



BIBLE SOCIETY

Prayer letter

January 2020

1 Australia – Bible Society Team: Please pray for the BSA Sydney team as they settle into their new office space. Pray that this new space will provide an atmosphere of creativity and innovation for the next season of Bible mission work.

2 Bible distribution – Cambodia: Please pray as Bibles are distributed in schools to needy children. Pray for the school children and youth who will receive the materials, that their hearts would be open to the word and that their lives would be transformed.

3 Australia – Remote and Indigenous Ministry support: Please pray for the Aboriginal Evangelical Fellowship’s National Conference in Port Augusta, beginning tomorrow. Pray for a week of great fellowship between Indigenous Christians and that they would be blessed through Bible Society’s provision of Indigenous Bible resources for the conference.

4 Bible engagement – Jordan: Pray as the presence of children in the church is strengthened. Pray for the pastors and leaders in ministry to children, as they are trained and equipped to start Sunday schools in their churches.

5 Word of the Week: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

6 Australia – Bible Society Team: Pray for the Senior Management team as they lead BSA, not just into a new year, but a new decade. May the year ahead be fruitful, bring glory to God, and build his kingdom.

7 Bible engagement – Bangladesh: Pray that the local church and Bible Society would be able to reach women and children with an invitation to learn to read and write, so they can read the Bible and gain skills to help them in their daily lives.

8 Australia – Publishing: Please pray for the publishing team as they set out the 2020 program with a renewed focus on God’s word. Please also pray for the preparation of the new Catholic edition of the Bible Encyclopedia as writers commence writing new commentary.

9 Bible engagement – Cameroon: Pray that support services and counselling would successfully reach teenage mothers and girls who have been victims of sexual exploitation and abuse. Pray they would be equipped with tools to develop self-esteem and confidence.



10 Australia – Bible Society leadership: Please continue to pray for Grant Thomson, our new CEO, as the new year gets underway. Pray for Grant as he sets the vision for the year.

11 Bible engagement – Egypt: Pray that a lifestyle of literacy would be established for students of all ages, preventing a relapse into illiteracy. Pray that students would accept responsibility and take initiative for their ongoing learning.

12 Word of the Week: ‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’ Jeremiah 29:11

13 Australia – the Centre for Public Christianity: Praise God for the time off for rest and refreshment over the Christmas break and into January for many of the CPX staff. Pray that God would guide the whole team as they plan for 2020.

14 Bible engagement – Nepal: Please pray for this project which focuses on early childhood education in rural and remote communities of Nepal. Pray for the improvement and development of existing physical facilities and education curriculums.

15 Australia—Koorong Books: Please pray for Koorong staff to start the year refreshed. Please pray that customers and staff will make 2020 a year of reading the Bible consistently and as they do so, that they will grow and be blessed in their walk with the Lord.

16 Bible Engagement – Mozambique: Please pray for Mozambique in the new year ahead, as rebuilding works continue following last year’s cyclone. Pray for the *Literacy for Life Project*, designed to teach people to read the Bible and provide basic literacy, numeracy and life skills.

17 Australia – Bibles in Schools: Pray that students will remember what they learned from the Bible in scripture lessons last year. Pray they will enrol again for scripture classes this year and that children who may have opted out last year may opt back in. Pray that their hearts will be open to hear the message of love, freedom, reconciliation and new life through Jesus in the Bible.

18 Bible Engagement – Nepal: Pray for this community development project, which provides early childhood education and teaches literacy to adults in rural and remote communities.

19 Word of the Week: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

20 Bible translation – Australia: Please pray for the ongoing work of translating the Bible into Australia’s Indigenous languages. Praise God for the progress made last year, particularly on the Kunwinjku, Nyongar and Pitjantjatjara translations.



21 Australia – emergency relief: Please continue to pray for those around our country suffering from the drought and terrible bushfire season. Thank God that BSA was able to send representatives at the end of last year to offer Bibles and Scripture resources to those who have lost everything.



22 Bible Engagement – Australia: Pray for the *Bible 2020* campaign, which seeks to encourage and inspire people in Australia and around the world to read the Bible aloud every day throughout 2020.

23 Bible Engagement – Cambodia: Thank God for the work of Seom Rany, 31, a pastor who lives in Phnom Penh. Seom Rany has been a Literacy Class Facilitator for children in the Russeykeo district since May 2019. She says, “This class has helped them gain knowledge and transformed them through the Word of God ... I believe that the children will have a good future.”

24 Bible Distribution – Worldwide: Pray for Bible Society projects seeking to distribute the Bible to children all over the world. Pray that much support would be raised for these projects, so children can come to know how much God loves them through his word.

25 Bible Distribution – Suriname: Please pray for this project, which is reaching children identified as being at risk. Pray for the events held at local schools and orphanages, and the provision of school bags, school supplies and Bibles.

26 Word of the Week: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

27 Bible Advocacy – Australia: pray for *Eternity*, as the team continues to publish current news from a Christian perspective. Pray that the social media conversations among their readers would be characterised by grace. Pray also for wisdom and strength for the *Eternity* writers as they moderate the comments.

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28 Bible Production – South Pacific: Pray that Bible Society’s training workshops, Bible translation programs and the production of other Scripture products would bring spiritual growth for Christians in eight island nations.

29 Bible Engagement – Australia: Pray for our ongoing Daily Bible devotion series, that as the year begins more people would sign up to receive the Bible reading notes via email each day. Praise God for our new website www.bible.com.au which now makes the Daily Bible devotions available in a new format.

30 Bible production – Vietnam: Praise God for the launch of the Nung New Testament at the end of last year, which means one of Vietnam’s largest ethnic groups can access God’s Word. “Finally, I see the Word of God in Nung, printed and published. I can go see my Lord in peace,” said Mrs Vy Thi Be, 71, one of the translators, who has been faithfully sharing the gospel with her community since 1975.



31 Australia: Thank God for our regular supporters who are part of the *Bible for Life* and *Literacy for Life* giving programs. Thank God for all the Bible work that takes place in our country and around the world because of these regular donations. Pray that as a new year begins, more people would join these regular giving programs.

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