



Prayer and News

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Update

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Dear Prayer Supporters,

What a comfort it is for us as Christians to know that God is all powerful, and all loving. He is the source of our help and strength each day, as the Psalmist says so well, "I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2).

As we turn to prayer this month for the work God is doing through Bible Society, let us remember that God is watching over both us and our Christian family around the world, and he 'will not let our foot slip'.

"The LORD watches over you - the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore." (Psalm 121:5-8)

Special need for prayer

July marks the first official month of the unified Bible Society Australia! Please join us in giving thanks to God for the nationalisation of all the state Bible Societies into this one entity. Pray for BSA staff around the country as we all work together. Pray that God's work would be advanced and that He would be glorified!

Week 1

Australian Focus

KJV Performances by actor Bruce Kuhn

Broadway actor Bruce Kuhn will be touring Australia with his acclaimed performance of **The Gospel of Luke** from **22nd July to 7th August 2011**. Bruce Kuhn's "The Gospel of Luke" is the story of Jesus, memorized word for word from the Bible and told with the passion and surprise of an eyewitness account. In a compelling ninety minutes, the words come alive with the urgency and humour of someone who was there. Alone on stage, Broadway actor Bruce Kuhn weaves the tale of the Christ without props or sets, dressed in modern, casual clothing.

Please pray for Bruce and the performances that are scheduled across Australia this month and next. Pray that all who attend are confronted by the person of Jesus and by what he has done to bring us life. Pray that many Christians will bring friends who don't yet know Jesus and that they will respond by wanting to know more about the man who is God.

Bruce Kuhn will be performing in Sydney on Friday 5th August village church Annandale and at Abbotsleigh school for girls in Wahroonga on Thursday August 4th. For more information or to buy tickets visit www.kjv11.com.au

Week 2

Overseas

Rwanda: Reconciliation through God's Word

Rwanda is a nation with a brutal history of ethnic violence and genocide. The Bible Society in partnership with African Enterprise is committed to seeing long-lasting peace is brought to this nation, through a Bible-based literacy program that teaches forgiveness and reconciliation. This year 45,000 children Rwanda's future generation will participate in the bible-based literacy program.

Please pray:

For the children being taught through this project that through the literacy program, the children will be impacted and transformed by what the Bible teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation. Pray for the field staff faithfully teaching the bible, reconciliation and forgiveness in the classroom. Pray for the church in Rwanda to spearhead the education in healing and peace building in Rwanda.

Week 3

Australian Focus

City to Surf Fundraising for the Big Rescue Project

The Big Rescue Project in 2011 seeks to help Scripture teachers by giving them Bibles for their students. Scripture teachers are in dire need. Often with only their own personal Bible to teach from entire classes of children are being denied the opportunity to read a Bible for themselves. Bible Society Australia wants to see much-needed Scripture getting into the hands of children in state schools. Many of these children are from families who have never seen or read a Bible or visited a church.

Please pray for the City to Surf fun run, that many Bible Society supporters would step forward both to run and to sponsor "The Big Rescue" project. Pray for those running, that they will spread the word about this exciting project and be able to raise funds. Pray for those who hear about the project, that they will be encouraged to support it financially, and with prayer. Pray most of all that many Australian school children would receive their own Bibles as a result of this project

Week 4

Overseas

Egypt: Ensuring change for a lifetime

At the beginning of this year, the world watched as a revolution swept across Egypt. Now several months on, Christians in Egypt are coming face to face with ongoing sectarian conflict and ongoing political upheaval. Among the uncertainty and fear, Bible Society Egypt continues in partnership with the Coptic church to engage thousand of Egyptians with the Bible through teaching Egyptians how to build their literacy skills to make literacy and reading the Bible part of their everyday life.

Please pray:

For the staff of Bible Society Egypt, that as they travel throughout the sectarian conflict that God will protect both them and their families and homes. Pray that where Bible Society Egypt staff find fear among Christians that God will equipped them with His strength. Pray for all Egyptians participating in Bible-based literacy classes, that God's Word will reveal a new way to live as Disciples of Christ.

Dates for your diary

- 1st July - 31st July** *The Book that Changed the World* Exhibition is on display at Village Church Annandale, Sydney to celebrate the 400th Year Anniversary of the King James Version.
- August 4 and 5** Performances by Broadway actor Bruce Kuhn are on! See Bruce perform on August 4th at (Abbotsleigh School for girls, Wahroonga) or August 5th (at the Village Church, Annandale), as he presents "The Gospel of Luke" - the story of Jesus, memorised word for word from the Bible. For more information and to book tickets, visit www.kjv11.com.au
- August 14** Join us for the City2Surf/ Big Rescue 2011 run and help us raise funds for the 'Bibles in Schools' initiative. **Registrations are open now** on the City2Surf website, so join us and then set up your own profile on Bible Society's www.towardsthegoal.com.au fundraising website. All participants representing Bible Society will receive a free cap.
- 1st – 28th Sept** *The Book that Changed the World* Exhibition is on display at the University of Wollongong Library.

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 sisters in Christ who are in need, both here in Australia and overseas, is both welcomed and valued. Thank you.