

**1 December: Australia**

Please pray for BSA supporters who have struggled through COVID and other issues. Pray for restoration of health, both physical and mental, through the healing power of the Holy Spirit. Please pray too for next year: for churches as they consider partnering with BSA and for preparations for the Bike for Bibles ride in late January.

**2 December: China**

Please pray that more **preachers and pastors in China** would be raised up and trained to shepherd the millions of Christians. Thank God for Bible Society's project, which supplies them with Bible Study Resources. Pray that the preachers and pastors would grow in their knowledge of the Lord through diligent study of God's word, aided by the resources provided.

**3 December: Australia**

Pray for the **Leadership Team and Heads of Department** as they spend time together in person to reconnect and refocus on the future post-COVID lockdowns. Pray for Grant Thomson as he resumes travel and meets up with staff where possible in the run up to Christmas. Give thanks to God for the Board for their service for another year.

**4 December: Testimony**

Thank God for lay preacher Wang, for his great passion to disciple brothers and sisters in his church and his eagerness to study God's word. Wang says, "Thank God for his supply and ...for providing me the Bible reference books. (This) is my favourite study Bible...(the) background information of the Bible helps me understand God's word better. It is the most precious gift for me."

**5 December: Luke 1:30-32, (NIV)**

*'But the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary...You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High...'*


**6 December: Vietnam**

Please pray for the governance of the **Christian library**, that all parties would work well together as they develop the library, so it may achieve its mission. Please pray also for God's guidance as they begin to work on a special collection, themed "The Bible, culture, and the Christian mission in Vietnam".

**7 December: Australia**

Please pray for all the Bibles and books which are going out from **Koorong** into people's hands this Christmas, that they would bless and encourage them. Thank God for the hard work from all the Koorong store teams, and especially in the dispatch centres.

**8 December: Papua New Guinea**

Please pray that God would open doors and hearts as Bible Society PNG is rebuilt. Pray for council members to support the work, and that the right people would be found for administration and project staff.

**9 December: Centre for Public Christianity (CPX)**

As CPX writes and broadcasts about what the Christmas story is and what it says to a hurting world at the end of 2021, pray for opportunities to reach a wide audience and extend hope to those who are struggling or feeling lost.

**10 December: South Africa**

Thank God for the work of **George Whitefield college**, which seeks to reach as many students across Africa as they can. Please continue praying for the translation work on their curriculum. Pray too for the enrolment of students, and thank God that despite COVID, 1,500 students enrolled this year.

**11 December: Testimony**

Thank God for the free Bibles distributed in China. "The donation of Bibles is very meaningful," wrote leaders from the Jiangxi Diocese. "You gave to the diocese and parishioners not just a physical copy of the Bible, but the blessing of God and warmth to the believers. The church will... learn and study the Bible well, live out the truth in the Bible in our lives, give witness to the faith so that others will know that we are Christians."

**12 December: John 1:14, (NIV)**

*'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.'*

**13 December: United Bible Society**

Thank God for the **literacy projects** run across all Bible Societies, and for all the work UBS puts into co-ordinating them globally. Please pray that this work will take the literacy efforts of several Bible Societies to new heights. Pray for wisdom and knowledge for the team during the strategic planning phase.

**14 December: Australia**

Please pray as Bible Society prepares a set of Children's Bible Storybooks for release in several Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. These stories have been translated into Pitjantjatjara and Adnyamathanha for the first time. Please pray these children's stories will be translated and made available to many more languages.

**15 December: United Bible Society**

Thank God for Cito, the **Asia Pacific Literacy Advisor**, and for the quality assistance he has been providing to Bible Societies in the region amidst the pandemic. Thank God for the 24

literacy staff who were trained at the India Writers Workshop. Pray that they would use their new skills to develop quality and relevant material for their literacy projects.

#### **16 December: Australia**

Please pray for the **publishing team** as they prepare the final details of the New Beginnings Bible and 4 in 1 Gospels for new believers. Pray that the added content, page design and Bible format are as God wants them and that the Bible will hit many a new believer's heart as they start their walk with the Lord.

#### **17 December: United Bible Society**

Please keep praying for the work of building the capacity of Bible Societies in the South Pacific, PNG, Syria and the Pacific Region. Pray that those working together would truly encourage one another and build each other up, as they address key functional areas such as Fundraising, Property development, Human Resources, and I.T.

#### **18 December: Testimony**

Thank God for the school children in Kenya who are being supplied with Bibles, to help them learn about God's love. "Nobody has ever given our kids such a number of Bibles," says Mike, a senior Social Worker. "We are blessed. This means a lot to our children. They will grow as their spirit(s) ... (are) being fed."

#### **19 December: John 1:4-5, (NIV)**

*'In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'*



#### **20 December: Kenya**

Thank God for the chance that Kenyan school children have, to learn from the Bible. Pray that, through this project, Bibles will be available so that many children and youth will be reached. Pray for positive transformation as students encounter Jesus; thank God for the Bibles distributed; and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire hope.

#### **21 December: Australia**

Please pray that the ministries BSA partners with through **Scripture Grants** will have the boldness, energy and love they need to reach out to those who are struggling, and to be Jesus to them. Pray for the homeless, the poor, domestic violence victims, teen mums, children in out-of-home care and neglected/at risk children. Pray that God would work in their hearts as they hear the Good News of Jesus this Christmas season.

#### **22 December: South Africa**

Thank God for the work which continues amongst inmates of **prisons in South Africa**. Thank God that in the first six

months of this year, 2,611 inmates enrolled to do the Biblical Discipleship course run by World Hope Ministries. Pray that God would do a mighty work in their hearts.

#### **23 December: Australia**

Thank God for the work of the **Eternity news team**, as they seek to write with credibility and authority about the issues that affect people in their everyday life. Thank God that the staff team has sought this year to 'always be prepared to give an answer...for the hope that (they) have.'

#### **24 December: China**

Thank God that China Partnership received the 2021 permit to print Bibles, and that the printing of both Catholic and Protestant Bibles has gone ahead. Thank God that so many of these Bibles can be printed on paper subsidised by this project, so that the Bibles produced are affordable to millions of Christians.

#### **25 December: Testimony**

Thank God for the work he has done in Edson, an inmate of a South African Prison. He says, "My life before I've received Christ was a mess... after I became a child of God, my life changed... I also have confidence and hope that God will not leave me nor forsake me. When I started studying the Biblical Discipleship lessons, I became a light of the world and a light for everyone around me."

#### **26 December: Luke 2:19, (NIV)**

*'...Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.'*

#### **27 December: China**

Thank God that free Bibles were printed and became available from the end of October. Thank God for the nearly 110,000 free Bibles printed this year which will be distributed. Please pray for the smooth coordination of Bible distribution, and that the beneficiaries will be encouraged to read God's word and obey it.

#### **28 December: Australia**

Please pray for BSA staff, that they will have a really wonderful break over Christmas and can spend time with loved ones and that it is a time to rejuvenate – spiritually, mentally and physically.

#### **29 December: China**

Thank God that China Partnership distributed large print Bibles among older Christians whose eyesight is failing. Please pray for these believers, and others like them. Thank God for their desire for his word and the large-print Bibles, which made reading so much easier.

#### **30 December: CPX**

Pray for the CPX team as they take some time off over the New Year break. Pray for rest and refreshment, and renewed energy and ideas for how to reach a sceptical and polarised public with the truth, beauty, and goodness of the Christian faith in 2022 and beyond.

#### **31 December: Testimony**

Praise God for Chen's answered prayer. "I have known the Lord for many years," he shares. "The Bible has become my companion which I cannot live without. This large-print Bible is very precious to me... Just as I was worrying how I can continue to read God's word daily, like before, United Bible Societies supported the church to distribute large-print Bibles to the congregation. I hope that this Bible will accompany me, feed me and teach me."