



Literacy Support

Overview

This project includes funding for two part-time Literacy Officers to assist the United Bible Societies Global Literacy Coordinator based in Bangalore, India. Through this project, the United Bible Societies (UBS) will continue to provide support to Bible Societies worldwide in their literacy work, as well as expanding that support for French and Spanish-speaking Bible Societies.

The Need

With 39 Bible Society literacy projects in progress around the world, and 20 proposed literacy projects for 2024, there is an urgent need to extend dedicated services to support literacy work within the UBS Fellowship.

Moreover, different working groups will be formed in 2024 as advisory groups to help plan literacy activities in the Asia Pacific, Anglophone Africa, Francophone Africa and Latin America which will need the dedicated assistance of the Literacy Officers, especially in the action plans for 2024-2026.



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Bible Society literacy projects are in progress around the world, seeking to improve literacy outcomes for local people with support from UBS.

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proposed Bible Society literacy projects for 2024 in local areas where literacy is low

"Where there is no vision, the people perish."

Proverbs 29:18a, KJV

Goals

The goals of this project are to provide continued assistance to the global literacy work of Bible Society, strengthening the various activities of the Global Literacy Office.

This project coordinates and supplies all the required data and statistics to the literacy working group, helping the Global Literacy Office staff keep track of all the literacy projects in a comprehensive and systematic manner.

The focus in 2024 will be to develop regional strategies based on the UBS Position Paper on Literacy and provide effective assistance to literacy work carried out in the French and Spanish speaking Bible Societies.

Impact

Since January 2010, the United Bible Society (UBS) Global Literacy Coordination team have been working to help Bible Societies around the world meet the literacy needs of their people.

The entire UBS Fellowship benefits from this project, which has the potential to impact up to 750 million adult non-literates globally. The activities undertaken by the two part-time Literacy Officers will take the global literacy coordination work of Bible Societies to new heights in the coming year.

Testimonies

"At United Bible Societies we believe that literacy is about dignity, independence and wholeness. Being able to read and write gives people access to essential information, empowering them to make well-informed decisions about their lives. It opens up opportunities for employment, further education and helps people get themselves out of poverty ... 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 have time with the literacy teams. They're able to make an impact. And so we need that also, not simply doing the work, but doing the work in the right way." — Julian Sundersingh, Global Literacy Coordinator, UBS

Prayer Needs

- Thank God for the literacy coordination work and pray that it will take the literacy work of Bible Societies around the world to new heights this year.
- Pray for wisdom and knowledge for the entire team during discussions and strategy planning.
- Please pray for the strategy focus that is emerging in literacy work now and for an effective functioning of the literacy affinity group.
- Pray for new donors to catch the vision of the importance of literacy work.