

Draw My Own Bible Competition

In our last Word at Work magazine we launched our colouring competition – ‘Draw my own Bible’. We had a great response with almost 300 entries received!

We had entries from Sunday Schools, from Primary Schools, from Girls Brigades, as well as lots from other groups and individuals.

We were delighted with the response and were encouraged that so many got involved. We also know that there were some people whose plans to be involved were disrupted by Coronavirus and so their entries didn't make it to the office. We plan to have more opportunities to be creative in the future so watch out on our Social Media pages and website.

We saw a great display of talent in the entries received with every category having pictures submitted. Unfortunately, we won't be able to send out prizes until after we are through this current crisis, but we can announce the winners here through Word at Work.



Almost 300 entries!

Winners



P1/P2 winner:
Sophia,
Dumhillery Primary School,
Armagh



P3/P4/P5 winner:
Sandy,
Windsor Hill Primary School,
Newry

P6/P7 winner:
Emma,
Derrylin,
Co Fermanagh



Teens winner:
Ruby, Annalong, Co Down



Adult winner:
Rosemary,
Comber, Co Down

Everywhere in our world today we are facing a new normal as we deal with the impact of Coronavirus. This global pandemic is like nothing we have seen before and it is causing challenge and disruption throughout the world. Every Bible Society is reacting as they have capacity and resource to – please pray.

Terms & Abbreviations

FCBH: Faith Comes by Hearing - A programme providing audio Scripture for listening groups, set up mainly through local churches. **Trauma Healing:** Bible-based counselling for survivors of traumas such as epidemics, disasters or war. **Good Samaritan Project:** A Bible-based HIV/AIDS education programme. Workshop based, multi-media training. **OT/NT:** Old/New Testament. **GS:** General Secretary. **CEO:** Chief Executive Officer.

31 MAY – 6 JUNE

Indonesia Praise God for 66 years of the Indonesian Bible Society in 2020. Pray for the implementation of literacy programmes in East Sumba, and their work translating the Bible into different native languages. Pray also for funding for the “Bible in Love” programme, which distributes Bibles to remote areas in Indonesia. The work here is led by GS Sigit Triyono.

Cameroon Pray for the FCBH and the Trauma Healing programmes in Cameroon. Pray that through these projects people would know the love of God. Pray for the many translation projects ongoing, including the Guidar, Podoko and Mafa languages. Pray for GS Luc Gnowa and his team as they carry out God's work reaching the people of Cameroon.

Gabon Translation of the Bible into Fang and Omyèmè, as well as several other languages. Ask that God would be with the translators and that through these translations many people would come to faith. Pray for the Faith Comes by Hearing project and all of the people who are able to hear the Gospel through this. Pray for Thierry Mabiala and his team.

7 – 13 JUNE

Cambodia Pray for the projects that are ongoing throughout 2020: the Children of the Word; Living Word for Everyone; and Literacy Programmes across Cambodia. Pray specifically for two of their translation projects: Khmer Study Bible and the revision of the Khmer Standard Version. Pray for the Board and staff of the Bible Society in Cambodia, led by Pisit Heng.

Vietnam Pray for Christians in Vietnam, a Buddhist majority country, and the challenges this creates. Pray for the ongoing translations of the Bible into minority languages. Pray for the projects reaching out to people with the Good News. Ask God that he will bless the work here. Pray for Vince Le who leads the team of staff and volunteers here.

Thailand Pray that God would provide writers to help complete the Thai study notes on the Minor Prophets. Pray for the translation of the book of Acts into Thai Sign Language. Pray for the distribution of Bibles to schools and that the resources needed for this project would be provided. The work here is led by GS Seree Lorgunpai and his team.

14 – 20 JUNE

USA Pray for increased Bible engagement in the United States and that people would grow in their Christian faiths. Pray for the development of the Faith and Liberty Discovery Centre and the translation of the Bible into American Sign Language. Pray for the upcoming presidential elections in 2020. The work here is led by Robert Briggs and his team.

Canada Pray that the Canadian Bible Society can make strong connections with churches and other Christian organisations across Canada. Pray that God would bless the work in Canada and that they will be able to reach more people with the Gospel in 2020. Pray for the staff, volunteers and board members, led by National Director Rupen Das.

Mexico Pray for the many Bible translations ongoing and the recording of audio Scriptures in native languages. Pray that through these translations many people would be reached with the Gospel and will come to a saving faith in Christ. Pray for GS Julio Splinker Martinez and his team as they oversee these projects in Mexico.

21 – 27 JUNE

Hong Kong Praise the Lord for the growth of Christians through the Revised Chinese Unified Version, as well as for the celebration of its centennial last year. Pray for the political situation in Hong Kong and that the Bible Society's projects would be able to continue. The work in Hong Kong is led by GS Tseun Yuen.

China Pray for the approval to print and distribute portions of the Scriptures amid stricter enforcement of religious policies in China. Pray also for continued good partnerships with churches in China. The work here is led by Director Wee Seng Kua and his team.

Bangladesh Please pray for the construction of the Bangladesh Bible Society's new headquarters. Pray for their work amongst children and young people throughout the country- ask that God would raise up a generation of Christians rooted in the Bible. Pray for their literacy work and the distribution of audio Bibles. GS Liton Mrong leads the work here.

BIBLE-A-MONTH PROJECT JUNE: ALGERIA

Christians in Algeria are often persecuted and face discrimination. However, because of this many people's curiosity has been sparked. To find out why Christians are treated this way, people have been seeking to read the Bible for themselves and many have reached out to the Bible Society. In response to these enquiries, the Bible Society can provide them with Scriptures of their own and answer questions they may have about the Christian faith. Many of those searching for answers are immigrants or people from other faiths. The Bible Society also works to put people in touch with local churches so that they may find a Christian community to connect with.

- + Pray that the Bible Society will remain able to import or produce sufficient quantities of Scripture portions to meet the need throughout the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak.
- + Pray for those who hear the Word of God through the media and for the seekers who contact the Bible Society.
- + Pray for the Bible Society staff and volunteers involved in providing Bibles to those who need them.

