

Pray with

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APRIL

31 Mar – 6 Apr

Peru: Pray for our *Bread of Life* and *An End to Violence* projects, with which we want to help children to grow up healthily and in safety, and get to know the Bible. Pray that the translation of the Bible into Machiguenga and Quechua Apurímac can begin. Pray for our efforts, in co-operation with the Church, to combat violence and corruption in our society.

Brazil: Thank God for the Year of the Bible that Christians and churches celebrated across the country in 2018. Pray for the new Brazilian government and

also for peace and a stronger economy. Pray that the Study Bible with the additional Almeida text, that was published last year, will truly have an impact on the lives of people. Pray for wisdom and guidance for our new Executive Director and Board.

7 – 13 Apr

Chile: Please pray for peace, especially in the Araucanía region where the translation of the Old Testament into Mapudungun is being done. Pray for the translators and their families. In addition, pray that the Chilean Church will support the Bible Society so that we are able to obtain the necessary resources to execute our mission.

Ecuador: Praise God for Bibles distributed in this country. Thank him that it is possible for us to promote biblical values, especially among young people. Pray that our publications of the biblical message will be of interest to more people.

14 – 20 Apr

Uruguay: Many political decisions are made here that are contrary to biblical principles, please pray that the living and powerful Word will change the lives of our politicians. Pray for our staff, that we will always seek the necessary wisdom in the Word of God.

Bolivia: Pray that God will grant us the necessary wisdom to be able to provide Bibles in remote areas. Pray that the Bolivian authorities will not pass laws that are in conflict with God's Word. Pray for children, teenagers and women who are victims of violence.

Argentina: Pray that every Argentine will get to know God and his Son through the Bible. Pray for *Teleios*, a project through which we aim to promote engagement with the Bible. Pray for all our Bible translation projects, especially for our project to make the Bible available in Sign Language.

21 – 27 Apr

Venezuela: Thank God for his guidance in this time of crisis in our country that also negatively affects Bible distribution. Pray that the Church will continue to be an instrument of change through the Word of God. Pray for our staff and their families.

Paraguay: Pray that God will continue to provide for the needs of our Board members, staff and their families. Pray for sufficient funds so that we will still be able to reach poor communities along the Paraguay River with the boat, El Amanecer, to address their physical and spiritual needs.

Colombia: Pray that the new agreement between the government and the largest rebel group will lead to lasting peace. Pray for wisdom and strength for Christians in the country and for an increase in Bible distribution. Pray for our projects to promote engagement with the Bible.

MAY

28 Apr – 4 May

Japan: Pray that God will bless Bible work in Japan and that God's Word will touch the hearts of the approximately 99% of the population who are not Christians. Pray especially for young Christians, that they will share the Word of God with others through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Pray for our Board and staff.



South Korea: Pray that God will grant us wisdom, as always, to support other Bible Societies as a Bible publication centre. Also, pray that we will receive more funds to be able to provide Bibles all over the world and pray that these Bibles will change people's lives.

North Korea: Christians are still being persecuted here. Pray that the peace talks between North and South Korea will also open the door for Bible work so that people for whom the Gospel has been forbidden for decades, will be reached.

5 – 11 May

China Partnership: Praise God for the launch of the Chinese Study Bible. Pray that many ministers and believers will benefit from it. Also, pray that the authorities will permit existing and future Bible translation projects for ethnic minority groups. Pray for a good partnership with the Church in China.

Singapore: This year, we begin with the implementation of a new five-year plan. One of our most important

priorities is to develop our digital presence so that our Bible Society is accessible for everyone. Pray that God will help us to attain our vision. In addition, pray for Bible work in **Brunei**.

Mongolia: Pray that the Bible Society will reach families in this country – where Christians comprise a mere 3% of the population – with the Bible. Also, pray for the development and publication of Bible material for children.

Nepal: Pray for the translation, production and distribution of the Bible in Nepalese, as well as other Bible material. Pray for our programme to promote engagement with the Word. Pray for sufficient funds so that we will be able to continue with all our projects.

12 – 18 May

Myanmar: Thank God that he uses the Bible Society to make the Bible available in this country. Pray for progress with the translation of the Bible in various languages for ethnic minority groups who have never had the Bible available in their

language. Pray for the safety of our staff and their families.

Thailand: Pray for the health of those who are preparing the Bible in Thai Sign Language. Pray for the necessary funds to print 10 000 Bibles for the schools in order to distribute it during the course of the year and that these Bibles will encourage the children to learn more about the Bible.

Malaysia: Praise God that it is possible for us to distribute Bibles in this country. Also, pray that we will be able to promote biblical principles, especially among children. Pray that more people in our country will take an interest in the Bible.

19 – 25 May

Laos: Pray for our literacy projects in particular. Also, pray for the training of our local staff so that they will be able to effectively manage our translation, literacy, distribution and publication projects. Also, pray for the work on the Lao Study Bible.

Vietnam: Pray that God will take care of and will help us with the development of the various projects for the illiterate, deaf and ethnic minority groups. Also, pray for our relationship with the various churches in our country. Pray that we will respond to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Cambodia: Pray for the revision of the standard version of the Khmer Bible and for the work on the Khmer Study Bible. Thank

God that the Church in our country is growing, but pray for our project, *Living Word for All*, through which we would like to provide for the Bible needs of our people. It is sometimes necessary to subsidise the Bible or to make it available free of charge.

JUNE

26 May – 1 Jun

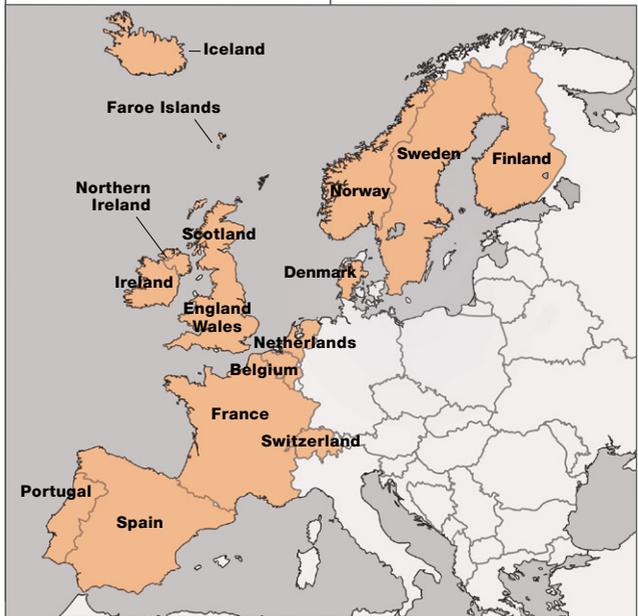
Finland: Thank God for Bible work in this country. In addition, thank him that the North Sami Bible was approved by the Lutheran Church in Finland, Norway and Sweden. Pray that this Bible will enrich the lives of these people whose heart language it is. Also, pray for our donors who make it possible for us to support Bible work worldwide.

Sweden: Pray for the launch of the New Testament in simplified Swedish. Also, pray for the *Adventures of the Bible* project through which we have already reached 35 000 children in state schools between the ages of 10 and 11 years old. Pray for the migrants who find themselves in Sweden; that we will be able to reach them with the Bible.

Norway: Pray for the distribution of God's Word to the churches in Norway. Also, pray that more people will not only own a Bible, but will read it and live out its message. Pray for our new General Secretary, Paul Erik Wirgenes, and for our staff.

2 – 8 Jun

Denmark: Pray that the work on a new translation



of the Bible in modern-day Danish will progress well and that this translation will reach more people. Pray that we will be able to make the Bible available to our people in more suitable formats. Pray for our staff, for strength and devotion.

Iceland: Pray that the biblical message will have a greater impact among our people, especially young people and children. Thank God for the work that the Bible Society has been able to achieve in this country over the years. Pray for sufficient funds to ensure that enough Bibles are available.

Faroe Islands: Pray that all denominations on this island will support this fledgling Bible Society. Pray that the Faroese will realise the value of the biblical message and make it their own.

9 – 15 Jun

Spain: Thank God for Bible work in this country. Pray for all our donors, volunteers and staff. Also, pray for a good relationship with the churches in our country. Pray that it will be possible for us to provide Bibles in suitable formats.

Portugal: Please pray for the bicentenary of the Almeida translation of the Bible. Pray for the congress and exhibition being arranged to commemorate the lives and work of the translators of the Bible into Portuguese. Also, pray for the revision of this translation because of the necessity of a younger generation of readers to understand the text better.

France: Pray that God will bless Bible work in this country so that his Word will reach the hearts of all our people. Pray that we will be able to make the Bible available in various formats and translations to provide for the Bible needs of our people. Pray for political stability.

16 – 22 Jun

Republic of Ireland:

Praise God that we are free to distribute the Bible here. Please pray that we will be able to reach the various generations, especially the youth and children, with the Bible. Also, pray that our publications will encourage people's interest in the Bible.

Scotland: Pray that our *Bibleworld Book* literacy project will promote children's reading skills, but at the same time help them to discover God and the Bible. Pray for the many churches that use this resource and for enough volunteers to use this resource in educational after-school clubs.

Northern Ireland: Pray for our efforts to expand our partnership with churches and Christian organisations and to strengthen our relationships with them, and in doing so promote the impact of the Bible Society here. Pray for new, creative ways to attract more supporters and partners with a passion for the Bible.

England and Wales:

Please pray for the wide variety of Bible work that we do here. Pray for all

our initiatives, events and resources which are focused on helping Christians to enthusiastically and passionately engage with the Bible. Also, pray for our work to promote the importance of the Bible in education, film, politics and in the workplace.

23 – 29 Jun

Switzerland: Thank God for his love and protection. Please pray for all the refugees, prisoners, elderly and those in need in our country. Pray that we will be able to provide the Bible with its message of hope to them. Also, pray for our staff and donors, and thank him for their dedication and support.

Belgium (French): Thank God that it is possible for us to promote the Bible cause. Pray that we will be able to continue with the projects that we started last year to encourage our people's interest in the Bible.

Belgium (Flemish): Thank God that we are able to reach out to our people with the Bible in suitable formats. Thank him that we are able to support Bible projects throughout the world and for every donor who makes this possible. Pray for the staff.

Netherlands: Thank God for our 60 employees and 1 400 volunteers who passionately and enthusiastically work to make the Bible available to people. Pray that God will bless *BibleBasics*. We will attempt to reach children with 200 Bible stories through this Sunday school programme.