

Prayer Letter - February 2022

1 February: Myanmar

Please pray for the translation of the New Testament for the Khongso people by the end of 2022. Pray for the Khongso people, one of the Chin tribal groups, a small group with only 3,000 people. They have been praying for a long time for the Bible in their language. Thank God for the four Gospels which were published in 2019.

2 February: Koorong

Thank God for the way in which Koorong stores around the country are serving people and equip the body of Christ. In these uncertain times, please continue to pray for the safety of Koorong staff and their families, as well as their customers. Pray that Koorong would be able to continue to serve the Christian community despite the challenges they face.

3 February: Myanmar

Please pray also for the translation of the New Testament for the Asang (Khongso) people, another of the Chin tribal groups in Myanmar. Pray that the New Testament would be completed by the end of 2022. Pray for safety and peace for the people, challenged as they are by civil war.

4 February: CPX

Thank God for the Centre for Public Christianity's longrunning podcast Life & Faith that returned for 2022 yesterday. Pray for the hosts (Simon Smart, Justine Toh, Natasha Moore), the guests, and the listeners: that each episode will offer an important and enthralling conversation about how Christian faith illuminates our cultural moment, and that lots of people will tune in this year and benefit from this work.

5 February: Testimony

Please pray for Rev. John, who is working on the Asang (Khongso) New Testament. He says, "The difficulties that our team faced (recently, was) civil war among our villages...Most of the church members (left) their villages... I can hear the news of civil war and the difficulties of our church members, but I can only help them (by praying) for them ... Please remember us in your prayer."

6 February: Matthew 11:28, (NIV) "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

7 February: Vietnam

Please pray for the first translation of the Bible in the language of an eastern people group. The Christian community have struggled to persevere in faith without the Scripture of their own language. Pray that this translation would equip them, and that their young faith would stand firm and grow.

8 February: BSA

Please pray for the all-staff Vision Day today, for safety and good health for all staff. Pray that Vision Day would take place in whatever form the changing COVID climate allows. Pray that Grant Thomson and the other leaders will speak into the vision of BSA for all staff, and that everyone will be enabled and encouraged for the year ahead.

9 February: Vietnam

Please continue praying for the Bible translation in Minority Language #1 in Northern Vietnam. Thank God that the New Testament was completed in 2020. Please continue to pray for the completion of the whole Bible by 2024.



10 February: Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support Please pray for the launch of the Australian Bibles App. Pray that this free Android app, with its collection of Scripture, songs, devotions and videos in 57 Indigenous languages, would be a useful and encouraging resource. Praise God for the collaborative effort put into the content over hundreds of years, by many ministries.

11 February: Pakistan

Pray for the translation of the Afghan (Pashto) Bible. Pashto is widely spoken and understood in two provinces of Pakistan, with many dialects. Praise God that this translation is in response to the special interest the speakers of one dialect expressed in the word of God.

12 February: Testimony

Pray for 70-year-old Sia Pa (name changed for safety), part of an ethnic minority tribe in Northern Vietnam. Sia Pa has difficulty explaining the Bible to her children and grandchildren, because it is not in their heart language. She says, "My people truly need a Bible in their language to use in worshipping and personal study of the Word of God. Maybe my children will have the privilege of keeping a Bible in their heart language. I pray that day will come soon."

13 February: Romans 8:26, (NIV)

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."

14 February: Mongolia

Thank God for this long-term translation project, which is producing the Mongolian Standard Version translation. Thank God that the first draft of the Old Testament is complete. Pray for the translators this year, as they continue translating the Gospels. Thank God for their dedication to seeing God's word in the heart language of Mongol speakers around the world.

15 February: CPX

Praise God that he has provided new CPX team members for 2022. Please pray for them as they begin their new roles and learn the ropes, and pray that the impact of CPX will multiply as a result of their contributions.

16 February: Pakistan

Please pray for the translation of the Bible into the Saraiki language, spoken by at least 20 million people. Work has been underway for the last 10 years by a Christian organisation, supported by Bible Society. Please pray that the Gospels would be printed and published digitally in 2022, and the full New Testament next year.

17 February: Donor Care

Please pray for all supporters of BSA. For those who have lost loved ones; for those who have faced challenging times of adjustment and separation from family, which has made loss, loneliness and grief more extreme. Pray for those suffering from uncertainty and anxiety amidst the ongoing pandemic, especially the older and more vulnerable, and for those who suffer from lack of work and income. Pray for God's blessing, provision, and peace for all.

18 February: PNG

Thank God for the work of revising the Tok Pisin Bible, which will equip the church into the future. Thank God that the revision is progressing well. Please pray that the review process, stalled by the impact of COVID, would be able to resume this year. Pray too for the provision of needed equipment like computers, solar power, and internet devices.



19 February: Testimony

Praise God for the team of translators in Mongolia, who had the opportunity to refresh and deepen their understanding of biblical Greek last year. "We started on biblical Greek language training online by a Greek teacher from a Bible school in Athens. The training also included lessons on history and culture of the Greeks... it was a good refresher and a big blessing to have a native speaker to teach us."

20 February: Romans 8:28, NIV

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

21 February: South Pacific

Please pray for the Bible translation efforts under the Bible Society South Pacific, which are helping to develop and deepen the spiritual lives of individuals and Churches in the Pacific. Pray that the vision of the project would be fulfilled: to reach all people in many island nations with God's word, through the translation and provision of the Bible in their heart languages.

22 February: Scripture Grants

Among our Scripture Grant partners, please pray for those they are ministering to who struggle: the homeless, the poor, domestic violence victims, teen mums, and neglected, at risk children. Pray that the gospel ministries will have the boldness, energy and love they need to be Jesus to these people.

23 February: Sri Lanka

Thank God for this project of the Ceylon Bible Society, which is working to provide Scripture in the Sri Lankan sign language. Prompted by a visit to the School for the Deaf in Ratmalana, this video project is working on the Life of Jesus in sign language for the Christian deaf community in Sri Lanka.

24 February: Scripture Grants

Please pray for the ministry of ADF chaplains, one of our Scripture Grants partners. Pray that there would be a great hunger for God's word among all our Australian Defence Organisations. Pray that chaplains would be bold to speak God's words at just the right time and help Open The Bible to service men and women.

25 February: Vietnam

Please pray for those reaching out to large ethnic groups with illustrated stories of Jesus, the gospel of Mark (in their own languages) and Bible study guides. Bible translation into the ethnic minority languages is underway; praise God for this project, which is designed to give faster access to usable Scriptures for immediate impact among the people, as they engage with the Bible.

26 February: Testimony

Please continue to pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in Syria. "As we started up our Trauma Healing Ministry we didn't know where it would take us. It's been a tearful experience going through the deepest of valleys together with the most precious people who have suffered so much....we want to thank Jesus with all our hearts for having been with us and the many who have been with us in "the darkness of the valley" ...We couldn't have continued for (six) intensive years without Jesus being there in all our seminars giving strength to us all and giving healing to us all."

27 February: Romans 8:38-39, (NIV)

'For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

28 February: Tanzania

Please pray for the work of the Anglican Church Dioceses in Tanzania, who, with support from BSA, are equipping thousands of young people with a deep understanding of the Bible, through a high school curriculum subject which is rarely offered. Thank God for the opportunity to teach Bible knowledge to secondary students and provide all the teaching materials free of charge to willing schools.

*language name kept confidential for security reasons