

**1 October: Testimony**

Thank God for Mina, a 45-year-old Bengali woman. "I could not read any book," she recalls. "I was so curious to know about Jesus Christ." Thank God for Bible Society's literacy classes, which Mina attended. "I personally came to know Jesus from stories which are given in the literacy books and CDs..."

**2 October: John 6:68 (NIV)**

**'Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'"**

**3 October: Australia**

Please pray for Bike for Bibles in Cowra this week, especially for safety for those riding on country roads. Thank God for those involved, and their commitment to raise funds in support BSA's Bible-based literacy project in Mozambique.

**4 October: Bangladesh**

Thank God for the literacy project giving women in rural areas the opportunity to learn to read, write and open God's word. Thank God that the classes have been running well, with 1,000 students attending class and learning new skills and Bible stories in 2022.

**5 October: Australia**

Thank God for BSA's Board Members who oversee the governance of the organisation. Please pray for members of the Board as they prepare for the AGM in November. Pray too for CEO Grant Thomson, for wisdom and grace as he leads BSA.

**6 October: Cambodia**

Thank God that this literacy project has resumed as COVID restrictions eased. Thank God for the classes which met in some provinces, and for the facilitators' training workshop. Pray for the 814 new students, that as they continue to learn new skills, their lives and faith would be enriched.

**7 October: Australia**

Pray for the Kimberly Kriol Translation Project, and for the translators as they work on Luke's gospel chapter 7-11. Thank God for their good discussions about faith, Jesus's authority, and more. Pray also for the next recording sessions of the Kriol Old Testament, which are underway in Darwin.

**8 October: Testimony**

Thank God for Kim, and her joy and delight in reading God's word. Kim never learnt to read or write as a child, and her excitement in going to church and Bible Study was marred by her embarrassment. Her dream of learning to read was fulfilled in her 50s when she attended Bible Society's literacy class at her church in Cambodia. "Now, I can read God's word on my own. Thank you, Jesus. The word is alive and so beautiful!"

**9 October: 1 John 1:1 (NIV)**

**'That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.'**

**10 October: Cameroon**

Thank God for the literacy project teaching Podoka and Mafa people. Please continue to pray that through these classes, many people will not just gain literacy skills, but will be spiritually fed and equipped to improve their family and community lives. Pray for the safety and security of these communities, who are constantly under threat by Boko Haram terrorists.

**11 October: Australia**

Please pray for BSA staff as they gather around the country tomorrow for their third all staff meeting of the year. Pray that the team would be encouraged and refreshed. Pray also for the South Pacific Bible forum taking place in Fiji from next week, that everyone who gathers from different Bible agencies would be able to build effective and coordinated partnerships, to best reach all people in the South Pacific with the word of God.

**12 October: China**

Thank God for UBS China Partnership's literacy program. Pray that classes, postponed due to a COVID surge in March, would be able to resume soon. Pray for the project team as they explore online class possibilities, and as they develop pre-assessment materials to evaluate literacy levels in new students.

**13 October: Australia**

Please pray for the Bible Society Branch gatherings to be held in Kiama and Gerringong this month. Thank God for the faithful supporters who are part of these branches, and pray they would be encouraged by gathering and reflecting on the Bible work underway.

**14 October: Laos**

Please pray for the literacy project reaching ethnic minorities, with classes postponed in 2022 due to COVID restrictions. Thank God for the dedication of the project team, who recently tried a new approach, running a training program remotely through a mobile phone, which resulted in six new facilitators and six new classes with 59 students, despite restrictions.

**15 October: Testimony**

Thank God for Ngor, a Laotian man who came to faith in Christ over 20 years ago. Praise God that Ngor has grown past a reliance on witchcraft, alcohol and smoking, and that he participated in Bible Society's pilot literacy program at his church. Thank God that his three daughters all read and know the Bible well. His daughter at 14 said, "Without the Bible, I would not know God's way and have no guidance..."

**16 October: John 5:24 (NIV)**

**"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life."**

### 17 October: Australia

Thank God that a first draft of Hosea in Pitjantjatjara is almost complete. Pray for the translation team, as they process second and third drafts of Psalms. Also, please pray for the Guugu Yimithirr translation team in Hopevale as they continue drafting Mark's gospel. Finally, please pray for Scripture distribution in remote communities, that God would provide more people to distribute Scripture and meet the huge demand.

### 18 October: Mozambique

Thank God that since the Literacy for Life project began in 2018, feedback indicates that 400 graduates are regularly reading their Bible, and that 516 graduates of the course are actively involved in their churches. Thank God also that 26 villages across five provinces now have access to literacy classes. Continue praying that many people would be reached with literacy skills, God's word, and the chance to improve their lives.



### 19 October: Australia

Pray for CPX's Life & Faith podcast, for creativity for the hosts and producer as they plan and make episodes. Pray too for a growing audience, particularly among those who are interested in faith but don't yet share it. Pray that the podcast will be a platform for people and topics that will be deeply significant for listeners.

### 20 October: Myanmar

Thank God that the Sgaw Karen primer textbook and story book, based on the Bible, have been completed for use in Literacy classes. Thank God for this new method for learning and teaching the peoples' mother language. Pray that students will be able to read and know the Scriptures, benefiting their families, church communities, and wider society.

### 21 October: Australia

Please pray for wise decision making as Eternity sources new contributors. Please pray for discernment as new content sections are planned for Eternity online. Pray for the planning of the November print edition of Eternity – that the content will come together easily, that the publication will be edifying and uplifting for readers, and that the production process will be smooth sailing.

### 22 October: Testimony

Thank God for the lives being changed in Myanmar. "Because of this program, I can read, write and speak my language with confidence," says 16-year-old Soe San\*, a literacy program graduate. She adds, "I also taught my parents how to read and write."

### 23 October: Psalms 1:1a (NIV)

***'Blessed is the one...whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.'***

### 24 October: Pakistan

Praise God for the reach of the 'Beacon of Light' literacy project, which has reached over 50,000 women with literacy skills since it began. Thank God that in 2022, 350 classes have started, and for the 5,767 who are enrolled. Pray for the 348 teachers, that God would sustain them and give them wisdom as they teach literacy skills and open God's word for their students.

### 25 October: Australia - Scripture Grants

Thank God for BSA's Chaplaincy and Parachurch Scripture Grant, which resources those working with the homeless and the poor. Pray that God will give beauty for ashes in people's lives that have been marred by abuse, violence, addiction, poverty and neglect. Pray that God would heal, restore and bless these people and bring them into his family.

### 26 October: South Sudan

Pray that Bible Society's literacy project would continue to offer healing for those who have lost loved ones, and a message of love, hope and reconciliation. Thank God that many literacy students are now actively involved in church and community activities, and especially for the 30 graduate students who have qualified as literacy teachers. Pray also for the 377 students who began studying in January this year.

### 27 October: Australia

Thank God for BSA's publishing work, and please pray as the team work on publishing custom Bibles as well as books and resources to help Australians engage with the Bible. Thank God for the reprint of the popular Big Rescue Bible for children, that it can again be supplied to volunteer school scripture teachers and others working with children.



### 28 October: Cameroon

Thank God for the Esther project, and all it is doing to reach women who have experienced abuse and exploitation. Pray for a changing social environment and legal system that protects young and vulnerable women. Pray that former beneficiaries of Project Esther would begin training up new beneficiaries.

### 29 October: Testimony

Thank God for the Shilluk literacy student who has grown in his faith as he learnt literacy skills. "I have gained confidence in serving my Lord by joining the choir and reading the Bible to the congregation."

### 30 October: Psalm 143:8, (NIV)

***'Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.'***

### 31 October: Australia

Please continue praying for the work of the Centre for Public Christianity, in particular, for open doors within a range of media outlets for the team to articulate a gracious and incisive Christian contribution to the conversations of the day.

\*Name changed for security reasons.