

JULY 1-7

Israel Pray for the bookshop in Tel Aviv which is visited by people from different backgrounds and for the safety of the team led by Mr Victor Kalisher. Pray for outreach to migrants and refugees. Pray for the work to produce children's literature, the Bible in Modern Hebrew Sign Language and a revision of the Modern Hebrew NT.

Palestine Pray for GS Mr Nashat Filmon and the team who are engaged in ministry to Christians and humanitarian assistance to people from other faiths. Praise God for the impact of the different programmes for children and young people and pray for the political, economic and spiritual situation of the country. May hope prevail.

Arab Israeli 20% of Israel's population are Arab Israeli. Pray for Director Dina Katanacho as she leads the work of making God's Word available and known to these people. Pray for the Scripture Community Centre in Galilee and the programmes to empower women and children and to support families. Dina is visiting Northern Ireland in the summer to speak at Bangor Worldwide.

JULY 8-14

Egypt The NT and two OT books of the Van Dyck Study Bible in Arabic have now been printed; pray this will be complete by the end of 2018. Pray for GS Ramez Atallah, staff and volunteers. Praise God for opportunities to impact people through bookshops and projects to reach

poor families, rural teens and children.

Jordan Give thanks for a good level of freedom and pray for opportunities to reach people from different backgrounds. Pray for Trauma Healing, the programmes to engage youth and young families and for refugees receiving practical and spiritual support. Pray that GS Munther Al-Namat and team may see their dream of a Bible Hub and Resource Centre realised.

Lebanon Thank God for Bible distribution and effective programmes reaching all parts of society. Pray for Trauma Healing for all ages and for the projects bringing hope to refugees and disadvantaged communities. Pray also for supporters and volunteers that spread the Word and empower Churches in the Middle East. Pray for GS Dr Mike Bassous who leads the work here.

JULY 15-21

Estonia Ask God to use this ministry, led by GS Mr Jaan Bärenson, to impact this increasingly secular country. Pray for the Bible exhibitions in libraries and universities and for a good impact through book fairs. Pray for strengthened relationships with churches, Christian organisations and the local media. Pray too for the development of their online presence and resources.

Latvia Mr Valdis Teraudkalns leads a small team. Pray for the Bible revision into modern Latvian which began last year. There is strong focus on reaching children. Pray for the

Bibles for school pupils and for the work to publish a Children's Bible in Latvian to support Sunday Schools and children's ministries. Ask God to raise up more Latvian supporters and partners.

Lithuania Pray that the new Ecumenical Bible translation is accurate, fluent to read and clear to understand. Pray that the Bible in Sign Language will soon make God's Word accessible to the deaf community in their heart language. Pray also for the Living Pictures photo contest for school children. Pray for Ms Vilhelmina Kalinauskiene who leads the ministry here.

JULY 22-28

France Please pray for GS Jonathan Boulet and team as they promote the Word of God in this largely secular country. Pray for an impact on families, young people and migrants. Pray for strong connections with churches, organisations and individuals who have a heart for the ministry. Pray for the revision work on the popular version, 'Bible en Français Courant'.

Spain Pray for the Board as they seek God for the future of the ministry there. May they have great wisdom as they seek opportunities to make the Bible available and known. Pray that the truth of God's Word would take hold among the mainly nominally Catholic population, drawing people to faith in Jesus.

Malta Pray for GS Paul Agius and the Board who are working to carve out a fresh ministry. Thank God for their 60th

anniversary and pray for the years ahead. While over 90% of the population are Catholic in name, many are now entirely secular with little or no faith. Pray for wisdom in how to minister in an environment that is increasingly dependent on tourism.

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Cyprus Praise God for the NTs distributed in schools by the Ministry of Education. Ask that this will continue, helping students learn about God. Pray for the small team led by GS Michail Chatzigiannis and pray for an increase in the number of local churches and supporters who have a heart for Bible Society ministry around the world.

Turkey Executive Secretary Ms Tamar Karasu leads this team. Praise God for the witness of their bookshop in a busy shopping area of Istanbul, in a place where so few are Christians. Give thanks for their presence at secular book fairs and pray that the Gospel would reach more people. Pray for ministry with refugees and local believers.

Syria Pray for the enormous challenges in Syria. Ask God to guide the team as they distribute Scripture, support churches, take part in book fairs and offer Trauma Healing training to more and more people. Pray for safety for Director George Andrea, the team and their families who continue to live and work in such an unsafe place.

Bible-a-month Project July: The Gulf

There is a huge migrant population in the Gulf. Many have come to the area for work but now find themselves underpaid and overworked. There is a desire to find comfort and direction in God's word, yet for many illiteracy is preventing this. The Bible Society in the Gulf is bringing the Bible alive for migrant workers. Storytelling workshops are run to let people hear Bible stories and learn how to tell the stories themselves.

- Pray for the construction workers and maids who find themselves trapped by their employers. Pray that the Storytelling sessions and distribution of Scripture would give them hope and encouragement.
- Pray that the migrant workers learning to tell Bible stories will have the courage to share them with those around them.
- Babu Ganta is the Senior Communication Officer at the Bible Society in the Gulf. Thank God for the passion he has for sharing the Word of God in a creative and meaningful way.



This month £5 will give a Bible story book to a migrant worker in the Gulf.