



Prayer and News

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Update

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Dear Prayer Supporter,

In this passage of Scripture (Eph 6:14), the Apostle Paul shows clearly that the battle we face as Christians is a spiritual battle against the powers of darkness. He uses military analogy to explain the spiritual reality we all face. In a normal battle we need to make sure that we have armed ourselves properly to both attack and defend against the enemy we face.

Amongst the many other things he tells us to do, one action is to **“Stand Firm”**. These words relay a picture of authority, strength, confidence, unity, purpose, perseverance and victory. Prayer is more than just words. There is a spiritual dynamic involved where we have authority *in the name of Jesus*, to ask and receive answers to prayer.

At the Bible Society we want to encourage you to continue to **“Stand Firm”** in your prayers for the work that we do. Without your faithful prayers it would be difficult to achieve the Lord’s Work through our projects.

Blessings

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“Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness.” (Eph 6: 14 NASB)

URGENT NEEDS FOR PRAYER

Haiti: *The following excerpt is from Melvin Rivera, UBS Area Secretary (Americas):*

I have tried to reach Magda [General Secretary Magda Victor], but it is impossible to get through. I called Magda’s daughter in New York and she told me that she had been able to speak briefly to her father and had established that her parents, brother and sister are OK, although their home was damaged. She didn’t have any news about Bible Society staff or Bible House. This is a country already in so much distress and despair and now this. *Please keep Magda, her family, the Bible Society staff and the whole country of Haiti in your prayers.*

WEEK ONE

Bikes for Bibles:

Bikes for Bibles has now been running for over 25 years and has provided great support for the work of Bible Society. This year there is a heavy schedule of rides with the goal of raising \$400,000. These funds will be used to provide Bibles and support a number of projects both in Australia and overseas. To help achieve this goal new riders and road crews will be needed to make each of the planned rides a success. Please continue to pray for this vital ministry and that the income target for the year, by God’s Grace, will be reached.

Ethiopia:

In partnership with Serving in Mission (SIM), Bible Society is providing 3,000 Pastor Book Sets translated in Amharic for local Pastors attending teaching conferences held by SIM. The Pastor Book Set contains 40 books dealing with issues of ministry from teaching and pastoral care to church leadership. A small team of pastors from Australia will attend and speak at the conferences in April/May. Please pray for God’s blessing on the project and for the upcoming trip.

WEEK TWO

Bible Engagement:

This is a brand new project for Bible Society. The project aims to change the All about life website into a resource website. The resources on the website will include devotions, Bible studies, daily readings, the Bible plus other resources identified as areas of need from the post JAAL church survey. This project also aims to produce appropriate publications in partnership with other Christian organisations that will help people from all age groups and backgrounds to engage meaningfully with the Bible.

Rwanda:

This project continues to help the children and adults of Rwanda to read the Scriptures using the theme of reconciliation. The project seeks to bring together the two warring tribes (Hutu and Tutsi) of the genocide to live peacefully in the same community and encourages them to forgive each other for the atrocities committed in the past. Please continue to pray for this vital work of reconciliation that the fruit of forgiveness will be evident in the lives of both children and adults.

WEEK THREE

India:

This literacy project is in its third year. In partnership with REAP, Bible Society is using the Bible to teach children in the slums of Hyderabad and in the state of Andhra Pradesh to read and write. Due to their circumstances, these children would not normally receive an education. Due to demand, the project has expanded from 17 to 65 Learning Centres. Many of the children come from Hindu or Muslim homes. Pray for the continued success and protection of this vital work in India.

Scripture Grants: Australian Defence Force:

As part of our ongoing commitment to making Scriptures freely available to specific ministries and organisations, we have developed a Bible designed for those serving in the Australian Defence Forces (ADF). These Scriptures are designed to meet the need of those serving in the Defence Forces with notes, prayers and references. Please pray that the Chaplains are able to reach out to the men and women of the ADF through these Scriptures.

WEEK FOUR

China:

The Bible Society has been supporting the work in China through the Amity Press for the last 23 years. Our support has principally been through the provision of paper to allow the Amity Press to continue its vital work. By subsidizing the cost of paper, Bibles are sold in China at a significantly reduced price making it affordable for the average person. Please continue to pray for this wonderful ministry in China.

Australian Schools: "The Greatest Gift":

Through our Children's Department, the Bible Society will engage children in NSW schools through children shows and the Annual Children's Project. It is through these shows that children are encouraged to read the Bible but also to help support children in other countries who cannot afford a Bible of their own. This year's project will seek to provide Bibles to children in China and South Africa.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Feb 21st to 27th Riverina Showcases in various locations.
- Feb 27th Archaeology Seminar, The Commercial Club, Albury

Your on-going prayer support for the Staff of Bible Society is greatly valued and appreciated. Also a number of our supporters from time to time face health, financial and other family issues. Your regular prayer for our brothers and sister in Christ who are in need, both here in Australia and overseas, is both welcomed and valued.