



Australia - Scripture Grants
Project Fact Sheet 2022



Australia: Equipping Chaplains

Overview

Bible Society Australia (BSA) seeks to serve and equip groups who are ministering to Australians in all areas of life, by providing Scripture Grants which can be used to acquire Bibles and Scripture resources.

This includes the Chaplaincy and Parachurch grant (C&P), through which BSA supplies Bibles in many different translations, in people's 'heart' languages, via chaplains and gospel workers.

The Need

The C&P grant allows chaplains and gospel workers to reach out to people in prisons, detention centres, hospitals, aged care homes, youth camps, red-light

districts and other situations of vulnerability. The grant helps fund Bibles and Scripture resources for these groups.

Project Goals

The goal of this project is to Open The Bible to people in vulnerable situations. By resourcing front line workers with the Scriptures and gospel materials, they can engage people with God's word. This grant shares the transformative hope of the Gospel, as they equip Gospel workers with both God's word and the ability to encourage and disciple those they work with.

This year, this project is aiming to find and support more ministries, giving them the resources they need to share the Gospel and disciple people who have come to faith.

Impact

The impact of Scripture grants has been seen in changed lives. It is seen through the stories and testimonies from chaplains, outreach workers and the recipients of Bibles and Scripture resources.

In the 2020-2021 financial year we were able to distribute 33,804 Bibles and Gospel resources throughout hospitals, prisons and other frontline ministry partners through the C&P grant, and 4,920 extra comics to prison ministries.

Testimonies

"One of us has been reaching out to Afghani and Iranian refugee women and this Easter, after three years of forming relationship, was asked about Easter. The women took the Farsi Bibles that Bible Society provided from the grant. These women are now reading the Word of God in their own language. We are continuing to reach out to them weekly"
- Chaplain, 2021

"[I am] so thankful for the Bible Society Scripture Grant and the resources that we are able to purchase with the Grant to give to children and families in the Hospital."
-Children's Hospital chaplain Rochelle, 2021

"There is a man who is Thai and we've met a number of times. He wants to go to church but can't yet due to his work hours as he is a chef. The Lord is really drawing him. It was beautiful to give him a Thai Bible and watch as he read the word of God for the first time in his language. He is very grateful".
- Chaplain, 2021

'I want to express how important a Bible can be in someone's life in prison... Sometimes I think that God has forgotten about me, but...these books help us remember that we are loved and that we have worth, and that we can be helpful to other people. Thank God for his Grace that finds us wherever we are.'
- Prisoner, Scripture Grant beneficiary, 2021

"I've been running Christianity explained for the women at a rehab centre and one of them has received the Lord as her saviour as a result. Others came for counsel and are weighting it up. They received a New Testament and the steps to peace with God tracts provided and the ongoing Bible study with these broken women has been significant and wonderful".
- Chaplain, 2021

Prayer Needs

- Pray for continued opportunities to Open The Bible with Australians, for workers to be raised up, and for open hearts to hear God's word, particularly those suffering great loss, seemingly insurmountable troubles and deep sorrow.
- Pray that many will turn to Christ and continue to grow as Christians with God's word as their light and guide.