionate people like Adesh* to teach others about the love of Jesus with your support!

Adesh, a married man with five children, grew up in a strict Hindu home but became a Christian when his daughter was seriously ill. He shared:

“We took her to the doctor, who was unable to diagnose her. We then decided to take her to a prayer meeting. We heard many were getting healed there.

“As the pastor prayed, we saw our daughter get healed, and we trusted in God.”

Now, Adesh is reaching others in his region with the message of God’s love. He says:

“The Church Planter Training was very useful. We’ve planted more house churches and



delegated responsibilities. I have witnessed many abandon their idols to live for God.”

Thank you for your generosity to see Bibles and biblical resources put into the hands of Church Planters. Pray and ask God to bless the planting of His Word in people’s hearts across the world.

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