

# Asia Pacific: Capacity Building

## Overview

This project aims to strengthen the capacity of Bible Societies in the Asia Pacific for Bible based literacy work. The project funds the position of the United Bible Societies (UBS) Literacy Advisor for the Asia Pacific region. This Literacy Advisor works with the Global Literacy Coordinator of UBS to establish a global framework for literacy, and together serve as professional advisors to Bible Societies in their planning and implementation of literacy programs.

## The Need

Without help from literacy experts, Bible Society literacy projects may lack quality in design and implementation. Literacy experts are required to ensure that projects are the very best in both of these areas.

Literacy work is a central part of Bible Societies' mission around the world. The United Bible Societies are committed to focus on the 750 million non-literate adults around the world.



## Project Goals

The goal of this project is the funding of a literacy specialist for the Asia Pacific, who will seek to enhance the standard of literacy projects and provide literacy staff and projects of Bible Societies in the Asia Pacific with direct benefit and support.

Among other things, the Literacy Advisor will: develop a global strategy for literacy work within the UBS; develop and strengthen links between Bible translation and literacy; encourage and guide Bible Societies in initiating relevant literacy programs; help Bible Societies to assess the literacy need of a given language/group;

develop partnerships with other agencies involved in literacy; help with the planning, implementation and evaluation of UBS literacy projects.

The goal of this project is the continuation of services of the literacy specialist for Asia for the next three years, and the appointment of an additional literacy specialist for the Pacific region in 2023 (which was put on hold because of COVID-19 pandemic). They will both seek to enhance the standard of literacy projects run by Bible Societies in the regions to new heights.

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## Impact

It is expected that there will ultimately be 100,000 beneficiaries of this project over the 3 ½ years of the project.

The direct beneficiaries are the Bible Society staff involved in literacy work; all the staff involved in literacy projects in the Asia Pacific will receive quality support and hands-on assistance from a literacy expert.

The indirect beneficiaries will be the literacy graduates and their families and communities.

## Prayer Needs

- Praise God that BSA is able to commit to and support this project.
- Praise God for the appointment of Cito, the Literacy Advisor for Asia Pacific, and for the quality assistance he has been providing to Bible Societies.
- Pray that more illiterate people would be provided with the opportunity to attend literacy classes, especially in the Asia Pacific, as a result of the service provided by this project.