Pray with the Bible Societies

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31 March – 6 April

Colombia: Please pray for the success of the first Wayuunaiki Old Testament translation, which will serve the indigenous population of the Wayuu ethnic group in La Guajira. Pray for the translators and their families and acceptance of the translation. Please also pray for the teachers who train the translators.

Venezuela: The situation in our country remains volatile, and living conditions are incredibly burdensome. Please pray for essential resources such as healthcare, medicine, water and electricity to become accessible. Please pray for the provision of Scripture through Bible translation so the Word of God continues to spread.

Uruguay: Our Breakfast with Jesus programme aims to contribute to the nutritional and spiritual development of 10 000 children who live in extreme poverty. By providing snacks and appropriate Scriptures and Bible teachings, we can emphasise the unconditional love of Jesus. Please pray that the children will see the hand of God working in their lives and experience profound transformation.

7 April – 13 April

Argentina: Please pray for translation of the New Testament and Bible stories



from the Old Testament into Argentine Sign Language. Also, pray for our project to offer inclusive publications such as audio Bibles and pictograms for children with cognitive disabilities.

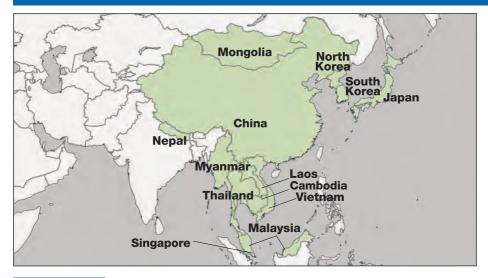
Bolivia: Our *Message of Hope* project aims to present 2 000 Guaraní children with a message of hope using Biblical material kits. Please pray that each child who receives the package will be blessed. Also, pray for the volunteers who supported us in delivering the kits.

Paraguay: Many people in our country cannot afford to buy Bibles. Please pray for our project to provide Scriptures for these audiences to enhance their growth in faith and spirituality, warding off destructive cultural behaviours. More and more people will come to Christ through discipleship from watching the Jesus Film, and Faith Comes by Hearing. Pray for God's blessing on the donors of this project.

14 April – 20 April

Brazil: Our Fostering Values in Schools project hopes to foster the revival of ethical and social values through the teachings of the Holy Bible. We also wish to develop a culture of peace within school communities. Please pray that Brazilian law will become more tolerant toward using the Bible in schools.

Peru: Please pray for our project that centres on enabling thousands of people who live in remote communities in the Peruvian highlands to know Jesus Christ through printed Bible material. Pray for the indigenous pastors and leaders participating in the project.



21 April – 27 April

Ecuador: Ecuador is home to about 24 000 blind people, and braille is an essential everyday tool for a high percentage of this population. Please pray for our project to implement 12 braille Bible-reading clubs and that blind communities will know the love of God and learn directly from His Word.

Chile: Our Born to Love project offers professional assistance to promote Christian family values among children and teenagers, focusing on healing family relationships and developing training in the prevention of sexual abuse and the healing process of trauma. Please pray for Chilean children, their families so they can find the path to the Lord and transform their lives.

28 April – 4 May

North Korea: Please pray for the economic development of North Korea, as approximately 60% of the population lives in extreme poverty. Pray that the people here will gain access to food and primary healthcare and that more people will accept Christ into their hearts and experience freedom, peace and joy in Him.

South Korea: Please continue to pray for Bible work in our country and that we will strengthen our goal to serve Korean churches. Pray that our mission to share God's Word through translation, publication and various programmes will be successful and help people live out God's Word in their daily lives.

Japan: Please pray for the continued success of Japanese Bible work as we endeavour to spread the Gospel and share God's Word. Pray for the ongoing translation of the Bible into Japanese Sign Language, especially for the translation team and their families.

5 May – 11 May

China Partnership: Please pray for our project to provide

Bible paper to support the Church in China in printing and distributing more Bibles to the growing number of Chinese people coming to know Jesus. Pray for annual approval from the authorities to issue Bible print permits and that the Word of God will help readers to grow in their understanding and belief in Jesus Christ.

Mongolia: Please pray for our Braille Window Project to bring light into the lives of people with visual disabilities by teaching them how to read and engage them with the Word of God. Pray that people with visual disabilities will see the light of God and bring hope through Scripture training.

Singapore: Please pray for the success of all our projects and that the Bible Society of Singapore continues to make the Word of God available to all people through Bible translation, publication, distribution and literacy programmes, engagement and advocacy. Nepal: Only about 1,76% of our population are practising Christians. Pray that our projects to empower citizens with the knowledge of Christ will be widespread and successful. Pray that literacy rates in Nepal will improve and that more people will have access to the Word of God through Bible work.

12 May - 18 May

Malaysia: Please pray for our mission to make the Bible available to all Malaysians to engage them with the Word of God and advocate Bible ministry to people from other faith groups. Pray that we can foster a closer relationship with local churches to produce digital Bible material to meet the needs of the new generation.

Thailand:

The majority of Thai people do not have any knowledge of Christianity or the Bible, and Christians constitute only 1,2% of over 71 million inhabitants. Pray for the success of our vision to see every Thai person with a Bible and the skills to use it. Pray for our translation and distribution efforts and advocacy initiatives as we help Thai Christians understand and appreciate the Scriptures.

Myanmar:

Please pray for our continued efforts to translate the Bible into the heart languages of all our fellow citizens. Pray for our vision to provide Scripture resources and make the Word of God available in various formats through collaboration with other agencies.

19 May – 25 May

Cambodia: Our literacy programme, *Learning Through Listening*, addresses a lack of literacy among Cambodians. Please pray for the programme's impact in the provinces, for new strategies to implement the programme, and that God will use His Word to bring salvation to students and spiritual growth to believers.

Vietnam: Vietnam is a nominal Buddhist country controlled by communist ideologies and economic rent-seekers. Please pray for the availability of the Bible and its meaningful use among the people inhabiting Vietnam and their diasporic communities.

Laos: There are still many restrictions on religious freedom in our country. Please pray that we will be able to establish a Bible Society office in the future and that we will be able to empower younger generations with Biblical knowledge and values.

26 May - 1 June

Norway: Please continue to pray for the Norwegian Bible Society's mission to make the Bible more freely available. Pray for our goal to make the Bible present and visible in churches and general society by 2025.

Finland: Praise God for the success of all our current and past literacy projects. Please pray that the Finnish Bible Society can meet our goals, promote awareness, and raise interest in the Word of God. Pray that we can complete all our running programmes and

make more Bibles available at affordable prices.

Sweden: Please keep praying for our staff and ongoing Bible work in our country as we work toward ensuring the Bible is translated, made available and frequently used in Sweden. Pray that more people will come to know God's Word in their heart language and that more people will support the Bible Society's work.

2 June – 8 June

Portugal: Following the success of our *Digital Trans-formation Roadmap*, we want to take the next step in helping people engage digitally with the Bible text and other resources. Please pray that we can reach different audiences through this initiative.

France: As our country becomes more secular and Christianity is often rejected, we face a more significant challenge to spread God's Word and show how relevant the Bible is. Please pray that we can reach more hearts with the Holy Scriptures. Pray for our efforts to provide inclusive Biblical tools such as podcasts, books for migrants and Bibles adapted for people experiencing homelessness.

Spain: The Bible Society's mission is to disseminate the Bible to all people who want to approach it and to ensure there is no barrier that prevents them from doing so. Please pray for our projects to translate and revise Biblical text and work toward producing Scriptures in different languages and formats.



9 June – 15 June

Denmark: Please pray that more Danish people will reconnect with the Word of God and that the Scriptures will profoundly impact our communities. Pray especially for our translation projects and that Bible engagement will increase, particularly among our nation's youth.

Faroe Islands: The Faroese Bible Society operates in an island community with 54 000 citizens. Please pray that Bible work in our region will impact many lives and that we can provide Bibles and Biblical materials in multiple translations and forms of media.

Iceland: The Icelandic Bible Society aims to publish, distribute and encourage the use of the Bible and ensure that the Bible is always available in Icelandic at an affordable price. Please pray for our efforts to raise the profile of the Bible and that Icelandic citizens will return to the pages of God's Word.

16 June – 22 June

Scotland: Continue to pray for the health and well-being of our staff and their families as we work diligently to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of Scotland. Pray that the Word of God will spread among the youth and filter into future generations as a beacon of hope.

England and Wales: Please pray that followers of Jesus everywhere will grow in knowledge and love of God. Pray for guidance so that, in fast-moving times, the Bible Society can respond to new challenges and opportunities in whatever way Christ is calling us to.

Northern Ireland: Please pray that we will see growth

and development in the Bible Society in Northern Ireland as we work to serve and support the Church. Pray that we will see more local people engage with God's Word, develop a love and passion for Scripture, and a growing heart for supporting the global Bible mission.

Republic of Ireland: In

Ireland, the National Bible Society works with all Christian churches and with individuals providing Bible resources, simple guides, Scripture studies, help and expertise. We want everyone to know and understand the Word of God. Please pray for the success of all our current projects.

23 June – 29 June

Belgium: Continue to pray for Bible work in our nation and that we can reach more hearts with the Word of God. Pray for our younger generations and that they may be captivated by the Bible and carry the message of hope to future generations.

Switzerland: We thank God for all the successful work completed by the Swiss Bible Society staff. Please pray for God's blessings on our current and future projects and a special blessing on all who are working hard to spread the Gospel.

Netherlands and Flanders:

Please continue to pray that the Bible is opened more frequently in our regions and that people discover the Bible as a relevant source for their lives. Also, pray that all children have the opportunity to learn about the Bible and implement Biblical values in their lives.