

FROM HILTON TO YOU



Dear Friend,

Lives are being transformed by the Gospel and people are discovering what it means to live with faith, joy, and spiritual security in knowing who they are – and whose they are.

And it's friends like you, giving generously to resource the under-resourced Church, that is planting God's Word in so many hearts.

You can see it happening across entire communities in Zimbabwe, as Bishop Onismo shares on page 1.

You can see it in Pastor Ramon's life in the Philippines, and in the life of Nduta, a young girl who was abused and abandoned by her mother in Kenya. She never believed that anyone could love her... until she discovered the love of God in the Bible.

And you can see it in the lives of thousands of prisoners here at home and across the world – including in some of the world's most dangerous places – as you Bring Hope Behind Bars.

You and I know that **“God's Word is alive and working. It is sharper than the sharpest sword and cuts all the way into us. It cuts deep to the place where the soul and the spirit are joined. God's word cuts to the centre of our joints and our bones. It judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts.”** Hebrews 4:12 ERV

That's why I'm so grateful that your partnership. You're enabling thousands around the world to discover the truth for themselves, so that they, too, can come to know and love Jesus – and share Him with others. God bless you!

Yours in His service,

Hilton

Hilton Edwards
Chief Executive Officer

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.

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 under-resourced Church in Zimbabwe, where so many are struggling to feed their families and find hope for the future. Praise God for His goodness as He equips friends like Bishop Onismo to plant His Word in more hearts.
- Pray for God's provision for pastors like Ramon in the Philippines, who are striving to share the Gospel with their local communities, bringing healing to the broken and sharing their own stories of the transformational power of the Bible.
- Pray for prisoners in Australia and around the world as they receive Bibles and biblical resources thanks to the generous support of so many friends like you. Pray that hope will flourish as they read the Bible and discover the love of God in their lives.

RIDING FOR HOPE - THERESE'S PASSION FOR PRISON BIBLES

Therese is using her love for cycling to bring the hope of God's Word to prisoners!

Determined to make a difference, she's riding **20km for 20 days** to provide Bibles through Bringing Hope Behind Bars—so more lives behind bars can be transformed by Jesus. *“Just \$20 can change a life and give one Bible to a prisoner,”* says Therese. *“I'm so glad I can infuse my passion into God's calling for all Christians—to share the love of Jesus!”*



Through daily rides around Lake Wendouree, to school, and into town, she's pushing through heat, cold, and dark mornings—all to see prisoners receive the Good News.

Thank you, Therese, for your incredible dedication—and thank you to everyone who makes this life-changing ministry possible!

THE SOURCE

TOGETHER, RESOURCING THE UNDER-RESOURCED CHURCH

BISHOP ONISMO: “THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL IS REALLY NEEDED IN ZIMBABWE!”

Friends like you are helping the Church in Zimbabwe to grow, even in communities where drought and crop failure make life hard and dark spiritual forces influence many. People are finding hope as God's Word is planted in their hearts.

Bishop Onismo, National Director of Bible League International in Zimbabwe, sat down to share more of how you're helping to transform lives across the country...

In 2024 alone, we planted seven new churches in different villages. People are welcoming our programs with open arms as we continue to receive more scripture materials in the local languages and in the English language.

The spiritually incarnated dark world is very active here. We've got witch doctors... we've got people who are initiated to raise the spirits of the dead and use them for their own means.

So the truth of the Gospel is really needed in this nation.

The churches that we are dealing with and the communities that we are operating in, they are very

poor communities... but the Word of God is an equaliser. People have got now a better understanding by reading the true Word of God.

We have had a very dilapidating drought. It's biting hard. People could not salvage anything from their fields. So, the coming in of Bible League, you know, it's comforting, it really brings comfort and warmth.

Families which would have divorced are going through the Bible-based programs. Couples are learning to reconcile and come together. Others are newlyweds, or youths who could have been involved in drug and substance abuse.

Thanks to your support, they've changed, and they have turned their focus onto the Word of God.

I want to say to you, our Bible League partners, we are so grateful here in Zimbabwe. We have been able to achieve and do what we have done because of you. We are here because of you. You are here because of us.

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And together we make one body united in the Spirit, in Jesus' name. Amen.

You're invited to join the mission to plant God's Word in more hearts in Zimbabwe and across the world. Your partnership will help more people to know and love Jesus... and share Him with others! Find out more at www.bl.org.au/zimbabwe

Friends like you are BRINGING HOPE BEHIND BARS!

Sherrie grew up in a home where love was scarce and pain was abundant. She longed for acceptance but searched for it in all the wrong places. That search eventually led her to prison.



Behind bars, Sherrie felt lost and hopeless. But her life began to change when she encountered God's Word. Through the generosity of friends like you, Sherrie received her own Bible. It was there, within its pages, that she discovered the depth of God's love for her. The truth of the Gospel touched her heart and gave her the hope she desperately needed.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of our Bringing Hope Behind Bars radio campaign. Thanks to faithful supporters like you, more than 55,000 inmates like Sherrie were given the chance to experience God's transformative love through His Word.

Together, we celebrated this milestone by helping even more prisoners come to know God's love. Just \$20 will provide a Bible to those searching for hope behind bars.

Today, Sherrie's life remains a testament to the hope found in Christ. Because of your generosity, thousands more behind bars can receive this same hope. Thank you for being part of this incredible journey.

And if you haven't yet given – or would like to give again – you can help to reach even more prisoners with your gift at www.bl.org.au/bringinghopebehindbars today.

NDUTA SAYS, "I HAVE NOW COMPLETELY CHANGED" THROUGH PROJECT PHILIP!

Your support to resource the under-resourced Church is changing many lives in Kenya, including 11-year-old Nduta's*.

After suffering abuse at the hands of her mother, Nduta was adopted by a Muslim family and taken into their home. She lived a lonely life – until she joined a *Project Philip* program at school. Nduta shares...

"I joined the Project Philip program; I had to ask for permission from my guardian, since I had become a Muslim, and she agreed.

"I liked the Bible stories in the booklet and the memory verses. The book made it clear that God loves me."

The discovery of God's love for Nduta transformed her heart and mind. Her efforts in class and her behaviour at home changed significantly. She says...

"I have now completely changed, and my teachers and guardians are happy with me. I received Jesus, and I believe I can follow Christ totally."

The support of friends like you is helping to share God's love through *Project Philip* from Nairobi to New Zealand. Thank you for helping to plant God's Word in people's hearts!

*Nduta's name has been changed to protect her identity.



RAMON'S LIFE WAS TRANSFORMED... THANKS TO FRIENDS LIKE YOU!

"Before I became a Christian, our lives were miserable. My children were afraid of me, especially when I was drunk," Ramon said.

His children weren't the only ones who feared him. When he was drunk, he walked the streets of his community in the Philippines, wielding a machete, looking for a fight. Everyone knew to avoid him.

But his life changed when he heard the gospel at a street rally and decided to follow Jesus.

Now a pastor in Manila, Ramon is planting God's Word in more hearts through the *Project Philip* program at his church. Many who were once despairing, like him, are living abundant lives in Christ!

"I've experienced God's goodness – why shouldn't I now share it with my friends and neighbours?" Pastor Ramon said, with tears of joy in his eyes.

Your support is helping to transform many lives like Ramon's – and resourcing the under-resourced Church in places like Manila. Thank you for helping many more to know and love Jesus ... and share Him with others!



194,866
PRISONERS WERE REACHED WITH GOD'S WORD OVER THE PAST YEAR



9,323
CHURCH PLANTERS TRAINED GLOBALLY IN THE PAST YEAR



MORE THAN 1.4 MILLION
PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS REACHED IN THE PAST YEAR