

The Living Word Transforming Lives

# Joyreport

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## Making Disciples

# Thank you!



## Our Mission

**Connecting Canadian donor champions with global 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.

## Ukrainian Refugees in Eastern Europe:

Refugees from the war in Ukraine continue to pour into bordering Eastern European countries like Bulgaria, Romania, Poland and more. Ministry partners in those countries are going above and beyond to provide the spiritual comfort and strength that is so desperately needed, while they coordinate with local churches and organizations who are providing for physical needs. You responded to the urgent request for the Ukrainian Bibles they are so eager to receive: so far 21,684 Bibles and New Testaments have been printed and placed into waiting hands! (see page 4)

## School is In!

Kids in the Philippines headed back to school in June, and so did the volunteer teachers eager to meet with them again for the National Values Education Program. You provided 1,295 Bibles, along with training, so kids can hear about the love of Jesus, right in their public school classrooms.

## God bless you!



**For just \$5. Give a Bible to a new believer.**

See back cover for more info.

# Following Their Hearts

You Provided Bibles and Training

“*Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.*”

**JEREMIAH 17:14 NIV**

**Raizel shares, “I was brought up to worship many idols. I even served in one of the temples for a time, and fully embraced these rituals.”**

Despite being so immersed, Raizel and her family could not answer the question, “Why did we worship these idols?” Raizel explains, “We just did. We simply followed tradition. It was not a matter of the heart.”

But when Raizel became ill, none of the rituals made any difference. Raizel and her parents were desperate to find help for this illness that the gods couldn’t heal.

“One day my sister, a Christian, came from out of town to visit with us. She opened her Bible and told us all about Jesus, and how much He loves us,” Raizel says. “I asked, **‘Can your God heal me?’**”

Raizel’s sister then spoke with her about having true faith in God and understanding that healing needed to take place first in their hearts, and then in God’s time. Raizel’s

sister was confident that God could bring about healing. “We felt a stirring in our hearts, and went to the local church and started to pray,” Raizel shares.

Healing did happen, slowly, but this family had a hard journey ahead. Their belief in Jesus sparked severe opposition from the community. “They wanted to send us out of the village, and threatened to hurt us!” Raizel says.

And yet, they could not deny what they felt in their hearts, and continued to follow Jesus. “God has kept us safe. **Now, my whole family believes the Lord God is almighty,** and He can do anything.”

Raizel has trained to teach an Adult Literacy Class, made possible through your support. Now she reads and teaches from the Bible to illiterate women and men. She’s gone from performing idol rituals to enduring opposition to leading others to Christ!

**You made this testimony of transformation possible!**

# In Search of Peace



The Ukrainian people are desperate for peace in their country, but the bombed-out cities and smouldering rubble indicate it may be a long time coming.

## Bibles for Ukrainian refugees

**Tanya and her young son, Bogdan, are refugees from Crimea who came to Kyiv eight years ago.** Unbeknownst to Tanya and Bogdan then, God was directing their steps.

Mikhail, a ministry partner in Kyiv, was looking for someone to help them organize their refugee support efforts. Tanya was eager to offer up her skills as cook and janitor. They were even able to live in a small space in the ministry centre.

The love and care Tanya and Bogdan experienced there led her to know Jesus personally as Lord and Saviour. She

received a Bible, made possible because of your support, and studied it together with a group from the local church. Tanya eagerly shared her joy and the peace in her heart with other refugees from the east as they came through the ministry centre.

### **Then the war came to Kyiv.**

After an overnight bombing, a decision was made for Tanya and Bogdan to travel to safety in Bulgaria, to the ministry centre in Sophia. Overwhelmed by the need to suddenly leave their homeland, **they were grateful to God for safe passage and open doors in Bulgaria.** Tanya managed to



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*Let the peace of Christ  
rule in your hearts...*

COLOSSIANS 3:15A NIV

obtain refugee status which entitled them to health care, school and work.

Tanya began helping out at the ministry centre in Sophia as refugees from Ukraine were pouring into the border countries. She was cooking, cleaning and providing for about 20 people as each day brought new people in, while others moved on.

Most of them were not Christians, and as she worked, Tanya would share the Good News about Jesus with all who would

listen. Many accepted this Good News with open hearts and were eager to learn more from the Bibles they received, made possible through your support. Time spent together in prayer provided much needed comfort and peace for the refugees.

The war rages on, but **the peace of Christ continues to be passed on by Tanya and others as millions of Ukrainian refugees are in search of peace.** They each need the love of Christ, and the comfort found in the Word of God.

**You are making a difference in the lives of Ukrainian refugees.**

# How might we?

## **Our hearts are heavy, but heaven delights.**

Andy Lubinsky, Chief Strategy Officer for Bible League Canada, and our esteemed and beloved colleague, was suddenly called to his eternal home on April 28, 2022.

His deep faith in Christ and dedication to Scripture were clear in everything he did. Always evident was Andy's heart for the strategic advancement of ministry and the mentorship of those called to serve at Bible League Canada over the past 13 years.

His favourite question, "How might we...?" would be posed regularly, inspiring us to think beyond what we thought possible, to think bigger and dream about what God could accomplish through us and those we serve.

Thank you, Andy; we miss you.

**Andy Lubinsky**

1954 – 2022

“*Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*

**MATTHEW 6:33 NLT**





## Finding Hope and a Purpose

### Because you provided Bibles & training

Ana was invited to a Bible study course that included a meal, at a local church in Kragujevac. Serbian people love the fellowship of mealtime, so Ana was delighted to go.

When Ana received a Bible, made possible through your support, she began to read it. The Holy Spirit revealed many truths for her life. The leaders shared their testimonies about God working in their lives, which amazed Ana as she realized God had been working in her life even when she didn't know Him personally!

Now, Ana knows Jesus as her Lord and Saviour, giving her hope and a purpose.

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*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*

**HEBREWS 11:1 NIV**

Ana loves to talk about Jesus to others and eagerly shares the truth and comfort she finds in the Bible. She is currently in training to start new churches, also made possible through your support. As she trains, she leads a Bible study group in her neighbourhood and hopes to develop it into a worship group. Lives are being transformed.

**Because of you, Ana received her first Bible and training.**

## Turning Used Goods into Bibles



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# Give a Bible to a new believer!

## You can help new believers in urgent need!

In many countries, Bibles are in short supply. Your gift provides the Bibles and ministry programs for new believers that are eagerly waiting for their own copy of God's Word.

One new believer shares, "Jesus is my Living Hope during times of trouble, but I need a Bible. I need to read and understand His words of strength and comfort every day."

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