



BIBLE SOCIETY

Prayer letter

August 2019

1 Australia – Local Mission: Pray for the first youth Masterclass event for this year, being held today in Brisbane at Life Church Salisbury. Please pray that the students will be inspired, challenged and equipped to think deeply about Christian faith in today’s world.

2 Arab-Israeli Bible Society (AIBS): Pray that AIBS will be a voice of hope and peace during hard times of conflict. Pray that the Centre in Galilee would be a blessing as it seeks to serve the Arab Israeli community with Scripture resources and interactive community events focused primarily on women and family issues. Pray that more people will find comfort and refuge in the Lord and his word will transform lives. Please also pray for God’s protection of staff and volunteers.

3 Australia – Koorong: Pray for the upcoming Koorong yearly conference, where the managers and staff come together to be encouraged about the mission of Koorong. Pray that the the new products released this season would make an impact on many lives. Pray that Koorong’s current marketing campaigns will bring both new Christians and non-Christians to their stores and website to taste the good fruit of God’s word.

4 Word of the Week: We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

5 The Bible Societies of Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho and Namibia: Pray for these Bible Societies, that they will be built up, and their mission sustainability strengthened as they work together in their region. Pray that they would be able to distribute Scripture in their countries and that they would have dedicated staff.

6 Australia – Community Relations and Fundraising: Pray for two Thank You events, today in Gympie and tomorrow in Nambour. Please pray for safety as BSA staff travel to speak at these events and that God would be glorified through the stories that are shared. **Local Mission:** Please pray for the Livestream Masterclass being filmed and broadcast today from Dayspring Church, Castle Hill in Sydney. Pray that the students attending and watching online would be encouraged and challenged in their faith by what they hear.

7 Iranian Bible Society in Diaspora: Please pray that the Iranian Bible Society in Diaspora (IBSD) can meet the Scripture needs of the various dispersed Iranian communities. Praise God for the significant growth of Persian Christians around the world, and pray that IBSD would be successful in placing the word of God into the hands of new and existing believers.

8 Australia – CPX: Praise God that our 2018 documentary *For the Love of God* continues to have a significant impact in schools and churches. Please pray that even more schools, churches, other organisations, and the general public would engage with the documentary and be struck by the message of Jesus.



9 South Africa – Spiritual Care Drives Rehabilitation: Praise God for the opportunity to enter South African prisons and preach God’s word. Thank God that prisons are open to their inmates receiving the Bible and learning from it. Pray for the Discipleship course facilitators, that they may be wise in leading prisoners to the Lord. Pray that lives will be changed in South Africa’s prisons, that eyes and ears will be opened to God’s word.

10 Australia – Chaplain and Para-church grants: Please pray that Port chaplains will be given strength, boldness and opportunities as they seek to reach out to seafarers that visit our shores. Often this work is physically demanding, and many who do this important work are elderly volunteers. Pray that God will raise up new people to join with them in the work.

11 Word of the Week: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. Romans 1:16

12 Jordan – Children of God: This project hopes to build up children in the church and help train church ministers to establish Sunday schools in a country where Christians make up only 3% of the population and many children receive no Christian education at all. Pray as Bible Society seeks to reach churches where children are not supported to read or enjoy the Bible. Pray that the programme would be accepted by the churches. Pray for the team volunteers to have wisdom, strength and the ability to keep going. Finally, pray for the children, that they would be transformed by God’s word.

13 Australia – Local Mission: Please pray for the Perth youth Masterclass event being held today at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Booragoon. Pray that students will be comforted and encouraged as they meet with other peers who share the same faith and love of the Lord.



14 Suriname – Kids at Risk: Pray for children in Suriname who have experienced abuse, that they will find the love of God even in desperate situations. Please pray for the children who live in orphanages and safe homes that they can have a relationship with the living God and experience him as their father.

15 Australia – Local Mission: Please pray for the youth Masterclass event being held in Orange, NSW today at Orange Christian School. Please pray that the young people will be strengthened in their understanding and challenged to live for Jesus in this world. Pray too for the first night event for youth we have held, called YouthQ, which is being held tomorrow night at Mount Pleasant Baptist church in WA.

16 Cambodia – Living Word for All: Pray for Bible Society Cambodia, reaching out to rural communities with the word of God. This project will provide subsidised or free Scripture materials to churches, disadvantaged communities and those living in poverty. Pray for protection for the distribution team who travel extensively, often in remote areas with limited road access. Pray that God’s word will bring salvation to those experiencing poverty, bringing transformation to their personal lives and to their communities.

17 Australia – Local Mission: Please pray for the Adelaide youth Masterclass being held on the 20th at the Edwardstown Baptist Church in St Marys, that the students who attend would be inspired, challenged, equipped and encouraged in their Christian faith.

18 Word of the Week: For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” Romans 1:17

19 Australia – Community Relations and Fundraising: Please pray for three Thank You events in Western Australia, one today in Perth, tomorrow in Katanning and the following day in Albany. Please pray that the logistics run smoothly for these events, that BSA staff arrive safely, and that God is glorified by the stories shared.

20 Slovenia – Healing Wounds and Trauma with the Bible: Pray for the many Slovenian women who face traumas of many kinds. Pray for Bible Society as they deliver ‘train-the-trainer’ sessions to equip trauma healing facilitators. Pray that these facilitators will be able to conduct group training of their own, to upskill front-line counsellors and pastors. Pray for Slovenian women to experience the freedom of finding the love and truth of God.

21 Australia – Local Mission: Please pray for the youth Masterclass being held tomorrow in Newcastle, NSW at The Grainery Church. Pray for the students who attend, that they will be inspired, challenged and equipped to think deeply about the Christian faith in today’s world.

22 Nepal – Literacy for Adults, Education for Children: Pray as Bible Society seeks to increase community literacy levels for both adults and children. Pray for community members who are

overwhelmed by problems they are facing, that they may come to have hope in God. Pray for wisdom and ongoing health for project staff, and for financial sustainability of the project, so more people can see and understand the truth of God and find their salvation in him.

23 Australia – RIMS: Pray for our friends at Nungalinya Aboriginal Theological College in Darwin as they hold the ‘Multiply the Multitude’ Indigenous Language Conference on the 27th-28th. A team of Pitjantjatjara translators will be travelling up to help with the presentation by Bible Society on the Pitjantjatjara Old Testament Translation Project. We pray for God’s blessing as many language groups from across the Top End and Central Australia come together to celebrate Bible Translation work.

24 Nepal – Literacy for Adults, Education for Children: Thank God for the work so far as Nepal Bible Society partners with United Vision Nepal on this project. So far, the literacy project is running in three places, among 83 students and the scholarship programme is running in four areas among 60 students. The work is going very well. Praise God for this progress!



25 Word of the Week: Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Matthew 9:37-38

26 Bangladesh – Literacy Skill Development: Pray that young women in Bangladesh would have the opportunity to access education from a young age and excel in their literacy and numeracy at school. Pray for those who successfully completed the two-year Bible Society course and are now able to read the Bible, that they may help other believers who still cannot read or write. Pray that heavy rainfall during the monsoon season will not hinder programme attendance.

27 Australia – Community Relations and Fundraising: Pray for two Thank You events in NSW, one today in Parramatta and tomorrow in Blacktown.

Local Mission: Pray for the youth Masterclass event being held today in Launceston, Tasmania, at Riverbank Christian Church. Pray that students will be encouraged as they meet with other Christians.

28 Cameroon – Esther project: Project Esther helps young women to develop self-esteem, confidence, and the capacity to build their lives on positive biblical values while overcoming sexual abuse or exploitation. Pray that these girls and young women may find a way forward free of distress and be healed from their trauma. Thank God that the project is reaching hundreds of girls and young women needing support.

29 Australia – Local Mission: Pray that students attending the Melbourne youth Masterclass event held today at New Hope Baptist Church in Blackburn North would be challenged and encouraged in their Christian walk.

30 South Pacific – Encouraging Spiritual Life: Pray for this project, which is working to encourage the spiritual life of people in the South Pacific by providing Scripture translations, Bible revisions and other Scripture products for eight island nations. Pray for stability and security in the eastern parts of the Pacific, and for good health and safe travel for project staff. Pray for harmony among the churches involved, and for all those reached by Bible Society’s materials - that they would commit to reading God’s word and living by it, and would have a passion to share it with others.

31 Australia – Publishing: Please pray for the launch of *Metanoia* by Anna McGahan, published this month by Acorn Press. *Metanoia* is a beautiful narrative of the transforming power of the gospel to heal broken lives. Pray for the publicity team and for Anna as they promote the book to the Australian Christian audience and to the wider audience in the public square.

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