

The Living Word Transforming Lives

Joyreport

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You are Making
a Difference!

Thank you!

You made a difference!



Our Mission

Connecting YOU with local champions to see maximum impact and multiplying transformation.

Bible League Canada is committed to doing missions differently. How? Through extraordinary international partnerships in over 40 countries. Local believers, equipped through Bible-centric discipleship programs to become champions for the Gospel, are reaching their own communities with the Living Word of God.

Bibles for new believers in Myanmar:

Like you, many new believers now know the truth about Jesus, but they need a Bible to read the words of comfort and truth for themselves. This past summer, **you provided Bibles** and ministry programs, for people waiting for their very own copy of God's Word in Myanmar! And because of your response to the matching opportunity, the number of Bibles was doubled to provide **65,835 Bibles to new believers!**

Bibles for Chinese children: Because of you, Bibles were provided to Chinese children and their families! There was a window of opportunity to bring Bibles into China, and because you responded to the matching opportunity, the number of Bibles was doubled to provide **26,804 Bibles!**

Bibles for persecuted Christians:

The Living Word of God provides comfort and hope to Christians persecuted for their faith. They are eager to share the hope they find in Jesus Christ. Because of your response to the matching opportunity, the number of Bibles was doubled to provide **138,322 Bibles** to persecuted Christians.

God bless you!



There's Still Time

Bringing Children to Jesus

Pastor Filma is a volunteer teacher for the children's ministry program happening through public schools in the Philippines. He is so very grateful for your steady support, even as the program underwent many changes.

He is eager to share news about this school year, once again started either online or outside. Relying on God's leading, volunteers are adapting to the new "normal" way of education as they reach more and more students in their areas.

"One thing I am thankful to the Lord for is the house church that grew during the pandemic. It started with a few of our students a few months before the

“ Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.

MATTHEW 19:14 NIV

pandemic. Every week we had class under the trees. When the pandemic hit, it slowed down for the first few months. But when restrictions loosened a little bit and we continued, many parents asked if they could join in!”

“The class has grown into a church now!

Our students come every Sunday, many of them with their parents.”

“Many things have been on hold during the pandemic, but children continue to grow and mature – we need to reach out to this generation while we still have time!”

You provided the Bibles and programs for these children.



The Rag Picker Returns

You made this continuing testimony possible

Five years ago, you were introduced to a rag picker named Raju Joseph. (BibleLeague.ca/Raju/ for his complete story) 

Raju—whose only income came from picking through garbage to find rags and plastic to sell—trusted Jesus with his life and received training to start new churches. He became a catalyst for change in his community!

Beyond starting a church and sharing Jesus with many of the villagers, he worked tirelessly for his neighbours: procuring property deeds, getting electricity run to the village, and having the dirt road leading into the village graded and covered in gravel.

That was five years ago, and Raju said then, “If you come here in five years... the transformation will be beautiful.”

Well, today a visit to Raju’s village indeed shows God’s faithfulness to this community!

The road is pavement. With streetlights! And in place of ramshackle houses made of tarp and tin, the families in the neighbourhood have built concrete houses. When the government decided to provide a multi-family apartment building with shared facilities, Raju lobbied for single-family homes with private bathrooms.

Raju and his wife have opened a small shop to sell food and basic necessities. On Sundays, everyone comes with their



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...faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.
ROMANS 10:17 NIV



Raju is passionate about improving his community: here he prepares the Scripture resources for the Bible-based literacy class he leads.

Bible, and the shop becomes the neighbourhood church.

Raju remains an advocate for his neighbours, and a spiritual rock in his community. He is not just preaching the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, he is living it in his community.

Praise God for His work through Raju, and through you!



Electricity for the community!



You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go...

JOHN 15:16A NIV

Making Disciples

Going to the Amazon

Manuel and his wife are part of the Amazonian Shipibo people group in Peru. He has received training to start new churches that you make possible through your support.

Manuel travelled 8 days by river boat to get to the training area. "I thank God because He has called me to connect with people and start new churches. I am eager to be equipped and prepared through this training," he says.

He is starting one new church in Libertad with the Yine people. "We are praying that the Lord will help us to continue taking the Living Word of God to more people, making more new disciples," Manuel says.

This area of the Amazon and its people are

well-known to Manuel because he used to work as a teacher. He shares that this previous experience has been helpful for the work of starting new churches as it has given him insight on how to connect with the people. He is committed to training people in the community to continue the work when he starts more churches as God leads.

Manuel requests your prayers for continued guidance for the new churches he is starting, and for his family, as three of his five adult children do not follow Jesus. "I am praying that they will become part of one of these new churches, and build a relationship with Jesus."

You bring the Living Word of God to the Amazon.

“Lord, save me!”

Calling out to God

“My name is Hovik, 21 years old. My family lives in the Ararat region of Armenia. I am the youngest in the family, always loved and perhaps a little bit spoiled.

In winter, my brother had to light the fire in the stove each morning, and I had to make sure the wood supply never ran out. Around the stove, my mother would lead our family in prayer, whether we wanted to or not—and I did not. God didn’t matter much to me.

I joined the army after graduation because in late September 2020, war broke out in Artsakh.

At the front line, we were in an open field. Suddenly, we were bombed, as if fire was falling from the sky. My legs trembled, I knelt on the ground. In that moment, my mind flooded with images of the woodstove

and the fire in our house, my family gathered around, and my mother’s prayers. I cried out, “Lord, save me!”

I learned later that when I shouted, “Lord, save me!” the men saw a ring around me, and they felt compelled to touch that ring. God saved us, all of us. That day, I cried out to the Lord for forgiveness.

When I returned home from the war, I told my mother about the miracle of that day, about the Lord’s mercy. She says she never stopped praying for me.

Today, I am in a Bible study group and they gave me a Bible—the greatest gift of my life. Jesus is my Lord and Saviour!”

You provided the Living Word of God – the greatest gift.

“*You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power...*
PSALM 77:14A NIV

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