

# IMPORTANT UPDATE FROM HILTON



Dear Friend,

I pray this message finds you in the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After much prayer and reflection, **I have decided to resign from my position as CEO of Bible League Australia and New Zealand.** This has not been an easy choice, but I make it with a heart full of gratitude for what God has done—and continues to do—through this ministry.

Over the past 10 years, I've been incredibly blessed to witness how the power of God's Word changes lives. Together, through your faithful support, prayers, and generosity, we have seen lives transformed, communities uplifted, and hearts drawn closer to Christ.

As I step into a new season, I'm reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1 — "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." I am confident that, as we trust in His plan, new opportunities and breakthroughs lie ahead for Bible League and all those we serve in the field.

**Please continue to pray for the team at Bible League and for David Pauling, who will be stepping in as Interim CEO.**

I believe God is preparing new seasons of growth and revival, and I am very excited to see what He will do through Bible League.

Proverbs 3:5–6 encourages us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." That has been my experience throughout this journey, and I know it will remain true in the days ahead.

Thank you once again for walking alongside me in faith and service. I am confident that God's purposes will prevail, and I look forward to seeing how He continues to work through this amazing ministry.

With heartfelt blessings and gratitude,

Hilton Edwards  
Chief Executive Officer

## INTRODUCING DAVE PAULING



Dear Friend,

It is an honour to step into the role of **Interim CEO of Bible League Australia and New Zealand as of 10 July 2025.** I thank Hilton for his faithful leadership over the past 10 years and the incredible impact made through his service.

I have served on the Bible League Board for over three years and am deeply passionate about this ministry. My family has also been involved for many decades.

Alongside our dedicated staff and Board, I look forward to continuing this vital work.

Thank you for your ongoing support, prayers, and partnership in sharing God's Word.

God bless you,

Dave Pauling  
Interim 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.*

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## YOUR GENEROSITY IS EMPOWERING INDIGENOUS YOUTH

### – AND THEIR FAMILIES – WITH GOD'S WORD

Imagine a park in Far North Queensland – alive with the laughter and voices of Indigenous children. Now imagine those same children, eyes wide with wonder, sitting together beneath the sky, reading God's Word – and understanding it for the very first time... thanks to you.

Because you're providing Bibles and biblical resources, you're placing the truth and hope of Jesus into the hands – and hearts – of the under-resourced Church in some of Australia's most remote places.

Recently, one Indigenous ministry worker shared,

*"There were all these kids and as soon as they saw me... they see Auntie coming, so they run up."*

She gathered about 20-30 Indigenous schoolchildren – some as young as Grade 6 – and shared the Good News with them.

Together, they opened the *Plain English Version* (PEV) Bibles you helped provide, turning to John 3 and the story of new birth. Speaking about the impact of the children receiving the PEV Bible, she said:

*"When they had a read of it, they could understand it straight away."*

The message resonated deeply – many children chose to give their lives to Jesus right then. One child, amazed by the stories of Holy Spirit power in Acts 2, asked, *"Auntie – can we receive that power? Is it more powerful than witchcraft?"*

She prayed for them – and for the Holy Spirit to fill them – and their joy was unmistakable.

But your impact didn't end there. One by one, these young believers came asking for extra Bibles – *"I wanna take two Bibles for my mum and dad!"* – *"Can I take one for my brother – so he can receive this power as well?"*

**Because of your generosity, entire families are being introduced to Jesus – and the PEV Bibles make His message clear and accessible.**

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Thank you for continuing to invest – you’re equipping the local church to share the Gospel where it’s needed most. As you provide Bibles and biblical resources, you’re lighting the way to transformation – for this generation, and the next.

## Thank you – YOU HELPED SHARE GOD’S WORD IN SOUTH ASIA!

Your incredible generosity to help support people like Amil\* has brought hope and transformation. Once opposing Jesus – today, Amil is a pastor, boldly sharing hope where it’s needed most thanks to your generosity and support!

Because of your support, 3,524 Bibles and biblical resources were delivered – equipping people facing persecution and hardship with God’s truth in their own language. Thanks to you, many received the *Easy-to-Read Version* (ERV) of the Bible – maybe for the very first time – and vital training for new believers and church leaders.

More lives like Amil’s are being changed – transforming former persecutors into passionate pastors, and opening doors for the Gospel in places of greatest need – thanks to your generous support.

**Thank you... you’re helping to write new stories of hope across South Asia!**

*\*For their safety, all names have been changed.*

## FROM DARKNESS TO HOPE: HOW YOU HELPED TRANSFORM AKEIN’S LIFE

*“Looking back on my journey, I am in awe of how God transformed my life – from a gangster lost in sin to a servant devoted to spreading His Word.”*

That’s how Akein\* describes his journey – and it’s because of friends like you that lives like his are being transformed. When tragedy struck his family, a pastor began visiting their home in Sri Lanka, sharing biblical resources and God’s love.

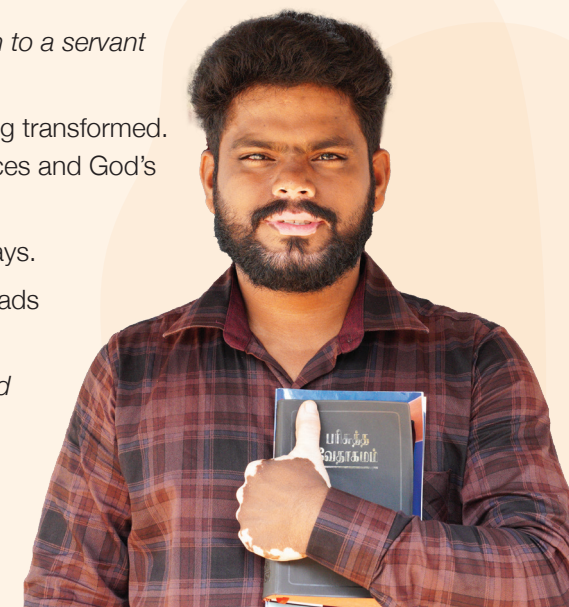
*“Matthew 4–6 helped me understand who God is and what kind of life He expects us to live,”* Akein says.

Through the Bible and *Project Philip* resources you helped provide, Akein realised the truth. He now leads others to faith – bringing hope where it’s needed most. He shared:

*“The same gang members who once attacked me now attend church. Drug addicts who once roamed the village are now engaged in evangelistic ministry.”*

**Your generous support has played a vital role in transforming lives, bringing many people to Christ through the Bibles and biblical resources you’ve helped provide. Thank you!**

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## CHANGING LIVES: PASTOR TSHABALALA REACHES THE NEXT GENERATION

Because of your generosity, Pastor Tshabalala is making a powerful impact in South Africa – bringing the hope of Jesus to children and youth who need it most. He remembers,

*“From the moment I accepted Jesus, I started to preach in my assembly at school. That was before I even thought I would ever be a pastor.”*

He now leads Bible studies in 15 schools – reaching hundreds of young people across Gauteng Province. Children who once faced struggles like poverty, drug abuse and crime are now discovering God’s love and truth in a language they can truly understand thanks to friends like you!

And it’s clear that God’s Word is making a difference in the students’ lives. When asked how the Bible studies you’re providing have helped their schools, Pastor Tshabalala says *“I ask my pupils, what does a flashlight need to give light in the darkness? It needs batteries,”* he says. *“God’s Word is the battery that will make you the light of the world!”*

**Because of you, hope is shining – and lives are changing – for the next generation. Sharing a final encouragement, this is what Pastor Tshabalala said:**

**“YOUR LABOUR IS NOT IN VAIN. BECAUSE OF YOU, KIDS CAN ACCESS THE BIBLE IN A LANGUAGE THEY CAN UNDERSTAND.”**



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