

**1 December: Egypt**

Thank God for Bible Society's Post Literacy project in Egypt. Please pray that more students can access the program. Pray for the team as they develop new resources and programs. Pray for security and continued growth for the program, despite uncertainty and upheaval in the country.

**2 December: Australia**

Please pray for the Koorong teams around Australia as they continue to serve customers during the busy season leading up to Christmas. Pray that the Bibles, books and resources sold at Koorong during the Christmas season will make an eternal difference.

**3 December: Testimony**

Thank God for Mary, an 11-year-old girl from a village in Upper Egypt. Praise God that Mary's disruptive and violent behaviour at school and home was transformed by the Bible based literacy classes, with the method of fun, participation and individual expression in learning. Praise God that she is now a leader among her peers, with steadily improving literacy skills.

**4 December: Luke 1:30-32 (NIV)**

*'But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary ... You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High ... "'*

**5 December: Rwanda**

Pray for the work being undertaken in literacy and reconciliation by BSA's mission partner, African Enterprise. Pray that this large-scale project's staffing, resources, gatherings, and logistics will be protected and strengthened. Pray as they continue to teach the Christian principles of forgiveness, peacebuilding, kindness and grace, sharing the power of God's love in local communities.

**6 December: Australia**

Please pray for BSA staff around the country as they celebrate Christmas and remember the reason for it all — Jesus. Thank God that our CEO, Grant Thomson, can travel to some BSA offices around the country to offer his encouragement to staff as the year closes. Pray that staff will have a chance to rejuvenate — spiritually, mentally and physically.

**7 December: Pakistan**

Please pray for Bible Society's two translation projects in Pakistan. Thank God for the opportunity to translate his word into two heart languages, spoken by millions of people. Pray that the translation teams would be well equipped, safe and healthy as they progress this important work.

**8 December: Australia**

Thank God for the Christmas Posters in 35 Indigenous Languages which BSA's Remote and Indigenous Ministry Support Team have produced. Please pray that the posters — which have Christmas Bible verses and artwork by Aboriginal artist Fern Martins — will encourage Bible literacy and Bible translation in the future, and will be a blessing to the communities and churches.

**9 December: Mongolia**

Thank God for the ongoing translation of the Mongolian Standard Version Bible, and the encouragement it is already bringing to Mongolian Christians. Please pray for good health, rest and recovery for the team members who are on annual leave. Pray for productivity and good cooperation as they work on the translation of the New Testament.

**10 December: Testimony**

Thank God for the faithful and committed team working on the translation of the Mongolian Standard Version Bible, including Ariuna, Bat-Orgil and Tsendee. Tsendee says, "I am so blessed to be a part of this project translating the Bible from its original languages, learning its richness and beauty in the language and also learning about God ... I love my work." Bat-Orgil adds, "Thank you for your prayer and support for our work in Mongolia."

**11 December: John 1:14 (NIV)**

*'The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.'*

**12 December: Australia**

Thank God for all BSA's faithful donors and supporters, who provide prayer, volunteer assistance and financial support to Bible Society. Pray that everyone would experience a blessed Christmas, full of God's peace and love.

**13 December: Sri Lanka**

Please pray for the Bible Society of Ceylon, who are recording Gospel parables in sign language for the deaf in their country. Pray that they would be able to find and train staff to learn how to sign the Bible. Pray that they would be successful in teaching the word of God to those who are deaf.

**14 December: Australia**

Please pray for BSA's Scripture Grants partners who are reaching out to vulnerable people. Pray that people will feel God's love and care through front line workers and chaplains. Pray that this Christmas, front line workers can communicate the joy, blessings and new life that Jesus brings.

**15 December: The Gambia**

Thank God for Bible Society's literacy project in The Gambia. Pray that it would continue to raise awareness for equality in literacy education. Pray against discrimination, so that more women and girls can safely attend classes. Pray that more young women and girls can acquire new literacy and life skills to help them find employment.



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### 16 December: Australia

Please pray for BSA's Custom Bibles for School program, that it will allow many schools the opportunity to have their own personalised School Bible, and that these Bibles would be read voraciously by their students. Please pray for BSA's Publishing Team as they continue to work on a new edition of *The Big Rescue* children's Bible. Pray that the editors and designers will create new ways to engage children with the power of God's word.

### 17 December: Testimony

Thank God for Fabiana, a young woman living in The Gambia. Thank God that although she began Bible Society's literacy program unable to read and write, she can now read Scripture confidently. Pray for young girls and women like her, that they would be empowered with literacy skills and the knowledge of God's unconditional love and acceptance of them.

### 18 December: John 3:16-17 (NIV)

**'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.'**

### 19 December: Australia CPX

Pray for the Centre for Public Christianity team as they seek opportunities in the lead-up to Christmas to speak into the media about how the original Christmas story speaks to our culture's deepest fears and longings. Pray for clarity, creativity, and that many people will encounter their work and be moved to consider the relevance of the Christian message in their lives.

### 20 December: Sri Lanka

Please pray for the children and youth of Sri Lanka, that they would discover and embrace Bible Society's literacy program and understand God's love. Pray that the Bible Society team would be able to travel safely through the country, training enough literacy class facilitators to meet the growing need.



### 21 December: Australia

Pray for the Office of the CEO as the team begins to plan for BSA's all-staff Vision Day in February 2023. Praise God for the Board as they finish another year of overseeing the governance of Bible Society Australia.

### 22 December: Pakistan

Thank God that Bible Society's literacy program is available and continues to run in Pakistan. Pray for participants willing to embrace the teaching. Pray also for partner churches to run the program and for Bible Society staff who continue to work through all difficulties, such as COVID restrictions, the devastating floods in August, and socio-political upheaval.

### 23 December: Australia

Thank God for BSA's Christmas book giveaway this year. Please pray that the tens of thousands of books distributed (*The Three Wise Camels* and *Super Sam and the Saviour of the World*) would enrich the outreach of churches and ministry organisations across Australia, and that children will embrace the nativity story in fun, engaging ways and understand its true meaning.

### 24 December: Testimony

Pray for people like Raiway in Pakistan, a woman who had no access to literacy teaching growing up. As her family was against female education, she could not read or write until joining the Bible Society's literacy classes at 53. Praise God for her newly acquired skills and access to God's word.

### 25 December: John 1:4-5 (NIV)

**'In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.'**

### 26 December: Bangladesh

Praise God that the Bible Society Literacy program has continued over the last few years despite the pandemic's challenges. Pray that students find the resilience needed to continue through the three-year program. Thank God that many students have now learned to read, discovering more about Jesus Christ and strengthening their faith.

### 27 December: Australia

Pray for the Centre for Public Christianity's end-of-year fundraising efforts, that people who share CPX's vision of a gracious, incisive, and trusted Christian voice in the public square would be moved to support their work financially for the first time.

### 28 December: Laos

Pray for the people of Laos, that they would find opportunities to attend Bible Society's literacy program. Pray that more local churches could run the literacy program as part of their outreach, and that students would be inspired to attend consistently. Pray that local authorities would allow classes to take place in rural areas.

### 29 December: Australia

Thank God for BSA's Daily Bible ministry, through which people receive God's word every day of the year. Pray that many would be encouraged by the daily emails they receive and would be blessed as they meditate on the Bible passage, the reflection, and respond in prayer. Thank God also for BSA's bible.com.au where all the past devotion series are available to bless people looking to read God's word on a daily basis.

### 30 December: China

Thank God for the Scripture Literacy project co-ordinated by the UBS China Partnership and run by the local churches. Pray that facilitators and students alike would be sustained amidst the upheaval caused by COVID restrictions this year. Pray that the Provincial Christian Council would form strong relationships with the local churches and create more classes in non-literate communities.

### 31 December: Testimony

Thank God for people like Zhao's 64-year-old grandmother, who learned to read and write in UBS China Partnership's Scripture literacy classes. Pray that more participants would have the opportunity to learn literacy skills and be transformed by understanding God's word.

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