

PROJECT NO: 102039

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# United Bible Societies



## Literacy Advice in Asia Pacific



### Overview

This project aims to strengthen the capacity of Bible Societies in the Asia Pacific for Bible based literacy work. The project funds the position of the UBS Literacy Advisor for the Asia Pacific region, who works with the Global Literacy Coordinator of UBS to establish a global framework for literacy (including project prioritisation, quality assurance and development) and will serve as professional advisors to Bible Societies in their planning and implementation of literacy programs.

### The Need

Without help from literacy experts, Bible Society literacy projects can lack quality in design and implementation. Literacy experts are required to ensure that projects are the very best in both of these areas. Literacy work is a central part of Bible Societies mission around the world. The United Bible Societies are committed to focus on the 750 million non-literate adults around the world.

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Bible Societies in The United Bible Societies Asia Pacific Region with work in 52 countries.

# Goals

The goal of this project is the funding of a literacy specialist for the Asia Pacific, who works to enhance the standard of literacy projects and provides literacy staff and projects of Bible Societies in the Asia Pacific with direct benefit and support.

Among other things, the Literacy Advisor will: develop a global strategy for literacy work within the UBS; develop and strengthen

links between Bible translation and literacy; encourage and guide Bible Societies in initiating relevant literacy programmes; help Bible Societies to assess the literacy need of a given language/group; develop partnerships with other agencies involved in literacy; help with the planning, implementation and evaluation of UBS literacy projects.

The goal of this project is the continuation of services of the

literacy specialist for Asia for the next three years, who will seek to enhance the standard of literacy projects run by Bible Societies in the regions to new heights.

## Impact

It is expected that there will ultimately be 100,000 beneficiaries of this project over the 3 ½ years of the project. The direct beneficiaries are the Bible Society staff involved in literacy work; all the staff involved in literacy projects in the Asia Pacific will receive quality support and hands-on assistance from a literacy expert. The indirect beneficiaries will be the literacy graduates and their families and communities.

## Testimonies

“The work of Bible society in literacy is crucially important in the sense that ... people...who have no idea of about reading and writing, when they see a printed text, they don't know how to engage with it, and more so with reading the Bible. They don't have that gift of unpacking the meaning of the Bible. And how can they know the Lord Jesus if they don't know how to read and write?”

*Mansueto (Cito) Casquite – UBS Literacy Advisor (Asia-Pacific)*

“Pray for the literacy projects, that we will have adequate specialists. There was a time we did not have specialists and literacy, but now there are literacy specialists. They're able to make an impact. And so we need [them]... to not simply doing the work but do the work in the right way.”

*Julian Sundersingh, Global Literacy Coordinator, UBS*

## Prayer Needs

- Praise God that BSA is able to commit to and support this project.
- Praise God for Cito, the Literacy Advisor for Asia Pacific, and for the quality assistance he has been providing to Bible Societies.
- Pray that more non-literate people would be provided with the opportunity to attend literacy classes, especially in the Asia Pacific, as a result of the service provided by this project.
- Praise God that some international borders are now open and that field visits and face-to-face interactions are once again possible.

