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JULY

28 Jun – 4 Jul

Austria: Praise God that we are privileged to provide Bibles to prison inmates and refugees in their mother tongue. Also, pray for the young people who visit the Bible Centre in Vienna.

Germany: Please pray for the final preparations of the *Basic Bible* before its launch in 2021. Pray for the continued funding of global Bible projects by churches and donors. Also, pray for the growing interest in the Bible here and our work promoting God's Word.

Italy: Pray for God to bring healing to our country that has been devastated by the scourge of Covid-19. Pray that his Word and the comfort it brings will touch the hearts of the entire population.

5 – 11 Jul

Slovenia: Pray that an agreement will be reached with the Catholic Church with regard to Bible text



copyright. Pray for the translators working on the dynamic translation of the New Testament as well as for the expansion of the *Trauma Healing* programme.

Serbia: Pray for the Bible cause in this Christian-majority country. Pray that God will guide the work carried out by Bible Society staff to make the Word available in formats that engage people of all ages.

Croatia: Amid the global chaos of 2020, pray that God will continue to bless

Bible work in this country. Pray that the Bible Society here will provide the Word in suitable formats so that people will really be able to experience the life-giving message of the Word.

Bosnia and Herzegovina: Please pray for the people of this country, that they will have access to suitable Bible material that will transform their hearts.

12 – 18 Jul

Greece: We praise and honour God for what we have been able to accomplish despite the financial

crisis. Thank God for the successful bicentenary celebration of the founding of the Ionian Bible Society. Please pray that there will be an increased demand for Bibles.

Albania: Please pray for our various translation projects. Also, pray for our *Friends For Life Sport Centre* project helping the youth to encounter the message of the Bible for the first time and to get more engaged with the Scriptures throughout the year.

Macedonia: Please pray for the Bible work undertaken by our local Bible Society, that we will be able to reach the children specifically. Pray that we will be able to promote Bible engagement and serve various segments of the population including the Deaf.

19 – 25 Jul

Belarus: Please pray for the Bible work here, especially among the children who are open to the Word of God. Pray that we will be able to provide suitable material that teaches them the Word of God in a creative way so that they can truly engage with the Bible.

Lithuania: Continue to pray for the New Testament translation, both into modern Lithuanian and the Lithuanian Sign Language. Praise God for the passion and dedication of our staff. Pray for the growing success of the *Living Pictures* contest where children share the Bible's message through photography.

26 Jul – 1 Aug

Romania: Please pray for the resolution of the copyright lawsuits regarding the Cornilescu Bible. These have dragged on for the last seven years. Pray for further development of our projects and publishing activities, as well as co-operation with all affiliated churches.

Estonia: Please pray for Bible work here as it is a very secular country. Pray for our efforts to increase awareness of the Bible as a source of life. Pray that Christians and non-Christians alike will gain a better understanding of the Word through the work we plan to achieve.

Latvia: Pray for the revision of the Bible in Latvian and that it will become a symbol of unity among the churches. Also,

pray for our Bible advocacy campaigns to make the Bible known and that we will be able to provide Scriptures in electronic formats.

2 – 8 Aug

Hungary: Praise God for the recently revised Karoli Bible, our Bible distribution projects and our online Bible contests. Please pray for the positive reception of these initiatives. Also, pray for the progress of the translation in Sign Language, for all the hearts we touch as well as our team.

Moldova: Please pray that everyone in Moldova is touched by God's Word – that it will be in a suitable format and in a language they can understand. Pray that we will be able to put special emphasis on Bible advocacy and engagement in our society and for more fruitful co-operation with the churches.

Bulgaria: Pray that we will not only be able to meet the Bible needs of our people but also the refugees in our country. Also, pray that we will be able to meet the needs of the people with visual and other disabilities as well as the children in the orphanages.



9 – 15 Aug

Ukraine: Pray for Bible work in this country amid local and international crises. Pray for all our projects and that we will be able to reach the youth and students, in particular.

Uzbekistan: Please pray for the Bible cause in this landlocked, Muslim-majority country. Pray that God will guide the work carried out by Bible Society staff to make the Word available in different formats.

Tajikistan: Please pray that God will bless Bible work here. Pray that obstacles to reaching the people and making the Bible available in formats and translations that meet their needs will be overcome.

16 – 22 Aug

Poland: Pray that young people in our country will recognise the need for God's Word in their lives. Pray for the free distribution of the New Testament in schools and churches. Praise God for the distribution of the Ecumenical Bible in Poland.

Czech Republic: Pray for the eight Bible Society employees who make sure the Bible is available to every church and resident. Pray for our special projects, particularly the new bilingual New Testament editions for young people.

Slovakia: Pray for the work we hope to accomplish in strengthening the faith of the Deaf in Slovakia. Pray that we will

be able to meet the Bible needs of the Christians here but particularly those of the visually impaired.

23 – 29 Aug

Algeria: Pray that the pressure exerted from the authorities against churches and the Bible Society will be alleviated. Pray that God will allow the Bible Society to continue operating there.

Egypt: Pray for us as we are still expanding areas of opportunity, such as increased Bible distribution and more engagement with the Bible. Pray for our fundraising efforts to make Scriptures available and offer essential Bible engagement programmes.

Tunisia: Pray that God will truly open the way for Bible work in Tunisia. Despite the

fact that a Bible Society does not operate here yet, please pray that his Word will penetrate the hearts of the people nonetheless.

Morocco: Praise God that Bible work is possible here. Please pray that the Bible Society will be able to have an impact and be able to teach biblical principles to all the people but especially young people and children.

30 Aug – 5 Sep

Arab Israeli Bible

Society: Pray for new engagement and partnership opportunities with the Palestinian Church and society. Please pray for peace in Jerusalem. Pray for our commitment to make the Word of God available to Arab Israelis who live inside Israel.

Israel: Praise God for the privilege of spreading his Word in the heart of Jerusalem. Pray for us as we continue our endeavours to make the Word of God available and accessible to the people here as well as the many visitors.

6 – 12 Sep

Lebanon: Please pray for our Excellence Centres. These serve the Church in the Middle East

with God's Word by means of translations, publications, different projects and programmes, and that it would further assist children, young people and adults.

Jordan: Please pray for the Bible Society in Jordan's plan to establish a Ministry Centre. It is located in a busy part of Amman that facilitates access to both the Bible and the Bible Society.

Syria: Praise God for all the support received last year. Thank God for his Holy Word and for its distribution to all areas of the country thanks to the incredible effort made by our volunteers.

13 – 19 Sep

Malta: Pray that the Bible Society will be able to continue to carry out its mission in various ways and with different programmes to meet the Bible needs of everyone in the country.

Turkey: Praise God for the bicentennial commemoration of the Bible Society in Turkey this year. Pray that our activities will help the Turkish people to learn more about the Word of God. Also, pray for our ongoing translation projects

as well as the safety of our team.

Cyprus: Despite the current financial crisis, praise God that he has provided the Bible Society in Cyprus with all the funds needed to serve the people of Cyprus. Praise God for the distribution of New Testaments in schools by the Ministry of Education.

20 – 26 Sep

Gulf States: Please pray for the trauma healing programme first implemented in Bahrain in 2017 as well as for plans for its expansion to more countries in the Gulf area. Pray for our adaptation of the New Testament in Arabic to a Gulf dialect.

Iran: Pray for this country so impacted by the pandemic of 2020. Pray for partners to support Bible work so that people can be reached and comforted by the promises of God's Word.

Iraq: Pray for our people who have suffered terribly for many years. Pray for peace and healing. Pray especially for the young people and children, that they will be introduced to the Word of God. **IS**