



BIBLE SOCIETY

Prayer letter

June 2018

F 1 Australia – Church and Community Relations: National Manager, Jonathan Harris will today be attending the 50th anniversary of the Northern Territory Diocese of the Anglican Church at Christ Church Cathedral, Darwin. Please pray for the event itself and for our ongoing partnership with Indigenous Bible translation and Bible engagement projects.

S 2 North Korea: Praise the Lord for the recent release of three captives in North Korea, while also upholding the tens of thousands of North Korean Christians who spend each day in captivity. Pray that God would use North Korea's political landscape for his glory and for many people to come to know him.

S 3 Word for the Week: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.
Psalm 150:6 NIV

M 4 United Bible Societies: Please uphold the *Roundtable* world conference in prayer. From today, about 200 delegates from almost 100 Bible Societies are coming together in Cuba for a five day conference to share experiences and plan for more effective Bible mission worldwide.



T 5 Australia – Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support (RIMS): Please uphold our RIMS team in prayer as they enter a new phase following the retirement of long time Project Coordinator Paul Eckert. Pray that Louise Sherman and the team will continue Paul's work with our First Nations people, helping them access God's word in their heart language.

W 6 UBS – Bible distribution: Praise God for a major increase in worldwide scripture downloads, with around one in five Bibles now distributed online. In 2017, nearly eight million Bibles were downloaded, primarily on apps such as YouVersion. Pray that users of these online scriptures will be truly impacted by what they read and that lives are changed for God's kingdom.



T 7 Australia – BSA Board and Senior Leadership team: Please give thanks for the success of the recent board meeting and AGM. Pray for the Senior Leadership team as they prepare to implement a new strategic plan from 1 July, as approved by the board at their May meeting.

F 8 Australia – Koorong: Australia's largest retailer of Bibles, Christian books, gifts and media celebrates its 40th anniversary today. Thank the Lord for sustaining Koorong's ministry over the past four decades. Pray that customers will especially be drawn to God's word during this busy period of anniversary celebrations.

S 9 Uzbekistan: Please pray for the Uzbek Bible Society as they seek to engage with their government-approved translation of the Bible. Praise God that Christians in Uzbekistan now have a Bible in their own language and owning a copy is no longer a crime.



S 10 Word for the Week: Walk in obedience to all that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.
Deuteronomy 5:33 NIV

M 11 Australia – CPX (Centre for Public Christianity): Thank God for the successful launch of the *For the Love of God* documentary. Pray especially for sceptics who've seen the cinema version to have a fresh perspective on Christianity, especially on its founder. Please also pray as the team prepares to release the full *For the Love of God* series next month.

T 12 Australia – Events: Please pray for two Thank You Fellowship events for Bible Society supporters, today and tomorrow, in south-east Queensland. Today's gathering is at Pine Rivers Uniting Church in Kallangur, while tomorrow's is at the Anglican Church of Noosa (Tewantin). All BSA supporters welcome.

W 13 Indonesia: Pray for the National Consultation on the revision of the Indonesian Bible TB2 translation in West Java. Pray for church leaders and bishops to attend the event and approve the translation. Pray also that the improvements in TB2 will be accepted by the church and Christians in Indonesia.

T 14 Australia – Fundraising and Community Relations: Please pray for Bible Society donors. Thank God for the generosity of our donors, their faithful support and their ongoing desire to see the Bible made available to all peoples in their heart language. As we come towards the end of the financial year please pray that hearts will be moved to donate to the mission of Bible Society.

F 15 India: Pray for the translation, production and distribution of the Bible and Scripture Engagement material in this country of almost 2,000 unreached people groups. With an estimated 400 million people who have never heard the name of Jesus, India is the most 'unreached' nation in the world.

S 16 Nigeria: Please pray for the Bible translation projects taking place in Nigeria. The complete Bible is currently available in 24 languages, while translation or revision is going on in 18 languages. It takes a minimum of 12 years to complete a language translation project at a cost of almost AU\$150,000.



S 17 Word for the Week: For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory. Psalm 149:4 NIV

M 18 Australia – Church and Community Relations: Bible Society Australia is sponsoring Global Leadership Summit School Conferences in 11 locations nationwide throughout June. Please ask the Lord to help our field team share our story of personal transformation through Bible engagement with thousands of students around Australia.

T 19 Botswana: Praise God that the 10,000 Bibles we supplied to the Botswana police in 2017 have been so well received. The local police superintendent says the vast majority of his officers have expressed genuine joy and appreciation for the Bibles. Pray that God's word will greatly support their work, along with the work of their chaplains.

W 20 Cuba: Praise God that the church in Cuba continues to grow and that Christians are able to practice their faith. However, living conditions are difficult and millions of people are affected by violence. Please pray for the practical training of pastors and youth leaders who are learning to minister to families affected by violence.

T 21 Australia – Fundraising and Community Relations: Please pray for the Donor Care team as they work through a new method of engaging with donors. Pray for a sense of peace as they manage issues that can come with change. Pray they'll develop deeper relationships with donors that will foster greater understanding and passion for Bible mission.

F 22 Iraq: Please pray for peace and safety in Iraq so that Christian refugees can return to their homelands. Pray also for the distribution of Bibles to reach many non-Christians, and for our Trauma Healing sessions that help people facing difficult circumstances.

S 23 Australia – Church Relations: Please thank God for the churches of Ulverstone in northern Tasmania as they come together today for the Festival of Word and Song at Holy Trinity Anglican. Pray that it would be a wonderful celebration of our unity in Christ, as we hear from God's word, sing his praises and 'Get the Word Out' to children suffering from cancer in Nicaragua.

S 24 Word for the Week: Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22 NIV

M 25 Bible for the Deaf: Of the estimated 70 million deaf people worldwide, fewer than 2% of them know Jesus Christ. A lack of sign language translations is a major issue. There are more than 350 sign languages in the world, but only 20 sign languages have a Bible translation. Please pray for work being done in this area.

T 26 Ghana: The President of the Bible Society of Ghana has made a call for local pastors to remember their status as role models. Please pray that pastors would help to perpetuate the Christian faith and deepen the bond of fellowship among believers.



W 27 Australia – BSA group: Thank the Lord for our recently completed Annual Review for 2017. The year was filled with wonderful Bible mission in Australia and around the world as we celebrated our bicentenary. Thank God that the generosity of our donors enabled us to continue the work of the last 200 years, making God's word available to those who need it.

T 28 World slavery: With an estimated 40 million people living in 'modern slavery' across the globe, please pray against this scourge. The worst affected countries include India and China. Pray for the liberation of slaves, the conviction of those who would hold them in such conditions, and for strength and support for those who are fighting against it.

F 29 Nicaragua: Please pray for peace and spiritual renewal in Nicaragua, following an outbreak of violence and lawlessness in 2018. Students and young families have fallen victim to delinquency during protests against government changes to social insurance. Pray also that God will guide authorities with law enforcement and decision making.

S 30 Australia – Mission: Please pray for the International team as they start planning projects for 2019. Please pray that we find projects that will help us champion the Bible and share the love of Jesus around the world.

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