

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 Babychuk 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.

Belgium (French) Pray for the work here led by GS Vincent Beckers as they sell and distribute God's Word. Pray that the projects implemented in recent years will continue to create an interest around the Word of God. Pray that good partnerships will be forged with the Church and other Christian organisations so that support will be generated for the spread of God's Word.

Belgium (Flemish) Pray for the team working to promote the Bible with the Flemish speaking population within Belgium. Pray for good opportunities to present the Bible Society ministry also. Give thanks for the strong partnership with the Bible Society in the Netherlands and the support that offers the team. Pray for the work to make the Bible available and engaging for children.

Netherlands Thank God for the 60 employees and 1,400 volunteers who work with passion and enthusiasm to bring the Bible closer to people. Pray for GS Rieuwerd Buitenwerf and the Board who direct the work. Pray for blessings on "Bible Basics," the Sunday School programme that helps children become familiar with 200 Bible stories. Pray too for successful fundraising efforts and strong awareness raising among supporters.

Ghana Pray for the Bono Bible translation project and other ongoing translations. Pray for ministry to children and young people including teenage girls who have suffered abuse. Pray that all who need Braille Bibles will have ready access. Ask for provision to see the work expand to other parts of the country. Pray for GS Erasmus Odonkor and the team working to make God's Word known.

Togo Give thanks for the team working here led by GS Estelle Akouegnon. Pray for the number of translation projects at different stages, that the teams would see God's hand in their progress, know good health and provision. Pray for the literacy programmes and FCBH groups in remote areas and prisons. Pray that many would come to faith through hearing God's Word.

Benin Ask for God's blessing on the Aja and Gun Bible translation teams. Pray that they would know good progress and much encouragement. Pray for the literacy classes in various languages and the FCBH listening groups. Pray that many vulnerable children would be blessed by the special distributions and that people with visual impairments would have access to Braille Scripture. Pray for GS Kancou Ogou and all who work along with him.

Bolivia Please ask the Lord to grant wisdom as the team seek the best strategies to bring the Word of God to distant locations. Pray that the Bolivian authorities do not enact laws contrary to God's Word. Ask that God's Word would reach and impact children, teenagers and women who have been victims of domestic violence. Pray for the team led by GS Fanny Cossío.

Paraguay Pray for the team led by Executive Director Pedro Escobar in the many ways they are reaching their nation. Pray for the medical boat that visits remote riverside people on the Paraguay River bringing health and spiritual care. Pray for the ministry to the armed forces and the work to reach children and young people with the message of the Bible.

Brazil Thank God for the success of the 2nd Year of the Bible last year in Brazil. Thank God for the success of the New Almeida updated translation and pray that the Study Bible would lead readers into a deeper relationship with God. Pray for the Executive Director Erní Seibert, the Board of Directors and staff as they develop the work. Pray that their outreach programmes will reach many.

Botswana Give thanks for the team led by GS Gabriel Tsuaneng as they work to make the Bible known. Pray for the ministry to the army, that God's Word would soak into the hearts of many. Ask for God's ongoing provision and blessing on the translation and literacy development work for both the Shiyeyi and Kalanga languages.

Zimbabwe Please pray for this Bible Society's 80th anniversary in 2019. Pray for the completion and launch of the Shona Study Bible translation project this year and other ongoing translations. Pray also for the project to distribute Scripture in suitable formats to people with visual impairments. Ask for wisdom as they seek ways to increase their distribution efforts. Pray for GS Chipso Maringe and team.

Namibia Please pray for the work of the Bible Society in a very volatile economy. Pray for funds for the translation of the new Bible into Oshiwambo and other translation projects. Pray too for their fundraising initiatives. Pray also for GS Barnie Van Der Walt and all the staff. Give thanks for every donor, prayer partner and friend of the Bible Society.

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Bible-a-month Project April: China

There is a huge demand for Bibles in China. People long to have their own Bible to read and study, but poverty can so easily stand in their way. Bible Societies are working in partnership with the Amity Printing Press in Nanjing, China to make Scripture more affordable. By covering the cost of the paper that is used to print Bibles, the finished books can be sold at a much-reduced price or given out for free to those that need it. The simple action of paying for paper means more people in China are receiving the Bible they've been waiting for.

- Pray for more Bibles. Pray that the funding would be received to cover the cost of the printing paper and that more Bibles would be able to be printed.
- Pray that Bibles would continue to be distributed all over China, reaching people in both cities and rural areas.
- Pray that every person who receives a Bible would have a deeper understanding of who God is and that lives would be transformed.



This month £5 will give a Bible to someone in China.