

1 January: Testimony

Thank God for Razia and her daughters in Pakistan. "My sons have completed their studies ... but my daughters were not educated. I also wished to read the Bible myself. One day our pastor announced literacy classes for women were starting at church," she says. "My daughters and I joined the classes and now we are able to read the Bible!"

2 January: 2 Corinthians 5:17

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!'

3 January: South Sudan

Thank God for the graduate literacy students who are actively involved in their church and in community activities, especially for those who have also qualified as literacy teachers. Praise God that they are strengthening and encouraging the church in South Sudan.

4 January: Centre for Public Christianity

Please pray for the CPX team in the year ahead, that God will be refreshing them over summer for their task of speaking constructively into the public square, and that each one of them will grow in their personal faith this year.

5 January: Cambodia

Thank God for the thousands of students who participated in literacy classes last year, despite the ongoing impact of COVID. Praise God for the significant social transformation in communities where the literacy course is run, including reductions in domestic violence. Praise God also for those who have come to faith in Jesus through the program.

6 January: Koorong

Pray that all staff in stores around the country would enjoy a rest and recovery after an extremely busy final three months of 2021. Thank God that the stores were so busy in the lead up to Christmas and pray that the many products which were sent will reach far into hearts and minds and be a blessing to everyone who receives them.

7 January: China

Thank God for the thousands of Christians in China who gained literacy skills last year. Thank God Christians are being equipped to read the Bible for themselves and engage meaningfully in Bible studies and sermons. Pray that in better understanding the Bible, regional Christians will be less easily swayed by false teaching.

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Thank God for Kim, who participated in the literacy program in Cambodia. On her graduation from level two of the literacy program, Kim said, "Now, I can read God's word on my own. The word is alive and so beautiful!"

9 January: Jeremiah 29:11

'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.'

10 January: Laos

Please pray for the literacy program, which was limited last year by a months-long lockdown. Thank God that staff were able to use the time to strengthen their training and recruitment work. Please pray that when classes begin again many more students will engage with the life-giving message of the Gospel.

11 January: RIMS (Australia)

Please continue to pray for Bible Distribution into remote areas across Australia, as we provide free Bibles and Scripture resources in various Indigenous languages to communities. Please pray these Bibles will bless these people, their families and their communities as they read and learn about God's love for them.

12 January: Myanmar

Praise God that in 2021, despite huge political and COVID-19 challenges, Bible Society was able to provide essential reading and writing classes to illiterate students in some of the most remote and rural areas of the region. With over 3,000 students waiting to be taught, please pray COVID transmission reduces, and that safe in-person teaching can resume.

13 January: BSA Leadership

Pray for our CEO and Board as they oversee the Bible Society Australia Group for another year. Thank God for the work done on the culture of the organisation and pray for continued growth in this area. Pray for training and development of all staff, and especially for the new cohort of leadership trainees.

14 January: Egypt

Thank God that many students in the post-literacy program continue with their secondary education, despite a high national drop-out rate. Thank God that children involved in the program also continue to play a role in the church community after primary school, and for the literacy skills and self-confidence gained through the program.

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Thank God for the Life Church community in Far North Queensland. Praise God that their youth group grew last year from a small group of four to 100 young people, most of whom are Indigenous and from families who can't afford a Bible. Thank God that Bible Society was able to partner with this youth group and provide Bibles for these brand-new Christians.

16 January: Lamentations 3:22-23

'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.'

17 January: Vietnam

Praise God for the 800 people who graduated from the Learning through Listening classes in 2021, and for the way in which the literacy program adapted to online learning, in the face of COVID-19 lockdowns.

18 January: Publishing

Please pray for the safe shipping and the timely arrival of the New Beginnings Bible, created especially for new believers. Pray that it would bring blessing and encouragement as it is distributed to churches for the Jesus All About Life campaign this Easter. Pray also for the Publishing plans for the coming year, that God would order the steps and bless all the projects undertaken.

19 January: Cameroon

Thank God for the literacy project, which is not only enabling people to read the Bible, but to develop life skills and employment opportunities. Praise God that several students who started as the project launched have now become teachers.

20 January: BSA supporters

Please continue praying for all those in the BSA family, especially those who have been impacted by drought, fire, the COVID pandemic, floods, loss of income and more. Pray that they would be supported with God's word. May they know that God is for them, and even in trial, He has a good plan.

21 January: Mozambique

Praise God that, with Bible Society's help, people in impoverished city areas and rural communities are being given an opportunity to learn with Mission Educate's Literacy for Life project. Thank God for the students who graduated last year, who endured Cyclone Idai, COVID-19 and other challenges during the few years they participated in the program.

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Praise God for 13-year-old Hoang, who says, "I spent six years in school and could not even recognize my name. But three months in this class has helped me be able to read a paragraph in the Bible. I am still trying my best to read more fluently, but ...my dream of being able to read has finally come true."

23 January: 1 Peter 1:3

'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...'

24 January: Rwanda

Please pray for those experiencing lingering trauma as a result of the genocide 30 years ago. Pray that the literacy program being run by African Enterprise, in partnership with Bible Society, would bring the Bible's message of reconciliation.



25 January: Events

Pray for the Bike for Bibles ride beginning on Thursday in Tasmania, finishing on February 10. Thank God for the riders, who are committed to supporting biblical literacy work. Pray that all involved in the ride would be safe and blessed.

26 January: Cameroon

Thank God for the support services being offered by Project Esther to young mothers and those who have experienced sexual abuse or exploitation. Praise God these women are being equipped biblically to develop self-esteem and confidence to build their lives on positive values while overcoming their past.

27 January: CPX

Pray for Justine Toh from CPX as she speaks at The Scots College in Sydney today. Pray for her talk "The stories we live by" as she helps staff grapple with what it means to develop young men of character.

28 January: CPX

Pray for Natasha Moore from CPX as she speaks at the annual Opening of the Legal Year service at St David's Cathedral in Hobart today, for all members of the legal profession in Tasmania, on the topic of pessimism. Pray that she will present a compelling picture of our cultural moment and what Christian faith has to say to it.

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At a Project Esther camp, one young woman said, "I have been going through all kinds of difficulties. Lack of love, lack of understanding...I am very happy that I came here to this project. I came with so many worries, but I am going back with so much joy and happiness and I am very grateful."

30 January: Psalm 98:1

'Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.'

31 January: BSA Staff

Pray for our teams' Vision Day in early February as we look forward to the year ahead and pray that we will all be able to meet in person.
