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We have been overwhelmed by your generous response to the launch of the Digital Bible Libraries. Plans are underway to provide the Bible libraries in other formats such as on thumb drives, CD & DVD and in additional languages. To date, your support has provided more than 3,500 Digital Bible Libraries - Thank you.

There has been a strong demand for Bible Leagues' Reflections in Word and Song CD which features 12 popular hymns and inspirational Bible readings. If you haven't received a copy as yet it is not too late. To order your free copy ring Bible League on Freecall 1800 800 937 or go to our website at bibleleague.com.au. If you would like a CD sent to a friend or family member pass on their contact details to us and we will send a copy to them.



WHAT'S ON!

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8 February

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20 - 24 February

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3 April

Kensington, Sydney

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[WANTED] VOLUNTEERS WITH A HEART FOR MISSION

We are looking for volunteers to help co-ordinate our **prayer support**, **All4Bibles** and **Run4Bibles** programs. If you have a passion for Bible based ministries and a desire to encourage and motivate others to share in the global work of Bible League then we would be delighted to hear from you. For a job description or further information please **contact Judy** on **(02) 4731 6599** or **email judy@bibleleague.com.au**

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THE BABY IN A BUSH

Kelile was astonished when he came across a baby girl, lodged and crying in a bush. Carefully pulling her out, he noticed her skin colour was different from others in his village. Even so, his automatic response was to help her. Abandoned, helpless and left to die in a bush, his heart went out to her. Her cries touched him deeply.

He took her to the local police station, but the officers were completely baffled. No one knew who her parents were, where she came from or even the last time she ate or drank anything. She was a mystery.

Even though they already had children of their own, Kelile brought the infant home to his wife, determined to protect and care for the precious child. Even though they were poor, they welcomed the new addition to the family, sharing all the love and protection they could. They named her Sidamee, which means "lost and found" in the Hadiya language of Ethiopia. Kelile didn't know that he was about to receive his own outpouring of love.

A WITNESS OF LOVE

A group of Christians from a Bible League International church plant in Kelile's village noticed his act of mercy on the child, and it moved them to approach the family. Wanting to shine Jesus' light into that home, they shared the Gospel with Kelile, his wife and Sidamee's new family, in their heart language.

OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME

As she grew, the group of Christians continued to minister to Sidamee and her family, sharing the Gospel and the love of Jesus. Today, Sidamee has a home and a community of Christians who care about her. That is the beauty of how Bible League International partnerships work. They train indigenous Christians to know how to minister, locals who know the language, know the culture, and are permanently embedded in the community. There's no time limit; they are committed to sharing Jesus over the long term.

WILL YOU HELP PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED BIBLES, BIBLE RESOURCES AND TRAINING FOR CHRISTIANS IN AFRICA SO THAT THEY CAN REACH OUT IN LOVE TO THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES?

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How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news ISAIAH 52:7A (NIV)

FROM THE
CEO

Dear Friends,

"Two people are better than one. When two people work together, they get more work done" ECCLESIASTES 4:9 ERV

An exciting development in the life of Bible League International is the recent merger with World Bible Translation Centre. You will be able to read more about this merger in this edition of the Report.

One of the most common questions I am asked about Christian organisations in general, is "Why aren't different Christian organisations working together – surely this would save costs?"

When I have been asked this question, I must admit I have struggled to come up with an immediate answer, as the idea of Christian organisations working together seems so logical.

It is therefore with much joy, that the news of the merger of Bible League International and World Bible Translation centres is being shared with you today. But the good news doesn't end there. In recent times Bible League International has been talking with other like-minded ministries about joining together on strategic projects; projects like The Greatest Journey program with Samaritans Purse; Project Philip for Children with Compassion in Central America, Digital Bible libraries with Digital Bible Society and an evangelistic outreach project with YWAM Brisbane. In each case, two organisations working together, so that together, we get more done.

The Bible League International of the future will be an organisation known for its willingness to partner with other Christian organisations, so that more people around the world will come to understand what God is saying to them through His Word. The more that can be achieved, the more God will be glorified.

Every blessing,

Grahame Smith
Chief Executive Officer, Bible League in Australia

MERGER STRENGTHENS
MINISTRY IMPACT

Bible League International and World Bible Translation Center (WBTC), like-minded ministries with complementary missions, merged on 1 September 2011.

These two organisations have a common mission of sharing the Word of God around the world so it can be understood and lives changed.

WBTC is a non-profit, Bible translation organisation which was founded in 1973 by a handful of people with the desire to see God's Word accurately translated in a simple and clear way. Their aim is to translate the world's top 100 languages into the Easy to Read Version (ERV) which will effectively reach 95% of the world's people. To date, WBTC has translated 30 languages and has distributed more than 21 million Bibles.

Bible League International Global CEO Rob Frank said, "This merger will strengthen operations for both of our ministries, increasing the tools available to reach the three global audiences we share: the poorest of the poor, the persecuted church and those walking in darkness."

While WBTC has strengths in Bible translation and publishing, Bible League International has an extensive distribution network and evangelism training expertise. All over the world, believers and those who need to know Christ will benefit from the ministries combining together. **Increased efficiencies, reduced costs and better access to translations, all mean one thing – greater ministry impact. In other words, more Bibles where they are needed most.**

Samples of ERV Bibles can be seen on the WBTC website www.wbtc.org.

Although now working as one, Bible League International and WBTC will continue to serve the church worldwide under their separate organisational names, with WBTC being a ministry of Bible League International.

WHERE IS THE REPORT?

We have changed the name and the layout of our quarterly supporter magazine, The Report, to better reflect how your faithful support is impacting lives and nations with God's Word. We trust you will be encouraged as you read this edition.



AUSTRALIA 10,000 Bibles, provided by Bible League, will be personally given to families through Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Brisbane during January 2012

FIJI 1,680 Hindi Bibles are being provided for distribution through Samaritan's Purse and Ambassadors for Christ.

VIETNAM The World Bible Translation Centre (WBTC) has been working on the production of a Vietnamese edition of its Easy-to-Read Bible. Vietnamese authorities have approved the publication and distribution of up to 100,000 Bibles next year.

KENYA 400 prisoners in the King'ong'o Prison, one of the largest prisons in Kenya, received Bibles following the running of Bible studies by a Bible League trained local Christian. The Officer-in-Charge, a Muslim, encouraged the expansion of the program to other inmates.

PERU "Hope for the Amazon Vessel" is a joint project between Bible League, Scripture Union and Bible Society that is bringing the Word of God and medical help to remote villages along the Amazon.

CHINA Over 10,000 Cross Study Bibles have been provided to lay leaders and pastors in partnership with New Life Literature and the network of Churches across China.

INDIA The past year has seen more than 170,000 people complete evangelistic Bible studies provided by Bible League.

ALBANIA To continuously encourage churches in their ministry Bible League has initiated two programs entitled 'One family One Bible' and 'Each Believer should be an evangelist'

ATHIEST NOW PASSIONATE TO GROW CHINA'S CHURCH

FROM ATHEISM TO A PASSION FOR GOD

For many years, atheism was all Shan knew—firmly believing that there was no God. He filled his life with the many pleasures the world offered him, with little or no regard for others. He had no respect for the Church in China, and refused to ever read a Chinese Bible. "I loved to gamble," says Shan. "And I loved to drink."

DETERMINED TO SHARE CHINESE BIBLE

But Shan's view of living changed drastically when his health declined—paving the way for the Lord. "One year my throat was hurt," he says. "The doctor told me I had Pharyngitis. I was ill for a long time and could not get well." Desperate for healing, God drew Shan to an elder Christian lady in his village who was determined to share a Chinese Bible with him. "She shared with me and tried to persuade me to believe in Christ. My throat was healed and I accepted the invitation."

NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL

Shan began to spread the Gospel throughout his village—"God made me realise that many people in villages like mine have never heard about the Gospel. Many are captured by cults and other religions".

FAITHFUL SERVANT

Shan now travels throughout China spreading the Gospel. "God loves me. His grace is always with me. Therefore, I am willing to follow Him to be a faithful servant. I have decided to leave the world behind, and I want to win more souls for Christ."

WILL YOU HELP EMPOWER FAITHFUL
CHRISTIANS LIKE SHAN TO REACH OUT
TO THE MILLIONS YET TO HEAR ABOUT
THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS IN CHINA?

YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE THIS A REALITY.
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Pray for the Church in China as it enjoys greater freedom. Continue to pray that more Bibles will be provided for Christians living particularly in the poorer provinces of China.

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- Please send me **The Gift That Lasts**, Bibles for Persecuted Christians booklet (TGTL)
- Please send me a **Free Reflections CD**

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Bibles for Persecuted Christians booklet

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."

1 Peter 1:23 (NIV)

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. PSALM 136:1 (NIV)