

The Living Word Transforming Lives

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You are Making
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.

Thank you!

Bibles for Ukraine:

Almost 8 million refugees from Ukraine have been recorded across Europe, 1.5 million in Poland alone. So many local champions welcoming in so many anxious and frightened people. Each one in urgent need of the comfort and strength only words from God can give. You provided 10,282 Bibles urgently needed for refugees from Ukraine!

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 157,753 Bibles to persecuted Christians.

Praise God!



For just \$5. Give a Bible to a new believer. See back cover for more info.



Growing Up with Jesus

"I am grateful to God!"

In South Sudan, orphans of war on the streets of Juba are regularly visited by Pastor Michael. He brings a few—of the thousands—to his church.

He is desperate to be the hands and feet of Jesus to these children, but there are so many! Far more than he alone can serve.

Some of the children stay, and Michael runs a Bible Club for them. They are suffering the kind of hurt that only God can heal, and this is a safe place to hear about Jesus.

One of them, 14-year-old Emmanuel, says, "I used to follow other children, always getting into mischief." But since attending Pastor Michael's Bible Club, Emmanuel's life has turned around — now he is growing up with Jesus!

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But Jesus called the children to him and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.'

LUKE 18:16 NIV

He is one of the older children, and he was invited to participate in the children's ministry leadership training. Now he has started a Bible Club in his own neighbourhood.

"Many children are joining, and turning to the Lord. I am grateful to God!"

Hearing about the love of Jesus in a safe and welcoming place is so important. Providing them with a Bible and opportunity to read the truths of Jesus Christ for themselves is vital. Your support makes this possible! Although 5,487 Bibles were placed with 5,487 children in South Sudan, **the program still has urgent need of 2,513 more.**

Will you help provide these Bibles?

Answered Prayer

THANKS TO YOUR
SUPPORT,

**15,000
Bibles were
delivered!**

A Bible in the Language of Her Heart

The Phadei Chin people are a small tribal group of approximately 15,000 people who live in the Chin State in Myanmar.

Traditionally, all Chin people are animists, but when the Gospel message of Jesus Christ was first preached there in 1907, the Phadei people gladly accepted the message of Jesus who loves them and can set them free from the evil spirits.

But there is no Bible in the Phadei language. Translating from the King James Version, and then being able to print a Bible in the Phadei language was a long journey. The first few copies printed were very thick and heavy — over 4 lbs (1.8 kgs)! — with very poor print quality.

And the expense was more than most could afford.

There are at least 15,000 Phadei believers (all Phadei people are Christians) and they can all read their own dialect. This past spring, thanks to your support, 15,000 lightweight Bibles in the Phadei language, complete with hymnals, were delivered to the Chin State! Hearts overflowed with joy!

Daw Sung, Secretary of Phadei Christian Women Fellowship in Chin State, shares the events leading up to a most blessed day in her life:

“I was born and brought up in my Christian family. My life was happy, serving the

Lord where ever I could. **The only point of sadness in my life was that I had no Bible in my language.**

As we live in a remote area, 95% of the Phadei people do not understand other languages or dialects. So, we had an urgent need to have our own language Bible. Phadei leaders had prayed for this long before I was born. And after more than 60 years, God answered their prayers!

Today is a blessed day for me because I received the most precious gift of all: a Bible in the language of my heart. The Word of God in the Phadei language.

My favourite Bible verse is Hebrews

4:12, 'For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.'

There may be many false teachings in our country, but we Phadei people will know the truth by reading our very own Bibles! This is an amazing miracle to us. May the Lord bless you!"

You helped make these longed-for Bibles a reality for the Phadei Chin people!

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For no word from God will ever fail.

LUKE 1:37 NIV

For God, Nothing Is Impossible

He rescued me



In Selva Verde, in Ecuador, Eduin and his wife completed the training to start a new church in their community. He shares some of their journey:

“As a young man, I practised witchcraft and other rituals, but then sickness caused me to be in bed for more than a year. Friends tried to heal me with occult rituals, but I knew in my heart that this was not right.

Then, a neighbour shared the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, and **I knew that this was the Good News I needed to hear!** I accepted Christ, and He rescued me and healed me. I began to read the Bible, and I was baptized.

You made it possible for Eduin and his wife to be equipped to reach out to their community with Bibles and training to start a new church.

I just wanted to keep sharing about Jesus so that more people would know Him!

My wife and I have taken the training to start a new church here in our community, and our vision is that together we know the Word of the Lord, grow in it, and are equipped to share it to disciple others.

One of the obstacles we encounter is the traditional beliefs of people. We pray that God opens their eyes and that they truly see Jesus. **By the grace of God, we hope to see many people come to Christ!**

I know that for God nothing is impossible. I can testify that with my life journey!”

Hearing the Good News

Changed Lives

Rabail, along with her sister and parents have been living for Christ for two years now.

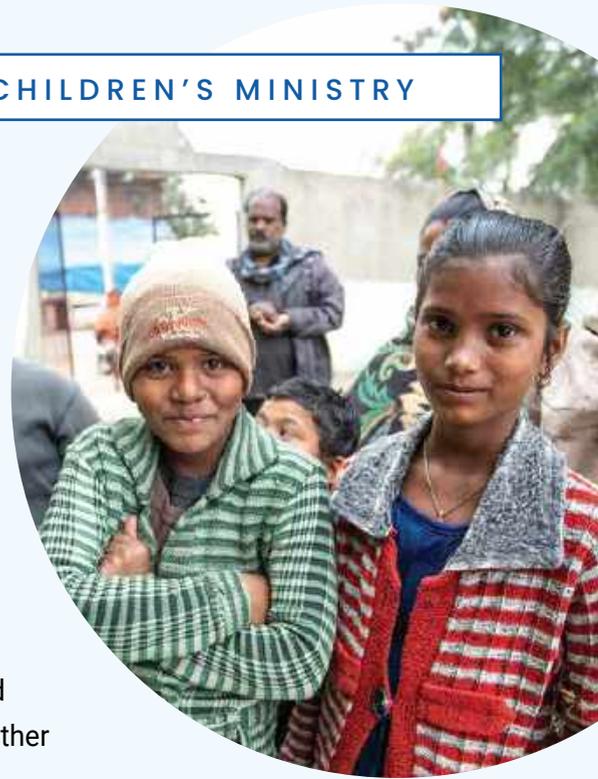
In their life before Christ, they were worshipping many gods and goddesses, and went often to the temples. But, during that time, there was no peace in their family life. They were a household of sadness, as her father suffered from depression. It affected the girls too, as they were often anxious and worried about their father. Eating properly was a challenge, and this further weakened their health.

Then, a pastor, trained to reach out to his community, visited and told their family about Jesus Christ and gave them a Bible.

The amazing truths of God's love changed their lives!

Rabail and her family now attend a local church and serve there with joy. The family is so happy being discipled in the Word. This joy overflows as they share with many people that Jesus Christ can change an entire situation.

You made it possible for Rabail's family to hear the Good News about Jesus and read these truths for themselves in the Bible.



“ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

ACTS 10:36 NIV

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New Believers without a Bible!

Dhyana, a new believer, shares, “Jesus has been 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.**”

In many countries around the world, Bibles are in short supply, even in the church. Dhyana, and many like her, are anxiously waiting for their own copy of God’s Word.

You can place a Bible in the hands of a new believer like Dhyana, for just \$5.

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