

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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YOU'RE SHARING THE **HOPE OF HEAVEN** WITH PRISONERS LIKE PATRICK!

From a "hot-tempered" convicted murderer to a passionate evangelist within his prison walls, Patrick's life has been totally transformed by the Bible... *thanks to the generosity of friends like you!*

Shortly after Patrick attended his father's funeral back in his hometown in Kenya, he went drinking with an old friend. But it was far from a happy reunion.

The two men got into an argument and "fought furiously" according to Patrick. In the morning, his friend's body was discovered.

Patrick was arrested and charged with murder. He says:

"I was an alcoholic... I was a hot-tempered man who couldn't control my anger. I only loved those who loved me and there was no joy or peace in my heart."

Sent to prison, Patrick was soon living in despair.

"Life in prison is difficult, with many hardships... one faces threats from fellow inmates. We are very many confined in a small space. I can compare it to hell."

But friends like you enabled him to join a *Project Philip* Bible study group – and, living in hell, Patrick found the hope of heaven.

He now encourages the prisoners around him to put their faith in God and experience His forgiveness and peace, saying...

"Many inmates claim they're innocent and harbour bitterness and unforgiveness... I have learnt that forgiveness is key to freedom while in prison. I learnt how God, through Jesus Christ, forgave me and how I should learn to forgive others."

As Patrick serves his sentence, he knows that God loves him and has released him from guilt and shame. He is longing for the day when he is released so he can take up ministry in the outside world. But for now, he has a mission to share the freedom and forgiveness of Jesus with his fellow inmates. He says:

"Through Christ's love and grace, I received peace and my anger within was released... I may be in prison, but I am free in this regard. I am no longer a slave of sin, but I'm free from sin. Hallelujah!"

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Thank you for your support for prisoners around the world, as you share Prison Bibles with many and make it possible for them to join *Project Philip* Bible study groups. Your generosity is helping to change many lives like Patrick's!

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, hundreds of Bibles and biblical resources were planted – 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.

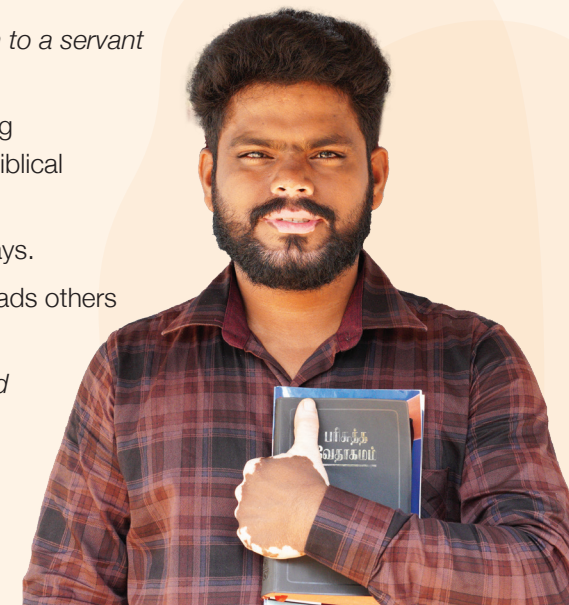
"Matthew 4–6 helped me understand who God is and what kind of life He expects us to live," Akein says.

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,

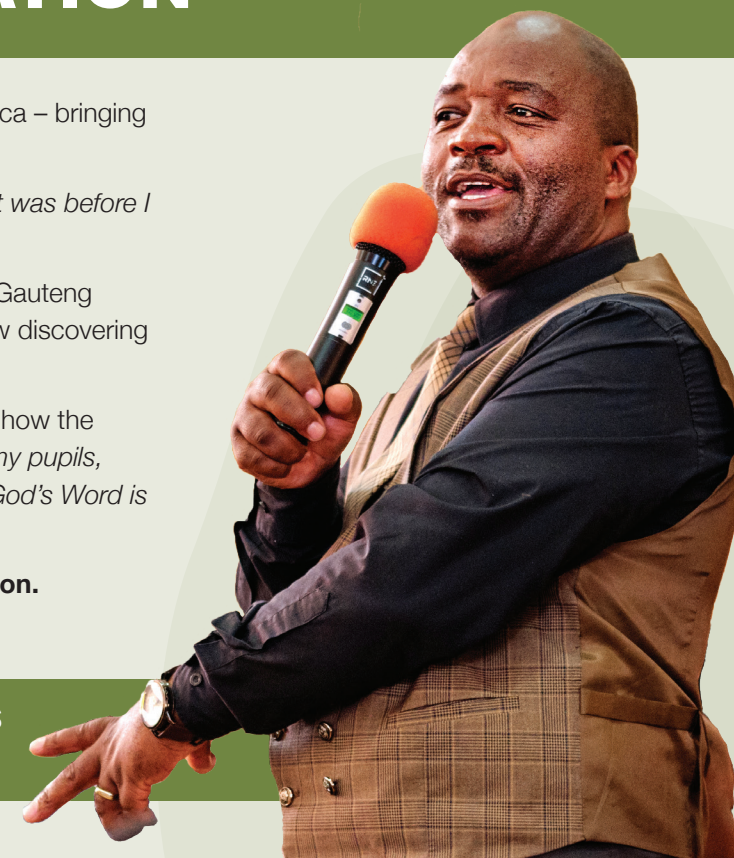
"From the moment I accepted Jesus, I started to preach in my assembly at school. That was before I even thought I would ever be a pastor."

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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