

FEBRUARY 3-9

Zambia Give thanks for the number of first time Bible and NT translation projects and revision projects in progress to reach language groups who are still waiting. Pray also for the Good Samaritan Programme and Trauma Healing work that is taking place to minister to people impacted by HIV/AIDS. Pray for GS Abraham Chikasa, team, Board and partners who work to make God's Word known.

Angola Pray for GS Beatriz Hupa and her small team as they seek to make God's Word available to all. Pray especially for the eight Bible and NT translation projects they are engaged in. Pray also for their FCBH programme for people who are visually impaired and for the Bible distribution to prisoners. Pray that God will provide a warehouse where they can store Scripture for distribution.

Mozambique Many teams are engaged in first time Bible translation work for people groups who have never had Scripture. Pray too for the Bible revisions to reach new generations with language they can read. Pray for the continued efforts to create Bible Hubs to improve Bible access for all. Pray for Executive Secretary Valente Tseco who manages these teams as well as the FCBH and Good Samaritan ministries.

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Arab Israeli Pray for Director Dina Katanacho, her staff team and many volunteers. Praise God for the Scripture Community Centre in Galilee where so much takes place to strengthen families and empower women. Pray for the ministry to children and young people and the work to build strong church partnerships. Ask that the Bible message would bring much needed hope to many.

Israel Executive Director Victor Kalisher leads the team here as they work to reach people with the Bible. Pray for protection and provision for them and their ministry. Pray for ongoing work to revise the Modern Hebrew NT and for the growth of the Hebrew language Bible website. Pray for their bookshop in Tel Aviv, the impact on the migrant population and the development of children's literature.

Palestine Pray for the team led by GS Nashat Filmon as they minister in a country in need of political, economic and social stability. Pray for the Trauma Healing ministry and that God's Word will bring much peace to individuals and communities. Praise God for the different programmes to reach children, young people and families as well as efforts to help people from other faiths with humanitarian assistance. Pray for hope and peace.

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Chile Ask God to bless GS Francisco Errazu and team as they work to make His Word known. Pray for provision and strong relationships with churches and partner agencies. Pray for the continued first time translation of the Bible in to the Mapudungun language. Pray for the sports ministry for children at risk and for their special ministry to reach people with hope and assistance in times of crisis.

Uruguay Give thanks for the work going in to creating a Sign Language Bible and for the children's drawing material to help Bible engagement. Pray for the different approaches to reach young people with God's message and values. Pray for the travelling team who cover many miles to deliver God's Word to remote churches, schools and communities. Pray for the team led by GS Samuel Duarte.

Argentina Pray for the work on the Bible in Argentinian Sign Language and a special version for children. Pray also for the translation into the West Toba language and literacy classes for indigenous language groups. Pray that Braille Scripture will be accessible to all who need it. Pray for all this and much more, carried out by GS Ruben Del Ré and team.

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Armenia Give thanks for the ministry here led by GS Yeznik Petrosyan. Pray for the huge efforts to bring the Bible to the more remote border villages of Armenia. Ask God to bless each person receiving Scripture including school children and the armed forces. Give thanks that the Bible is often welcomed warmly. Pray too for the work to create a NT in contemporary language as well as a Study NT.

Georgia Ask God to bless the ongoing free distribution of Children's Bibles for children whose families are in need or have been internally displaced. May these Bibles bring hope to the whole family. Pray that the new Youth NT will help many young people engage with the Bible and know God in their lives. Pray for the work of the board and staff led by Executive Director Avtandil Guruli.

Azerbaijan Pray for GS Rasim Khalilov and the new team as they work to establish this very young Bible Society. Pray for the children's resources they are promoting and for the availability of God's Word to all who want it. Pray that their Bible Day will become a well-supported annual event in the Church calendar, encouraging strong church relations, encouraging Bible engagement and highlighting the work of the Bible Society.

Thank you for your faithful prayers

Bible-a-month Project February: Guatemala

Children living in sheltered accommodation have experienced unimaginable pain. The Bible Society is running the 'Free to Live' project to bring much needed help to girls who are struggling to cope with what has happened to them in the past – girls who have been victims of human trafficking and sexual abuse, and girls as young as ten years old who are taking care of their babies. Bible based trauma healing programmes are helping these girls to discover that Jesus loves and cares for them.

- Pray for girls who have been victims of sexual abuse and trafficking. Ask God to bring hope and healing, that these girls would be able to move forward with their lives.
- Pray especially for young girls who are becoming mothers. Pray that they would have the support they need to love and raise their children.
- Thank God for the vital trauma work that the Bible Society of Guatemala is running for girls living in shelters. Pray that God's Word would give light to these dark places.



This month £5 will give a Bible to a girl in Guatemala who needs to know they are loved.

New Zealand This is an increasingly secularised society with fewer people attending church and following the Bible. Pray that more young people would engage with youth resources and people of all ages would be drawn to the Bible. Pray for ongoing Maori and Tokelauan translations. The very first Tokelauan Bible should go to print this year. Pray for CEO Francis Burdett and the whole team.

Australia Pray for the team spread over different locations in this vast country, led by CEO Greg Clarke. Bible Society Australia is involved in translating, publishing and distributing the Bible in print, audio and digital versions to people of all ages. Pray too for their efforts to make the Bible heard publicly, the publication of Bible reading materials and the provision of literacy support, both in Australia and overseas.

South Pacific Pray for the new GS Geoffry Miller and the whole team as they minister out of Fiji across 16 islands. Pray for ongoing translation, publication and distribution of Scripture in a number of languages. Give thanks for the work with rural communities to help them better understand and apply the Bible to daily life. Pray for the 'Kingdom Kids' project, making the Bible available to children.

Austria Pray for GS Jutta Henner and all the work the team are engaged in. Give thanks for the many school children who visit the Bible Centre in Vienna and for the opportunities to take part in exhibitions, events, lectures and media programmes throughout the year. Pray for the ongoing ministry to migrants, particularly refugees, including those in detention centres or in prison.

Switzerland Please pray for all the refugees, prison inmates and those facing injustice, that the hope found in God's Word would sustain them. Pray too for the efforts to make God's Word available to the elderly. Pray also for the staff team led by CEO Eva Thomi, the Board and all partners, supporters and donors. Pray for strong and growing relationships with churches.

Germany Please pray that the OT translation of the Basic Bible in German would be completed this year and that the full Basic Bible would be published for the first time in 2020. Please pray that relationships with churches and donors would continue to strengthen and that fundraising for Bible Society projects around the world would increase. Pray for GS Christoph Rösler and the whole team.

Pakistan Pray for ministry in this Muslim country where Bible work is difficult. Thank God for GS Anthony Lamuel and the whole team who have found several ways to share the Good News among people of other faiths. Pray for their translation work, sports ministry and literacy programmes. Pray too for their efforts to make the Bible accessible to children and young people.

India Pray for GS Mani Chacko who oversees the vast ministry in India which is divided into 16 Bible Society Auxiliaries. Pray for the many translation projects and the huge efforts to make the Bible available. Pray for the ministry to orphans and widows, for the distribution at festivals and for the close working relationship with the Churches in India. Pray for strong partnerships and ongoing provision.

Nepal Pray for the successful translation, production and distribution of the Nepali Bible and related materials for Nepali speakers. Pray for the Scripture engagement programmes, especially those developed through holistic ministries. Pray for enough funding so that all projects can be carried out in full. Pray for the team led by CEO Tej Jirel.

Ukraine Praise God for the opening into hospitals to reach children who are gravely ill and their families. Pray for the work to reach people who are victims of conflict and lead them into reconciliation. Pray for the Scripture being distributed to the military and veterans in rehabilitation. Pray that God's Word would impact young people and children through summer camps. Pray for GS Oleksandr Babiychuk and all the efforts of the team.

Belarus Thank the Lord for the lack of obstacles to the spread of God's Word in 2018. Pray that the Scriptures distributed by the "Sowing Together" project will continue to touch the hearts of those in need. Pray that this project will be able to continue throughout 2019, reaching many who need encouragement and hope in times of need. Pray for Executive Director Igor Mikhailov and the small team.

Russia Give thanks for the work in this huge country led by Anatoly Rudenko. Pray for the translation projects that are ongoing in five different languages. Pray too for the work to translate the NT into Russian Sign Language. Pray for the distribution of Scripture to the remote people groups living in the Siberian region.

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Bible-a-month Project March: Jordan

Only a very small minority of the people in Jordan are Christian. Society there is made up of people from many different nationalities and religions. A calm in the middle of the storm, Jordan has provided a sanctuary for many people from neighbouring countries who seek refuge from conflict. The Bible Society in Jordan has the opportunity to share the Bible with people from lots of different backgrounds. They have a great presence at national book fairs and work with churches to make the Bible available in various communities.

- Pray that all people in Jordan will be reached with God's Word and that children, adults, Jordanians and refugees will all discover who God is through the Bible.
- Pray for wisdom and protection for the staff of the Bible Society in Jordan who are working in public book fairs.
- Pray for all those in Jordan who are refugees. Pray that they will know God's loving presence at a very difficult time of their lives.



This month £5 will allow 2 people in Jordan to receive New Testaments.