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## Scriptures for the ADF



### Overview

Bible Society Australia (BSA) seeks to serve and equip chaplains who are working with the Australian Defence Forces, ministering to Australians serving with the armed forces, by providing Bibles and Scripture Resources through a Scripture Grant.

### The Need

There is sustained demand for specialty Scriptures in the ADF, as men and women take up the opportunity to search the truths of the Bible, encouraged by their "padres". Bible Society has provided specialised ADF badged Bibles for members of the armed forces for over 100 years.

> 581k

people have served in the ADF.  
2.8% of the Australian population aged 15 years and over (as per 2021 census).

> 60k

people were currently serving in Regular service (as of 2021).

> 100

years, Bible Society has provided special ADF Bibles.

Goals	Impact
<p>The goal of this project is to Open The Bible to people serving in the ADF. By resourcing ADF chaplains with Scriptures and Gospel materials, they can engage people with God's word. This grant shares the transformative hope of the Gospel, equipping Gospel workers with both God's word and the ability to encourage and disciple those they work with.</p> <p>In 2023, the goal of this project is to continue responding to the needs of the ADF chaplains and approved ministry support partners as they work with the personnel in the Australian armed forces.</p>	<p>The impact of this Scripture grant is ultimately seen in the changed lives of recipients.</p> <p>In the 2021-2022 financial year, ADF Chaplains requested: 1,640 ADF CEV Bibles, 737 NLT Army waterproof New Testaments with Psalms and Proverbs, 320 NLT Navy waterproof New Testaments with Psalms and Proverbs and 240 NLT RAAF waterproof New Testaments with Psalms and Proverbs.</p>

## Testimonies

"Thank you for your contributions towards supporting Army Chaplaincy, I have used the Bibles and resources on field exercises and overseas deployment. It has brought much encouragement to my soldiers and the wider Coalition Armed Forces during my time in Iraq." - *Ricky, a chaplain*

"[The Tri-Service devotional] is a fruitful resource with potential to help ADF members explore or grow in faith for years to come." - *Darren, a chaplain, from a review in the Australian Army Chaplaincy Journal*

"It's just so encouraging to know there are donors of BSA who want to support us as we minister to the ADF." - *Julie, Military Christian Fellowship*

"The Bibles are highly needed as the recruits are showing interest to have one for themselves and read in their own time. Thank you for the support and God Bless." - *Ivan, an army chaplain*

"During that week I had the joy of giving 90 Bibles to the attending cadets. There were discussions with various cadets about their Bibles during that week. During quiet times in the lecture theatre, many cadets would get their Bible out, reading them during those periods. Numerous cadets came to me at the end of the course and asked me to sign the inside of their Bible and I was able to write verses in the front for them to look at later. It's such a privilege to distribute many Bibles to young people who are hungry for meaning and purpose in their lives. Thank you, Bible Society." - *David, an ADF chaplain*

"Faith is one of the ADF engagement pillars in the Pacific and it is fantastic that we are able to access the ADF tri-service devotion publication for our members. Thank you to BSA and its partners, for upholding the faith of Christians in the ADF..." - *An ADF Commander posted on a Pacific Island*

## Prayer Needs

- Pray for continued opportunities to Open The Bible with Australians in the Defence Forces, for chaplains to be encouraged and strengthened in their work, and for open hearts to hear God's word.