FROM HILTON

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 Australia 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

Hilton Edwards
Chief Executive Officer

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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, like Rev Fran in South East Asia.
 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.

BRINGING HOPE BEHIND BARS

IS BACK!

In Australia, there are currently more than 40,000 prisoners in custody. While these people are incarcerated,



there is a unique opportunity to reach them with the Good News of the Bible and God's Word.

During February and March 2024, Bible League's *Bringing Hope Behind Bars* Campaign is going to partner with 14 Christian radio stations across Australia. With this partnership, we aim to meet the annual need in Australian prisons of between 6,000 and 8,500 Bibles.





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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Reverend Fran's* local church in South East Asia has a clear mission: to serve female drug addicts in rehabilitation, female inmates, and released inmates who had been convicted of drug offenses.

As a chaplain, she meets many prisoners and encourages them to explore the Christian faith.

You may be surprised to know that often, the women released from prison struggle even more on the outside, losing direction and purpose.

Reverend Fran says:

"I saw the relapse of drug addicts after being released from rehabilitation centres and prisons, and they need the most care and support from the community."

As part of her church's partnership with Bible League, Rev Fran began using the program materials to facilitate transformative classes. Through the support of generous friends like you, she initiated a Bible-based Literacy class, specifically for released female inmates and their families. The impact was profound, empowering women to grow in their faith and find hope and purpose.

Building upon this success, Reverend Fran began a new Project Philip Bible study class, catering to former prisoners as well as their friends and families.

But there was a clear need to reach prisoners with the Bible while they were still in prison – to offer the hope of Jesus and build their faith so they could thrive when released.

So when Rev Fran heard the news that she would receive supplies of the Easy-to-Read Your Journey to Freedom Prison Bible, she was thrilled.

With great excitement and anticipation, she now plans to distribute these Bibles to English-speaking female inmates. Rev Fran has high hopes for these prisoners' future, saying:

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⁰³ Your support is transforming Indigenous communities with the Bible!

⁰⁴ From Hilton

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"I want to visit them and pastor them from prison until they're released. Then I will pick them up and support them in their new lives, physically

"I want them to discover new life, and new purpose in life. My prayer is that each one of them is a good and faithful servant of the Lord."

Thank you for your support and prayer to help plant God's Word in so many prisoners' hearts in South East Asia so they can know Jesus... and share Him with others!

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PRISONERS' LIVES ARE BEING TRANSFORMED...

as you help to plant God's Word in their hearts!

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

Here are some of the highlights of prison ministry that you've helped to make possible 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 48,000 Prison Bibles provided by generous friends in Australia



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.au/globalprisonbibles

YOUR SUPPORT IS

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WITH THE BIBLE!

An exciting partnership with Vision Christian Radio shows the impact of how friends like you are equipping the under-resourced Church in Indigenous communities... and changing lives!

Laurel was a hell-raiser, heavy drinker and drug user – until after a drinking binge, God gave her a vision of hell, and she realised she was on a dead-end path in her life. She says:

"You can imagine, I was scared... I really wanted to change my life. So, God provided me a way..."

She became a street evangelist, and her powerful testimony helped many to know Jesus, too. But she lacked one thing: Bibles.

"I was fasting and praying for Bibles... When I'm on the street, and people get saved, the main thing God said to me is. 'Direct them to the Word'. I really needed Bibles."

Amazingly, God blessed Laurel with Bibles, through friends like you!

She received Plain English Bibles and began using them in her ministry. Before long, other evangelists working in Indigenous communities were asking for them, too.

"Some indigenous communities don't have churches, so for them to have a Bible is gold... it's such a blessing to have the Bibles you blessed us with!"







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 you've helped to share

IN INDONESIA AND BEYOND!



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!

Your support to meet an urgent funding need to supply essential Bibles and biblical resources to the under-resourced Church in Indonesia is continuing to see more hearts like Andini's transformed by God's Word. She says:

"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 \$50,010 was given by generous friends like you - and more than 3.334 Bibles and biblical resources delivered to plant God's Word in even more hearts. Praise God!

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