



**BIBLE SOCIETY**

# Prayer letter

October 2018

**M 1 Philippines:** Pray for the recently trained Trauma Healing facilitators as they begin applying what they have learned. Pray that they will start initiating their own healing group sessions in order to comfort those who are suffering. Please also pray for the translation department, as they continue the work of translating the Pinoy Old Testament. Pray for continued strength, guidance, and wisdom for all involved, and that they can meet their goal of finishing Psalms and Proverbs by December 2019.

**T 2 Australia – BSA Senior Leadership Team:** Pray for Chief Operating Officer Melissa Lipsett as she represents BSA at meetings of the global fellowship of Bible Societies, United Bible Societies (UBS), being held in Amsterdam. Melissa also has speaking engagements this month at several major Christian events in Australia. Pray for her as she prepares her speaking notes and for those who will hear.

**W 3 Morocco:** Pray for Moroccan Christians who daily deal with fear and insecurity. Pray for those who are arrested from time to time, that the experience will strengthen their faith. Pray also for the translation team,



who have been working on the Moroccan Arabic Bible since 1999. Pray for energy and stamina for them in these final years of the task. Overall, please pray for God's protection over Bible Society's staff in the country.

**T 4 Australia – Missions:** Praise God for the 2500 high school students who attended the nine Masterclass events around Australia during August and September. Pray that they would seek God's voice as they face the challenges of the world around them.

**F 5 Arab Israel:** Pray that women will be encouraged and empowered for ministry and that the churches will be strengthened by the women who are serving through the Arab Israeli Bible Society. Please pray for the spread of God's word and an outpouring of his Holy Spirit leading to redemption, restoration and reconciliation.

**S 6 Australia – The Centre for Public Christianity (CPX):** A selection of material from CPX's documentary *For the Love of God* is scheduled to air on ABC's *Compass* programme this evening. Pray that it will engage a large and sceptical audience with a fresh take on some of the terrible things the church has done in history, and persuade many that Jesus is still worth paying attention to.

**S 7 Word for the Week:** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

**M 8 Jordan:** Pray for the people being reached through the Trauma Healing programme. May they know the peace that passes understanding promised in God's word. Pray too for those being equipped to share God's heart and healing with refugees who have been traumatised.



**T 9 Australia – Community Relations:** Please pray for the 28 Global Leadership Summit events which have begun this month across Australia, where Bible Society will get the opportunity to meet and share our work with community leaders from schools, churches and businesses. Some have a faith and others don't. It's a big workload for our teams but presents a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of our mission and engender practical and prayerful support.

**W 10 Kenya:** 80 percent of the total population of Kenya are Christians. Kenya has 53 ethnic groups. Only 22 of these groups have complete Bibles. Please pray for the Bible Society of Kenya as they work to ensure that every Christian owns a Bible in their own language. Pray too for their vital literacy work, helping communities learn to read so that they can understand the Bible and study it personally.

**T 11 Australia – Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support:** Thank God for the launch of the Pitjantjatjara Multi-Voice Recording of the New Testament, which enables the Pitjantjatjara people of Central Australia to hear about Jesus in their heart language. Pray that these recordings will be distributed widely and that many will put their faith in Jesus. Praise God for this partnership between Bible Society Australia, Faith Comes by Hearing and the nearly 50 Pitjantjatjara readers involved.

**F 12 Niger:** A small team, led by acting CEO Yaye, works in this strongly Islamic country. Please pray for good church relations, encouragement, protection and provision in this often hostile place. Pray for all the efforts to make God's word known through Faith Comes by Hearing, literacy work, Trauma Healing programmes, translation work and a youth and children's programme.

**S 13 Australia – Events and Fundraising:** Please pray for the Word Songwriting Showcase Concert, being held in Devonport, Tasmania tonight. Thank God for the volunteers organising the event and their hard work. Pray that many would be encouraged and that much support would be raised for the work of Bible Society Australia.

**S 14 Word for the Week:** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

**M 15 Algeria:** The main focus of the ministry in Algeria is distributing Scripture to those who request it through churches, or as a result of TV and radio broadcasts. Please pray for Ali Khidri who, until recently, was the only staff member in Algeria. Ask for God's protection on him and his new colleague, as they often work under threat.

**T 16 Australia – Donor Care:** Thank God for the number of bequests to Bible Society which have been received this year: they will help distribute the Bible to many people. Thank God for the generosity of so many supporters through bequests.

**W 17 Nigeria:** Pray that the Bible distribution projects will bring hope to those who have been displaced and will transform many Nigerians. Ask for God's protection on the staff members who work throughout the country, led by GS Dare Ajiboye. Pray also for work on the Nigerian Sign Language Bible and the literacy programme.

**T 18 Australia – Koorong:** Praise God for the Colin Buchanan concerts during September and continuing throughout October. Pray also for our staff in all stores as they manage the influx of stock in the lead up to Christmas. May servant hearts prevail as they balance stock movements and the creation of displays alongside the commitment to giving excellent customer service in this busy time.

**F 19 Venezuela:** Pray for wisdom and opportunity for Executive Secretary Javier Chacon and his team, despite the legal restrictions. Pray for openings for increased Bible distribution. Pray for ongoing translation of the Bible into Venezuelan Sign Language as well as a number of indigenous languages. Pray also for the Bread of Life Project that brings a daily meal and Bible teaching to hungry children.



**S 20 Australia – Community relations and Fundraising:** Please pray for the Bike for Bibles event taking place tomorrow in Bowral, the Bowral Classic Event. Pray for safety for those participating, for an enjoyable ride, and for many funds to be raised in support of Bible Society work. Please also pray for the Hobart Hymnfest being held tomorrow afternoon, that many would attend and enjoy music and fellowship, in support of Bible Society's work.

**M 21 Word for the Week:** I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. John 16:33

**22 Colombia:** Praise God for the team in Colombia, led by Executive President Diana Leal. Pray for the resources for theological colleges and students, that these will help build strong Christian leaders. Pray also for the two ongoing Old Testament translation projects into indigenous languages and for great opportunities to distribute Scripture.

**T 23 Australia – Community Relations:** Please pray for Bible Society's presence at the upcoming Justice Conference, held in Melbourne on 26-27 October. The conference seeks to underscore the importance of developing a theology of justice, that God's love should compel love for others and engagement in justice. Pray that Bible Society will be well received by the thousands of Christians from diverse backgrounds from across Australia who will attend.

**W 24 Cameroon:** Please pray for the implementation of the literacy project and for the students who will take part in the classes, that they will apply the word of God to their lives. Pray for the teachers, that they will remain enthusiastic and give the best of themselves. Pray for a calm and secure climate so that the project is not hindered in any way.

**T 25 Australia – Community relations and fundraising:** Please pray for upcoming events this weekend: for the *Get The Word Out* dinner in Leongatha, Victoria; for the coffee morning in Gerringong, NSW; and for the Leongatha Mary Jones fundraising walk. Pray for a good turnout at all these events, for an encouraging time for all our supporters, and that funds would be raised for Bible work.

**F 26 Suriname:** Thank God for the recent fun day and Bible distribution for the Kids at Risk project. Please pray for the children who received a Bible, that they will find God's comfort and love by reading it. Pray for the families of these children, that they will help and encourage these children to stay in school and to get good grades. Pray that the input of the Bible



Society through this project will have a great impact on not only these children, but also the teachers, parents and other students as well.

**S 27 Australia – Fundraising:** Please pray for the Ulverstone to Turners Beach Bike for Bibles Ride taking place today in Tasmania. Pray for safety, an enjoyable ride, and that much awareness and support would be raised for the work of Bible Society.

**S 28 Word for the Week:** The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

**M 29 South Sudan:** Praise God for the new literacy centre in Renk. Pray for more potential literacy students to develop interest in learning their mother tongue, that they might come to know the love of God through learning to read and write. Pray for safety for the Bible Society Literacy Coordinators as they visit the literacy centres. Thank God that church attendance has increased due to encouragement from the literacy classes to attend.

**T 30 Australia – Publishing:** Please pray for those who edit, produce and market our forthcoming books. Pray particularly for a couple of manuscripts which are in our publishing pipeline, that tell stories of how costly and wonderful it is to follow Christ – pray that we can do those stories justice.

**31 Australia:** Please pray for our 'Really Good News of Christmas – For Me!' campaign, that many churches, Christian organisations and individuals would sign up to receive the free book to distribute amongst their family, friends and communities. Pray that this little book and the associated resources would have an enormous impact as people hear the Really Good News of God's love for them this Christmas.

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