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- Bibles for Africa [11042]
- Bibles for where most needed [11043]

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\$..... to help provide as many Bibles as possible

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- Cheque Money Order
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- Direct Debit details (please complete below)

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Please charge \$..... to my...
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Thank you! Please make your cheque/money order payable to Bible League.

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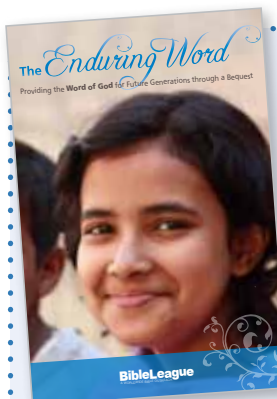
Through taking part in ALL4BIBLES you can get sponsorship for doing what you love to do or by creating and selling the things you love to make. You can raise money to place a Bible with someone who does not have one.

One of our Bible League supporters Anastacia, recently made a number of beautiful embroidery and cross-stitch creations to raise money for Bibles.

Each of her cross stitches, including large framed wall hangings, pillows and bookmarks, contain inspiring Bible verses.

"I was doing it in my spare time," she said. "To me cross-stitch is more than a hobby, it's a blessing. I think it's the best decoration for the whole home. My prayer is that when God's Word is in the home, somehow God will touch them. It's not for my glory but for God's glory. It's a blessing to others."

You can also use your talents and abilities to place Bibles with Bible-less people. Want to know more? Visit our website: www.bibleleague.com.au to view the promotional video or call Bible League on 1800 800 937.



BEQUEST

A bequest to Bible League is a great way to continue your passion for reaching out to others with God's Word and by doing so, it will powerfully impact future generations. Like to find out more?

Please contact our Bequest Officer Tania on 1800 800 937 or email tania@bibleleague.com.au

EVENTS
Bible League showcases

Bible League staff will be holding information morning tea's or supper's over the next three months. Come along, meet the team and enjoy a lively 60 minute audio visual presentation that will highlight what Bible League is doing around the world to help empower the Church to fulfil the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19). You will have the opportunity to ask questions as well as enjoy fellowship over morning tea or supper. For more details please contact Linda at Bible League on 1800 800 937.



Parramatta:
Tuesday, April 12
10.30am or 7.00pm



Wollongong:
Tuesday, May 10
10.30 am



Newcastle:
Thursday, May 26
10.30 am



North Sydney:
Thursday, June 9
10.30 am.



Sutherland:
Friday, June 10
10:30 am

NEEDED: Church Representatives

Would you like to help promote the world wide work of Bible League in your local church community?

One way of doing this is by becoming a volunteer Bible League Representative in your local Church. Find out what's involved by contacting Bible League on 1800 800 937 or visit our website www.bibleleague.com.au



REPORT APRIL 2011

TRUE STORIES ABOUT DISCIPLE MAKERS LIKE YOU

APRIL 2011

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Bibles bring hope to the suffering

At no time in history have Christians been so persecuted. Millions live with the threat of being imprisoned, tortured and even killed because they will not buckle under pressure to deny Christ. Many times their Bibles are defaced, taken or even burnt.

A Christian in India knows this full well. She writes: "One day 30 to 40 Hindu fundamentalists barged into our house. They ripped the Scripture verses off the walls and threw our Bibles and study materials in a sack. They forced us to march to a nearby Hindu temple. At the temple, they smeared our faces with the powders they use for their gods while they continued to slap our faces with their shoes. **They burned our Bibles and threatened to burn our house if we continued to share Christ with others.**"

Despite being attacked and threatened, this Christian woman still insisted on sharing about Jesus with others around her - even as she served her prison sentence for her "crime" of witnessing about Jesus Christ.

Bible League provides Bibles for persecuted Christians just like this woman. Locally-trained Bible League workers come alongside suffering believers to help strengthen and disciple them through the gift of a Bible. Many persecuted Christians do not have a Bible because of governmental restrictions, lack of availability or because they simply cannot afford one.

A Chinese believer shared that the gift of a Bible brings great hope to a suffering Christian.

"When Christians live every day in a world that hates and persecutes them, they feel hopeless. But when a believer receives a Bible and Bible study material from someone who lives in a free country, they feel a rushing sense of hope!"

Will you help strengthen the faith of those who suffer by providing God's Word of hope? Tick 'Bibles for Persecuted Christians' on the coupon provided.



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FROM THE CEO



Dear Friends,

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
Luke 19:10

Of all the things Jesus came to do, his primary mission was to seek and save the lost. Eternity was his focus and above all he wanted people to find salvation. It is the very mission that we as the Church are called to and it is also the ministry focus of Bible League.

When Bible League provides people with God's Word and shares this message of salvation with them, people's lives begin to change. They repent, find forgiveness, salvation and freedom. Their life is restored and renewed.

In the World Update enclosed you'll find some exciting results. Last year, more than 12 million Scriptures were placed around the world, 2.7 million people took part in a Project Phillip Bible study and more than 479,000 people became new church members. Praise God! I encourage you to look at these figures—they tell a wonderful story!

As you read this April Bible League Report I pray you'll be inspired by the story of Obioma who said her life was restored through coming to know Christ. I pray you will be challenged by the determination of persecuted Christians to continue sharing the Good News and I pray you'll be encouraged by the life of John Emery, a former Bible League worker who lived to glorify Christ and make him known.

Thank you for partnering with us as we work together in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Every blessing,

Grahame Smith
Chief Executive Officer
Bible League in Australia

AFRICA

Finding GOLD in God's Word

Poverty, HIV/AIDs, civil war, child soldiers, lack of education and homelessness are all issues that face Africa's youth. Their need for Jesus has never been greater.

"Those we call youth today will soon be adults," Senior Director of Bible League Africa ministries Silas Kenala said. "We need to catch them now and help them be alive in the Lord for the rest of their days."



Through a recently developed program, "God-Ordained Life and Dream" (G.O.L.D), Bible League is aiming to do exactly that - lead people to faith and life in Jesus Christ through the powerful message of the Gospel.

The G.O.L.D evangelism and discipleship Bible study program was developed in 2008 and first trialed in Nigeria and Ghana. It is specifically designed for Africa's secondary school and university students.

Obioma, a university student in Nigeria, eagerly shares how taking part in G.O.L.D. has changed her life.

"I find peace when studying G.O.L.D," she says. "This study touches my heart. I cried for my sin, my reluctance to follow Jesus and how far I have been away from God. G.O.L.D. has revived and restored my life. Thank you so much for what I have received from G.O.L.D."

This Bible-based project has the potential to transform the future of young people in Nigeria and Ghana. Bible League is also aiming to deliver the program to our other ministry countries in Africa this year. To go ahead we urgently need more G.O.L.D youth Bibles, Bible studies and training resources. Will you help? Tick 'Bibles for Africa' on the coupon provided.



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER...

■ **Pray** for the millions of Persecuted Christians around the world who endure suffering because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that they will not be fearful but filled with courage and a growing passion to share Jesus with others.

■ **Pray** for Bible League in Africa as they aim to expand the G.O.L.D (God Ordained Life and Dream) program into more countries this year. Pray that more G.O.L.D youth Bibles, Bible studies and training resources will be provided.

■ **Praise God** for the life of John Emery and the great

contribution he made to Bible League through his involvement in our ministry for more than 30 years. Pray that his example will inspire many to a life that will glorify God and make Him known.

■ **Pray** for people who have been affected by the recent floods in Queensland, Northern NSW, Victoria and bushfires in Western Australia; that the Lord will bring them comfort and strength. Pray that people will see their need for Jesus Christ in their lives and find assurance **during this time of devastation and uncertainty.**

A GOD-CENTERED MINISTRY

A snapshot of John Emery's legacy

John was born in April 1933 in Guildford, western Sydney and married Robyn with whom he had two children Bradley and Lynette. John was ordained as an Anglican minister in 1958 and worked in a number of parishes before joining Bible League where he served for more than 30 years.



John, who at age 77, passed away on January 14th 2011, had a tremendous impact on Bible League's ministry and has left behind an enduring legacy.

John began as a field worker in 1980 and was later appointed as the National Director of Bible League from 1992 to 1997. During this time he was closely involved in fundraising, printing and the distribution of millions of Bibles particularly in China, Russia, Brazil, Ukraine, Papua New Guinea and Australia.

There were a number of projects that were close to John's heart. One was the printing and placement of 1.3 million copies of the 1988 Bicentennial Celebration New Testament in Australia. The great success of this project led to the printing and shipping of 2.3 million Russian versions of the Celebration New Testament.

At the time, it was the largest print run of a book in Australian printing history. John was also very involved in raising funds to finance the publication of a New Testament for the Barai people in Papua New Guinea. He was deeply touched by the change he saw in people's lives.

When John retired from Bible League in October 1997, he immediately set up the Bibles for Missions Op Shop in Blaxland NSW, where he worked voluntarily for over 13 years raising funds to send Bibles to Africa. John had said the Op Shop was a "gift from God".

Former National Director of Bible League, Bob Cole worked as John's understudy for three years and said John was a man who was passionate about Bible League's work and driven to share the Gospel.

"He'd be pulling boxes of Bibles off the truck and he'd be witnessing to the truck driver," Bob said. "He was ever the evangelist and ever seeking to glorify the Lord.

"John helped put [Bible League] on the map. [The words] 'well done good and faithful servant' would certainly be Jesus' words to John. He stuck to the course."

John had once written that: "My great goal in life was to please the Lord God as Jesus did." His life is truly a testimony to his striving to achieve this goal.

FLOOD APPEAL



The recent floods in Queensland, Victoria and northern New South Wales have brought loss, devastation, and heartache to many lives.

Bible League has responded by providing Bibles - God's message of hope and salvation - to those living in flood affected regions. Along with a Bible, a helpful Bible reading guide was also provided.

Bibles are distributed through local

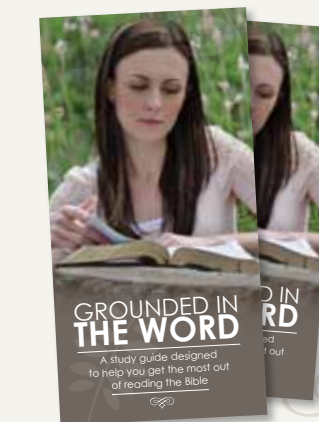
churches and various agencies that are involved in the post flood recovery phase. Bibles are provided to people who have lost their own copy or who wish to have a copy.

"Thanks to our generous supporters, more than \$20,000 has been raised so far in funds," CEO of Bible League Grahame Smith said. "Church groups and individuals have been greatly touched by this free gift of God's Word during such a difficult time.

"SO WE MAKE IT OUR GOAL TO PLEASE HIM, WHETHER WE ARE AT HOME IN THE BODY OR AWAY FROM IT." 2 CORINTHIANS 5:9

FURTHER Information:

- Please send me more information about **ALL4BIBLES**
- Bequests** - Please send me more information about making provision for Bible League in my Will
- Please send me more information about becoming a **WordSharing Partner**
- I would like more information about becoming a **Church Representative**



A study guide designed to help you get the most out of reading the Bible.

All scripture is God-breathed...
2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

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