

1 May: Testimony

Please thank God for Rabeca from Mozambique. All her life she has wanted to read. She saw the power literacy gives people yet has lived her whole life in poverty. Praise God that through the Literacy for Life project she has been able to learn to read her mother tongue, Sena, and some Portuguese as well. Pray that she will be able to start her own business to support her family.

2 May: 1 Chronicles 29:10

'David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.'

3 May: Australia

The CPX team has several speaking engagements this month at schools, conferences, and other events. Please pray that the team would be able to clearly communicate the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Christian story in these varied contexts.

4 May: Mozambique

Please pray for the Literacy for Life project, a Bible-based development project designed to provide basic literacy, numeracy and life skills while also teaching participants to read the Bible. Pray it would reach those with little access to education and change their lives for the better.

5 May: Australia

Please pray for the Koorong stores in Newcastle and Toowoomba, as they relocate. Pray that the logistics for the relocations would stay on track. Pray also for the Koorong store in Warners Bay, Newcastle, as they look for a new manager; pray that the right person for the job would be found and settle in quickly.

6 May: Mozambique

Please pray for the new literacy groups that are starting in the Nampula province of Mozambique in the first half of this year. Pray for positive relationships between the literacy project, churches and the government. Pray that opportunities will come for graduates to continue their education and training; or gain employment.

7 May: Australia

Please pray for the Oral Bible Translation Workshop in the Kimberley region of Western Australia which continues into May. Thank God for the opportunity to translate the Gospels into Kimberley Kriol (along with other Kimberley languages). Pray for the Mother Tongue Translators: for their families, for their good health, for safety in travel.

8 May: United Bible Societies

Join with Bible Societies around the world in prayer, as tomorrow we celebrate the UBS Day of Prayer. May 9 is the anniversary of the day the United Bible Societies was formed in 1946. Please thank God for his blessings on the work of Bible Society around the world and pray for our common mission: the Bible for everyone.

9 May: 1 Chronicles 29:11

'Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.'

10 May: Australia

Please continue praying for the Oral Bible Translation Workshop in the Kimberly region. Pray for the translation process, for unity and understanding during the workshop and peace among the local church community in the Kimberley. Please also pray for long-lasting fruit and discipleship in the communities of the Kimberly, as the Bible is opened and brings the message of hope in Christ.

11 May: Rwanda

Please pray for this country, where the scars from the genocide nearly 30 years ago are still very close to the surface. Pray for Bible Society and African Enterprise, as they work in the country, combatting lingering trauma and fragile individual and community relations, in the context of a declining commitment to Christian faith.

12 May: Australia

Please pray for the Publishing and Mission project team as they begin to create a New Believer's Bible. Pray they would be led by the Holy Spirit as they commission content and create cover artwork to engage and delight new believers and celebrate their homecoming.

13 May: Rwanda

Pray for the development of literacy skills as well as reconciliation based on biblical principles amongst participants of the literacy project. Pray that students would gain more knowledge of the Bible during their schooling, and that parents and teachers would be enriched by the training support.

**14 May: Australia**

Please pray for our various fundraising meetings and events to be held across Australia between now and 30 June. Pray that Bible Society supporters are inspired to give back to God what he has blessed them with, just as the Israelites, led by King David, gave towards the building of the temple. (1 Chronicles 29:14)

15 May: Testimony

Thank God for Amy, one of the young women to benefit from Project Esther in Cameroon, which supports victims of abuse. Amy says, "I can now care for myself and my children...I am now successful and recognised in my community, and above all, I am a woman of faith. I have also learnt to forgive and forget the past and to think of a brighter future".

16 May: 1 Chronicles 29:12-13

'Wealth and honour come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.'

17 May: Australia

Praise God for the release of a new bite-sized book from CPX's Mark Stephens, *The End of Thinking?* published by Acorn Press. This is the latest in the Re: CONSIDERING series from CPX writers. Please pray that many people, particularly those who are sceptical about Christianity, would engage with the new book.

18 May: Cameroon

Pray for the girls and young women of Cameroon who have experienced abuse and exploitation, that they may find healing in the word of God, through the ministry of Project Esther. Pray for a changing social environment and a legal system which protects vulnerable women.

19 May: Australia

Thank God for the Thank You events which have taken place this month in WA and pray for those yet to be held in QLD. Thank God for the opportunity to gather and the mutual encouragement experienced as news of Bible Society's work at home and abroad is shared.

20 May: Cameroon

Thank God for Project Esther, which has already changed the lives of hundreds of young women. Thank God for the training camps which are working to develop self-esteem and confidence, as well as helping young women recognise biblical values as a foundation for life and giving them practical support in learning how to generate an income through small business.

21 May: Australia

Please pray with us, that there would be a cessation in natural disasters in this country and around the world. Pray for respite for those afflicted, and a sense of God's presence during already difficult times, compounded by disasters.

22 May: Testimony

Pray for our Syrian brothers and sisters in Christ, who long for peace and restoration in their country. Thank God for Bible Society Syria's trauma healing program. Lina says, "I, who was totally 'untouched' by religion, responded to Jesus Christ the Saviour immediately when I realised that he had done it all and only wanted me to trust him and live with him. As the bombs have continued to fall, he has been my strong defender. Now I share my faith with others, telling them to find Jesus in his Word."

23 May: 1 Chronicles 29:14

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

24 May: Australia

Pray for BSA's church relations team. Pray that conversations with church leaders will be mutually beneficial and opportunities to share BSA's mission will happen around the country as church life gets back towards normalcy.

25 May: Slovenia

Please pray for the Bible Society of Slovenia, as they run a trauma healing project to address the needs of their people, many of whom have faced violence, abuse, alcoholism, depression and post war wounds. Pray that Bible Society would empower people to work with those who are traumatised with the help of the biblical message.

**26 May: Australia**

Praise God for the launch of the new devotional for the ADF this month. Pray that many in the ADF will use this book to help them engage with the Bible in a new way throughout the year.

27 May: South Pacific

Please pray for Bible Society Vanuatu as the team seeks to advocate for and empower women who are victims of domestic violence. Pray that the awareness workshops on domestic violence and the healing sessions they run would make a difference for the women they reach.

28 May: Australia

Please pray for the Board and Senior Leadership of BSA, that God would bless them with wisdom, humility and vision as they lead and oversee the Bible work BSA undertakes. Pray that the Board Meeting taking place today would be fruitful and encouraging.

29 May: Testimony

Thank God for Barbara, who attended a trauma healing group in Slovenia. She says, "In the group, I was able to share and confront my inner feelings, fears, problems, thoughts, without any judgment or rejection from others. The presence of God was felt in the group and was passed on to me and I think to all the participants by the leaders."

30 May: 1 Chronicles 29:17

'I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.'

31 May: Australia

Please pray for BSA's Donor Care staff in the lead up to the busiest time of year for them. Pray that they would have clear minds, passionate hearts and the energy to keep going.
