



## *Jesus. All About Life & Bible Mission*

### Overview

This project is aimed at expanding Bible mission in the South Pacific, starting with the *Jesus. All About Life* (JAAL) campaign in Easter 2024. By supporting the church with Bible resources and campaigns to promote Scripture awareness, advocacy and engagement, Bible Society hopes to contribute to spiritual growth and renewal in the South Pacific. The project also supports the Bible month celebrations, wherein Bible Society prepares study booklets for churches and other groups. The Bible Society team also conducts Trauma Healing workshops for individuals and families.

### The Need

Most of the South Pacific's youth, severely impacted by the global pandemic, have faced job loss, school closures, and increased substance abuse. Communities often grapple with financial and emotional challenges, compounded by existing issues like violence, abuse, and addiction. Natural disasters also worsen fears and trauma.

Church leaders in this region have met with Bible Society, stressing the urgent need for Trauma Healing and Youth Camps amid rising secularism in the Pacific islands. Restoring relationships, fostering peace within families and promoting personal healing are vital in addressing these multifaceted challenges, alongside building resilience in communities affected by disasters and political or ethnic conflicts.



# 2.8m

population in the South Pacific

# 2,080

Easter booklets were distributed to 24 villages over Easter 2023

# 3,360

Easter books were distributed to 7 orphanages (as well as a church) in 2023

# 3,500

people attended the Easter Production over 3 nights in the greater Suva area as part of the *Jesus. All About Life* campaign, with 3,431 Easter booklets distributed at the production

**"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly!"**

John 10:10, ESV

# Goals

This project aims to expand the mission of the Bible Society in the South Pacific through working in partnership with churches to advocate and re-tell the story of Jesus to people nationwide.

Through the *Jesus. All About Life* Easter campaign, Bible Society of the South Pacific (BSSP) aims to serve the church in Fiji and Samoa, offering digital resources and Scriptural material for their Easter programs. An Easter Production (drama) will also take place, designed to engage the youth in the word of God during Easter. The campaign also seeks to connect churches to the Bible Society of the South Pacific and grow awareness about Bible work in the South Pacific.

In 2024, BSSP will continue to hold Bible Month Celebrations, a month-long celebration of honouring the Holy Bible in church communities as part of the mission to expand awareness about their mission. Activities include a distribution of study booklets for churches, broadcasting services, and outreach activities in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu. The study materials will address issues such as suicide, addiction and depression, aiming to reach the nation's young people.

A Masterclass event is also planned for 2024 in partnership with Scripture Union, aimed at inspiring the youth of Fiji to engage deeply with the Christian faith in today's world.

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# Impact

Thousands of free Bible-based resources were distributed over the Easter period of 2023, including the *Who? What? Why? How? Easter* storybook, *The Really Surprising Story*, the New Beginnings Bibles and digital resources from Bible Society Australia.

During Easter 2023, the people of the South Pacific were encouraged by engagement with Scripture and exposure to godly wisdom. The three-night Easter production — depicting the Easter story, the story of Mary Jones, and the story of the Bible in Fiji — engaged approximately 3,500 people with the gospel message, an increase of 900 on 2022's attendance.

The impact will be ultimately seen in the extent to which there is a renewed commitment to Christ and active church participation. Whether it is through direct or indirect exposure to Scripture engagement and the message of the JAAL campaign, the project aims to impact around 100,000 people.

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# Testimonies

"We praise God for the opening march and church service held on Sunday 24th June in Suva, Fiji, for the official opening of the Bible Month ... We were pleased with the turnout of approximately 500 people from around the Suva area and 12,000 people joining on livestream for the church service held at the Centenary church ..The study booklets (with 7 daily devotionals) have been shared online for churches to access and to use during the month as the Fiji Mission team continues with visiting communities holding Trauma Healing, Sunday school teacher training and Hermeneutics training." — Bible Society of the South Pacific team

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# Prayer Needs

- Please pray the *Jesus. All About Life* Easter Campaign would have an ongoing impact.
- Pray that churches in Fiji will be engaged in this campaign and the Bible Month program.
- Pray that God would guide and protect South Pacific youth through the issues they are facing.
- Pray for the Bible Society team, that they would have strength, wisdom and faithfulness to advocate effectively.