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**'Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.'**

*Romans 12:4-6a (NIV UK)*

As ever, thank you for standing with us in prayer for Bible ministry around the world. Solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Christ in different countries is an important expression of the truth of the Bible verses quoted.

Once again this quarter, we are emphasising and inviting you to pray for translation projects that are almost reaching completion. Just as the athlete needs to get over the finishing line of the race, so Bible translation projects need to be complete before any distribution can begin.

Bible translation teams are also an expression of being 'one body, many parts'. Usually the work of translation is done in teams. One or two people will bring the knowledge of the original Bible texts: Hebrew; Greek or Aramaic. Others will bring knowledge of the language into which the Bible is being translated. Still others will bring theological insights, ensuring the meaning of the text is translated accurately and will be understood by those who read or hear the new translation. These are the teams we are praying for as we support Bible translation.

Being involved in Bible translation is hard work. However, every person I have met who plays a part in this complex task is delighted to bring the gifts the Lord has given them, putting them to use for the sake of the whole body – the church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We play our part as we pray.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Elaine Duncan'.

Elaine Duncan  
Chief Executive

# October 2022



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A family in China receive Bibles in their own language.

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## 1 October – 2 Samuel 22:17-30

The *Bible-a-month* partner for October is the China Partnership (the Bible Society in **China**). One of its aims is to print Bibles for Chinese Christians at the Amity Press in Nanjing, and from there the Bibles are distributed across the country. Please pray for an increase in funding so that the number of Bibles agreed with the government can be produced.

**2**  
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## 2 October – Psalm 65

Our advanced course for *Bible-based Trauma Healing* takes place in Larbert this week. Give thanks for the participants and pray that all will experience God's love and carry it back to their local churches.

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## 3 October – 2 Samuel 22:31-51

Adrian Armstrong and Fiona McDonald travel to the Biblica Publishing Summit in Switzerland today to share about SBS Bible resources. Please pray for times of encouragement and inspiration as those attending share new ideas for Bible engagement.

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## 4 October – 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Please pray for a new SBS resource *Bibleworld All Age Gatherings*, which will be launched this Autumn and can be used alongside *Bibleworld Books*. Pray that the material will help many people engage with the Bible.

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**5 October – 2 Samuel 23:8-23**

Please pray for the team working on the new edition of the 1992 Gaelic Bible. Give thanks that, for the first time in thirty years, Gaelic speakers in **Scotland** will be able to get a Bible in their own language.

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**6 October – 2 Samuel 24:1-17**

Give thanks for the many stories that people recorded in our phone box at Keswick as part of our *Stories of Light and Life* campaign. Pray that these stories of encountering Jesus might encourage, challenge, and draw people to God through the Bible.

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**7 October – 2 Samuel 24:18-25**

Give thanks for our recent gathering of *Bible-based Trauma Healing* volunteers at Bible House. Pray that doors will open for them to share God's Word with others, bringing hope, comfort and restoration.

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**8 October – 2 Timothy 1:1-7**

Our *Light and Life* magazine style John's Gospels were distributed at the Keswick Convention in July. Please pray that the churches and individuals who received them will buy copies in bulk for distribution to their local communities.

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**9 October – Psalm 66**

Please pray for our new resource for young children (ages 5-7) that will be launched this Autumn to be used with our *Bibleworld Books*. Pray that through it many children will discover God in the Bible.

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**10 October – 2 Timothy 1:8-18**

Please pray for the continuation of evangelism, discipleship and church growth in **Venezuela**. Pray particularly for translation teams as they translate the Bible into indigenous and sign languages.

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**11 October – 2 Timothy 2:1-13**

The audio recording of the Gaelic New Testament is now finished and the files have gone to *Faith Comes by Hearing* in America to be fully edited. Give thanks for all the volunteers who contributed their time and talents to this project.

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**12 October – 2 Timothy 2:14-19**

The *Vietnamese Study Bible* should be completed this year. Please pray that the Bible will be published as planned and that it will reach new audiences across **Vietnam**.

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**13 October – 2 Timothy 2:20-26**

*Tree of Life, Trees of Faith* aims to energise the Church's responsiveness to climate change and its challenges through Bible engagement. Please pray for the climate awareness workshops and as trees are planted around churches in arid areas of **Zambia**.



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**14 October – 2 Timothy 3:1-9**

Less than 1% of the deaf community are Christians in **Zimbabwe**. Pray that the development of the *Zimbabwean Sign Language Bible* would help reach this community with the Gospel.

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**15 October – 2 Timothy 3:10-17**

Pray for Norman Liddle our Community Partnership Manager who is speaking at **Kelso** Evangelical Church tomorrow morning. Pray for God's Spirit to work as people hear the Word.

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**16 October – Psalm 67**

Fiona McDonald, Director of National Ministries, is speaking at Loch Leven Community Church in **Kinross**. Please pray for open hearts and minds as she shares God's Word and information about the work of SBS.

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**17 October – 2 Timothy 4:1-8**

Bible Sunday resources this year are based on the Book of Habakkuk, and on the theme of 'Waiting for God'. Pray that the material SBS provides will serve to encourage the Church through difficult times.

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**18 October – 2 Timothy 4:9-22**

Pray for the provision of funding so that the recording of *The Story* Audio Bible can begin. Staff at the Bible Society of **Egypt** are praying and believing that they will see this new Bible changing many lives.

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**19 October – Jeremiah 18:1-19:15**

Elaine Duncan attends a Thanksgiving Service to mark the centenary of a Trust fund today. Give thanks for the faithful support of Trusts and Foundations in our work, and for good relationships developed over many years.

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**20 October – Jeremiah 20:1-18**

The Bible remains untranslated in more than half the world's languages. Please pray for the 219 million people this affects who are still waiting for a copy of God's Word in the language they best understand.

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**21 October – Jeremiah 21:1-14**

The Bible Society of **El Salvador** runs a highly successful *Bible-based Trauma Healing* ministry. However, more fully trained facilitators are needed. Please pray with Bible Society staff as they wait for the Lord to identify the right people for this work.

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**22 October – Jeremiah 22:1-30**

As part of our *Bible Sunday* resources, Jen Robertson, Children's Resource Manager, has written an outline for use in churches for all ages. Please pray that everyone will learn together and encourage one another as they explore the theme *Waiting for God*.

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23 October – Psalm 68

Pray for Norman Liddle speaking at Olivet Evangelical Church, **Falkirk** this morning and at St Serf's Church of Scotland, **Tullibody** in the evening. Pray for good engagement with God's Word.

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24 October – Jeremiah 23:1-8

Children living in rural areas of **Azerbaijan** do not have churches or Christian organisations in the area. Please pray that the *Children's Book Engagement* project would help start the children down a good path as they receive God's Word.

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25 October – Jeremiah 23:9-40

Pray for Norman Liddle, Community Partnership Manager, who will speak at St. Luke's and Queen Street Guild in **Broughty Ferry** today. Pray for a good response as he shares an update on the work of SBS.

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26 October – Jeremiah 24:1-10

Jen Robertson, our Children's Resources Manager, is speaking at the Church of Scotland ReNew Webinar this evening on 'Using the Bible well in intergenerational contexts.' Please pray that her audience will benefit what she has to share.

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27 October – Jeremiah 25:1-38

Pray for the *Transforming Scotland* gathering taking place in **Edinburgh** over the next few days, as church leaders meet to discuss areas of mutual concern in the church in Scotland at present.

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28 October – Jeremiah 26:1-24

Please pray for the *Student's Action for Christ* project in **Bangladesh** as they seek to support school pupils via one day Seminars and the distribution of free and discounted Bible materials. Pray that the students would find faith in Christ and themselves become the living message of the Word of God.

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29 October – Jeremiah 27:1-22

The Bible Society of **Belarus** are working with Orphans and children with disabilities to provide spiritual help through Bible stories. Pray that suitable adults would come forward to become mentors for the children.

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30 October – Psalm 69

Pray for Norman Liddle speaking at Kingcase Parish Church in **Prestwick** this morning. Pray that people will understand more of the value of the Bible on this *Bible Sunday*.

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31 October – Jeremiah 28:1-17

There are more than 800,000 people in the *Aja* speaking community in **Benin**. Pray for the practical issues facing the team who are translating the Bible into *Aja*. The weak internet connection in the area where they are working is a significant problem.

# November 2022



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Women in Mozambique listen to an Audio Bible.

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## 1 November – Jeremiah 29:1-32

The *Bible-a-month* partner for November is the Bible Society of **Mozambique**. More than 60% of the population in Mozambique cannot read printed Scriptures. Pray for the *Faith Comes by Hearing* project as they produce audio Bibles which enable people become more independent in their use of God's Word.

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## 2 November – Jeremiah 30:1-24

The deaf community in **Botswana** is highly marginalised. Please pray for a change in attitudes towards those living with hearing loss, as the Bible Society completes the Sign Language Bible Translation.

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## 3 November – Jeremiah 31:1-40

The United Bible Societies Executive Board is meeting via Zoom. Pray for Elaine Duncan as she chairs these meetings, and for good discussions as they work through the agenda.

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**4 November – Jeremiah 32:1-15**

Give thanks for the increased demand for the Word of God in **Turkey**. As the Bible Society there is unable to give away free resources, please pray that people who long for their own Bible would be able to afford one.

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**5 November – Jeremiah 32:16-44**

As the *Breakfast with Jesus* project seeks to tackle the fall out of the unemployment crisis in **Uruguay**, pray that the workers would be able to continue the critical work of providing children up to the age of 12 with a daily meal.

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**6 November – Psalm 70**

Fiona McDonald is speaking at Abernethy Parish Church this morning on Nehemiah 4. Please pray for wisdom and encouragement as the congregation consider opposition to God's work.

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**7 November – Jeremiah 33:1-26**

Today is the final session of the *Bible-based Trauma Healing* initial equipping course for Street Connect in Glasgow. Give thanks that through Street Connect workers, God's restoration is made available to those in hard places.

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**8 November – Jeremiah 34:1-22**

There is a great need to establish the presence of the Bible Society in **Cabo Verde**. People currently pay huge amounts to import small quantities of Bibles from Portugal and Brazil. Pray that people would recognise the need for God's Word within this country.

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**9 November – Luke 9:51-62**

The *Living Word for All* project in **Cambodia** seeks to produce subsidised or free scriptures for the remote and very poor areas. Continue to pray for good relationships with volunteers and partners.

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**10 November – Luke 10:1-16**

The original translation of the *Mungaka Bible* failed to use an accurate alphabet. The Bible Society of **Cameroon** aims to correct this so that *Mungaka* speakers can benefit from a revised, more accurate Bible in their own language. Pray for God to reach peoples' hearts through this new publication.

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**11 November – Luke 10:17-24**

Temuco in **Chile** has seen an increase in violence and Christian persecution this year. Please pray for the *Mapudungun Old Testament Translation* project which seeks to promote peace between the church and the indigenous Mapuche people.

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**12 November – Luke 10:25-37**

The *Friends for Life – Sports Centre* is being built in **Albania** to provide children from needy families with continuous sports training and Bible engagement activities. Pray that God would use this centre to touch young peoples' lives.



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13 November – Psalm 71

Elaine Duncan is speaking at the **Coatbridge** Baptist Church anniversary service this morning. Give thanks for the continued support of this congregation for our work and pray that Elaine's words will challenge them as they reflect on the service.

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14 November – Luke 10:38-42

As 70% of people live below the poverty line in **Burundi**, the aim of the Bible Society there is to make 4,000 Bibles available free of charge. Pray that these Bibles would be willingly received and that the Spirit of God would open peoples' hearts.

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15 November – Luke 11:1-4

Many *Bible-based Trauma Healing* groups are taking place around **Scotland**. Give thanks for our volunteer facilitators and ask for God's blessing on them as they share hope and compassion with those in need.

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16 November – Luke 11:5-13

Pray for the *Reading and Writing for Spiritual and Social Development* project in **Togo**. Pray that the right facilitators for the programme would be appointed and that the skills gained would help people come to know God better.

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17 November – Luke 11:14-28

Please pray for Jen Robertson and Sue Thomson as they think about the development of a range of Gaelic resources for children and young people. Pray for fruitful partnerships and funding to bring the Bible to a new generation of Gaelic speakers.

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18 November – Luke 11:29-36

We are currently reviewing all our *Equip* Bible Study resources and updating them. Please pray as we look ahead to adding to these popular downloads, which provide engagement with the Bible for thousands of people each year.

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19 November – Luke 11:37-54

**Angola** currently has over half a million prisoners. The *Scriptures for Prisoners* project aims to reach not only the prisoners themselves, but their families too. Pray for the pastors going into the prisons, that they would be met with open hearts.

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20 November – Psalm 72

The Bible Society in **Austria** are currently focusing on the distribution of free copies of the Scriptures in key communication languages to refugees. Pray that the church in Austria will see the refugees as neighbours and people deserving of love.

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21 November – Luke 12:1-12

The *Wichi Bermejo New Testament Translation* project seeks to equip the *Wichi* people with a Bible in their own language. Please pray for the churches in **Argentina**, for God to open their hearts to these people.

- 22** | **22 November – Luke 12:13-21**  
The United Bible Societies Fellowship Council meets together for the first time following a governance review. Pray for all those serving on the Council for the first time, and for Elaine Duncan as she chairs the meeting.
- 23** | **23 November – Luke 12:22-34**  
SBS is developing the *Bible-based Trauma Healing* materials to make it easier for people in **Scotland** to connect the Bible to their lives. Pray that the updates manuals will be well used to help people receive God's restoration.
- 24** | **24 November – Luke 12:35-48**  
Currently any app containing Christian religious information is prohibited in **Uzbekistan**. Pray that the government there will allow the use of the Bible App being developed by the Bible Society of Uzbekistan.
- 25** | **25 November – Luke 12:49-59**  
Our teen publication *Joseph and the Triumph of Grace* was eighteen months in planning but had been in the heart and imagination of Jason Ramasami, the illustrator, for much longer. Please give thanks for Jason as he continues his work illustrating God's Word for the next generation.
- 26** | **26 November – Luke 13:1-9**  
SAT Give thanks for the generous response to our *A Bible in Each Bookbag* appeal in partnership with the **Dominican Republic** Bible Society. At the time of writing the total money raised is just over £42,000.
- 27** | **27 November – Psalm 73**  
SUN Pray for the Bible Society in the **East Caribbean**. Pray specifically for the younger generation living in the 12 island states there. Ask that they will encounter God in his Word.
- 28** | **28 November – Luke 13:10-17**  
The **Armenian** Bible Society has engaged with 251 schools through the *Bible Quiz at School* project. Pray that God's Word would be accessible and understandable for all Armenian teenagers.
- 29** | **29 November – Luke 13:18-30**  
 Pray for the team in **Ecuador** responsible for translating the *Bible into Ecuadorian Sign Language*. The project will complete at the end of this year. As it concludes pray that more churches in Ecuador will train teachers in sign language.
- 30** | **30 November – Luke 13:31-35**  
SBS will be launching new projects and initiatives next year. Please pray for those involved in developing and planning our hopes for 2023.

# December 2022



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A young girl completing her *Joseph and the Triumph of Grace* journal.

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## 1 December – Jeremiah 35:1-19

The *Bible-a-month* partner for December is **Scotland**. Please pray for SBS resources developed especially to help people explore the Bible in our own country. Please pray for *Joseph and the Triumph of Grace* and *Joseph's Journal* which accompanies the book. Pray that this unique resource will continue to be bought and read widely.

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## 2 December – Jeremiah 36:1-32

This Christmas the Bible Society of **Egypt** will reach out to families living in deprived areas. Children will receive a colourful backpack full of Scripture books, games, puzzles, and a stationery kit. Pray that this unexpected gift will bring blessing to many families.

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## 3 December – Jeremiah 37:1-21

Remember female prisoners in **El Salvador** as they attend *Arte y Palabra* (Art and the Bible). The Bible Society of El Salvador launched this new initiative – to teach hand lettering using Bible verses. The course is aimed at women in the jails of *Ilopango* and *Izalco* who have received their first Bible.

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## 4 December – Psalm 74

Fiona McDonald is speaking at Riverside Evangelical Church in **Ayr** this morning. Pray that God's Word would encourage and uplift to all who attend the service.

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**5 December – Jeremiah 38:1-28**

Today the 2023 *Bible-a-Month* calendar will be sent out to SBS supporters. Give thanks for the 12 countries we were able to partner with this past year. Pray that the Bibles provided would be a blessing to those who use them.

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**6 December – Jeremiah 39:1-18**

As we approach Christmas please pray for our *Light and Life* Gospels as churches order them to be distributed during advent. Please pray that every copy taken will be read.

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**7 December – Jeremiah 40:1-41:15**

Today our Christmas appeal is being launched. Please pray for the people who will be given the gift of a Bible this Christmas and thank God for the generosity of those who give to SBS.

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**8 December – Jeremiah 41:16-43:13**

The SBS Board meets today for the final time this year. Give thanks for our Trustees who give their time and expertise so willingly, and pray for wisdom as they discuss SBS policies for the future.

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**9 December – Jeremiah 44:1-45:5**

Remember the **Estonian** Bible Society's weekly radio programme. Pray that the message of the Bible will be clearly understood by the growing Bible Society audience in that country.

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SAT**10 December – Jeremiah 46:1-47:7**

Staff at the Bible Society of **Eswatini** are planning to host a national football tournament to reach out to fans with God's Word. Give thanks that representatives from the Ministry of Sports and the Eswatini Premier League are very supportive of the project.

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SUN**11 December – Psalm 75**

Elaine Duncan makes a return visit to West Glasgow New Church today. Pray that the congregation will be inspired as they hear about our work and what God is doing around the world.

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**12 December – Jeremiah 48:1-25**

Pray today for the **Finnish** Bible Society and their partnership with the *Literacy for Women in Africa* programme. Pray specifically for Literary Specialist, Ari Vitikainen as he co-ordinates the literacy consultants for this project.

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**13 December – Jeremiah 48:26-47**

Remember those around the world who are using *Bible-based Trauma Healing* but do not have the complete Bible in their language. Pray for inspiration for those having to translate passages of Scripture into their own languages.

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#### 14 December – Jeremiah 49:1-39

Give thanks, in recent weeks a new Bible in the *Yinzebi* language has been sent to South Korea for publication. Please pray that this new translation will impact the lives of the 887,000 *Yinzebi* speakers in the **Gambon**.

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#### 15 December – Jeremiah 50:1-28

Pray for the Bible Society of **Ghana** as they deliver Scripture materials or Bibles to primary school children in rural communities. Pray that young peoples' lives will be impacted by God's Word.

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#### 16 December – Jeremiah 50:29-46

Please continue to pray for *A Bible in Each Bookbag* project in the **Dominican Republic**. Pray that the new Bible Reading guides given out with each Bible will be a helpful addition for pupils.

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#### 17 December – Jeremiah 51:1-32

Pray for children and women who suffer violence in **Bolivia** as they go through the *Bible-Based Trauma Healing* programme. Pray for everyone on the course who is suffering emotional damage.

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#### 18 December – Psalm 76

The *Outspoken Bible* podcast has followed the Gospel of John throughout this year. Please pray that those who don't yet know Jesus would begin listening to the podcast and find faith.

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#### 19 December – Jeremiah 51:33-64

The Colombian Bible in *Simplified Spanish* is a translation project seeking to produce an accessible Bible translation for the deaf community in **Columbia**. Pray for leaders in ministry in Columbia who are living with hearing loss. Give thanks for their unique role in bringing the Gospel to their community and continue to pray for local churches to become more welcoming and inclusive to those who live with hearing impairment.

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#### 20 December – Jeremiah 52:1-34

*Scripture Portions in Spanish Braille for Adults and Children* seeks to reach at least 50% of the Braille reading audience in **Costa Rica**. Pray for the staff working on this project as they serve the visually impaired community.

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#### 21 December – Philippians 1:1-11

The Bible Society in **Croatia** is working on the first translation of the Bible into Croatian sign language. Pray for the team who are working hard on this project.

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#### 22 December – Philippians 1:12-18a

Pray for young people in **Cuba** as they get involved with activities that will engage them with the Christian community especially prayer and Bible reading. *'It's Youth Time!'* aims to bring together both Catholic and Evangelical teenagers – please pray that good relationships will be formed.



23

**23 December – Philippians 1:18b-26**

This year the Bible Society of **Ghana** began to offer *Bible-based Trauma Healing* training for leaders working with teenagers. Pray for wisdom and compassion for leaders as they reach out to many young people who have suffered abuse, been victims of trafficking, the sex trade and slavery.

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SAT**24 December – Philippians 1:27-2:4**

The Bible Society in **Guatemala** is seeking to equip the church and institutions with materials and tools to help teach the Scriptures to children with Down Syndrome, autism and learning difficulties. Pray that these children would come to know the love of God.

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SUN**25 December – Philippians 2:5-11**

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, please pray for those who do not yet know God. Pray especially for those for whom Christmas is not a time of celebration.

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**26 December – Philippians 2:12-18**

Pray for the *Toma Translation* Project which is set to end this year in **Guinea**. Give thanks that the Toma people will soon have the complete Word of God.

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**27 December – Philippians 2:19-30**

As we prepare for our January initial equipping course for *Bible-based Trauma Healing* give thanks for the participants who have already booked in, and pray that God will bring those he is calling to share in this ministry.

28

**28 December – Philippians 3:1-11**

Over the past 5 years, 25,000 children in **Haiti** have received the Christmas gift of a children's Bible. Please pray that the children would read their Bibles and that they would discover the joy that comes from knowing God.

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**29 December – Philippians 3:12-4:1**

The Bible Society in **Georgia** is working on a *New Testament Greek Dictionary* and a *New Testament Greek Manual* in the local language. These are due to be published soon. Pray that these new resources will help local Christians to grow in their faith.

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**30 December – Philippians 4:2-9**

Give thanks for the use of the Justice and Poverty Bible in the prisons and police force in **Honduras**. So far 60,000 people have received a Bible. Praise God that there has been no opposition and that the police actively support this project.

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SAT**31 December – Philippians 4:10-23**

The first translation of the Bible in the *Mori* language completed this year in **Indonesia**. Approximately 30,000 *Mori* people are Christians, and this translation will finally enable them to conduct full services in their native language.

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