

Providing Bibles to Victoria's bushfire victims

The ferocious bushfires that tore through Victoria have resulted in more than 200 lives lost and news reports say up to 7,000 people are now homeless.

As the Australian people come to terms with the enormous loss of life and prepare for a national day of mourning this Sunday, Bible League has responded by providing Bibles to offer spiritual support and hope to the bushfire victims.

The Bibles have been placed through Salvation Army chaplains who are providing emotional and spiritual support to emergency workers and bushfire survivors.

Chief Secretary of the Salvation Army, Australian Southern Territory, Raymond Finger, expressed his deep appreciation of Bible League's assistance.

"[It's a] beautiful and generous gesture from Bible League Australia," he said. "The devastation of the Victorian bushfires is unbelievable and the stories coming out through our chaplains are just horrible. You can be assured the Bibles will be distributed widely."

Along with the Bibles, Bible League has also provided a Bible reading guide to help people get the most out of their Bible.

National Director of Bible League Australia, Grahame Smith, said that it's during times of crisis that people are more likely to see their need for God.

"As many people come to terms with losing loved ones, homes and possessions, some may be asking questions about God, life and loss," he said. "Through offering hope and salvation that is presented in God's Word, people will have an opportunity to have their questions answered."

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