



## Prayer Letter August 2025

### 1 August: Tonga

Praise God for the work of Bible Society in the South Pacific, partnering with churches in Tonga on two new Bible translations and two revisions (Kosipeli Katolika and the Tongan West Bible). Pray that the near-complete Tongan Contemporary Bible will inspire and equip the next generation with God's word.

### 2 August: Tonga

Praise God for all who are working on completing the Tongan Contemporary Bible Translation. The team shares that, "The Tongan Contemporary translation project is the one project that has the support and has unified the church leaders in Tonga to work together on the translations of the Bible."

### 3 August: Word of the Week

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life ... will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)*

### 4 August: Australia

Pray for Bible Society Australia's fundraising team as they attend the Exponential Australia National Conference (6-7 August). Pray that church planters across the nation will be moved to partner with BSA and that God's word would be opened afresh in many churches through our Bible offers.

### 5 August: Kenya

Pray for Bible Society Kenya as they distribute Bibles to students studying Christian Religious Education in schools who otherwise would not have access to them. Pray that the Scripture resources may be fast-tracked, so that all children from the lowest to the highest levels of high school may be reached this distribution season. Pray for the safety of staff travelling to high-risk areas to distribute Bibles.

### 6 August: Australia

Give thanks to God for BSA's partnership with Nungalinga College in Darwin, providing training for Indigenous Bible Translators through the Certificate of Bible Translation Course. Pray for wisdom, strength, and clarity during the upcoming intensive for the Yolngu (graduating) and Bininj Kunwok cohorts. May students and teachers work in unity to faithful, with God's wisdom and clarity, to translate Scripture into heart languages.

### 7 August: South Africa

Pray for BSA's partner, World Hope Ministries, who are distributing Bibles in the hands of prisoners in South Africa. Pray that the Lord will continue to provide enough resources and manpower to meet the growing need. Pray for the spiritual care workers, who are guiding inmates on their spiritual journeys.

### 8 August: Australia

Praise God that *Godaku Tjukurpa* — the Pitjantjatjara Children's Art Bible — was shortlisted for Australian Christian Book of the Year

award. Thank God for all who contributed, especially the artists and BSA staff. Pray it continues to reach new audiences, inspiring families and generations to come, helping them connect with Bible stories in meaningful ways.

### 9 August: South Africa

Praise God for Roger Jaars\*, a prison inmate in South Africa who used to be hopeless and filled with guilt, hatred and unforgiveness. After receiving a Bible in prison and welcoming Jesus into his life, he said: "My hope was restored. My life has meaning now, and I am no longer walking in darkness. I have been set free."

### 10 August: Word of the Week

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life ... Look at the birds of the air ... Are you not much more valuable than they?" - Matthew 6:24-25 (NIV)*

### 11 August: Laos

Pray for the Laos Bible Society, as they use the Lao Bible to teach literacy to people in rural areas. Please pray for the 8 ongoing classes, and for the students' successful learning. Pray that more local churches will run the program as part of their outreach, and that more students will sign up. Pray that more volunteers will come aboard the program as teachers and facilitators.

### 12 August: Mozambique

Pray for Mission Educate's Bible-based literacy program in Mozambique, reaching people in impoverished and remote areas. Please lift up the girls and women facing cultural resistance to their participation. Pray for the health and safety of the literary facilitators, many of whom walk long distances to reach their groups. Pray for strength and encouragement for all involved in the project.

### 13 August: Australia

Please pray for the safe arrival and smooth distribution of our newly published Bibles — new editions of the *Read This Bible* for Australian youth and a new outreach edition of the New Testament. Pray for the BSA church team as they share these resources with church leaders. Pray that these Bibles would not only strengthen the church but also reach those outside its walls with the message of God's love.

### 14 August: Australia

Praise God for the generous support of Figtree Anglican Church and their World Missions Conference to the mission of BSA. Please pray for the BSA church team as they present at the conference, sharing about BSA's partnership with Nungalinga College and the training of Indigenous Bible Translators — may many respond with open and generous hearts to support this mission.

### 15 August: Bangladesh

Pray for the Bangladesh Bible Society, as they run a literacy course in rural Bangladesh to give non-literate women the opportunity to read, write, and engage with God's word. Please pray that the students may have the strength and wisdom to persevere in the course,

especially new students. Pray that the graduates may help other non-literates to learn. Pray that the heavy rains of the monsoon season do not disrupt the lessons.

#### **16 August: Mozambique**

Thank God for Antonio\*, who said that when he started literacy lessons, he “looked like a seed that wasn’t going to germinate, but now I’m like a plant that will soon bear fruit.” Thank God that he is now able to write his name, interpret some manuals, and share with others what he has been reading in the Bible. Pray for him — and all his fellow classmates — as they prepare to take the state exams next year. Pray that the good work of ‘Literacy for Life’ in Mozambique may continue.

#### **17 August: Word of the Week**

***“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.” - Psalm 150:6 (NIV)***

#### **18 August: Pakistan**

Pray for the Pakistan Bible Society and their program that is bringing literacy to women in Pakistan, especially in the villages and slums. Pray that the program participants will embrace the new teaching, and for God to guide them to hit their targets. Give thanks to God for the hard work of partner churches and pray that they will continue to receive the program positively and see the impact in their communities.



#### **19 August: Australia**

Please continue to pray for Bible Translators working in Australian Indigenous languages. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide their learning, foster unity, and inspire deep understanding. Pray too for strength and encouragement for the translators, that they may persevere through challenges and experience the joy of the Lord in their calling. May the fruit of their work bring God’s truth and hope to their communities for generations to come, drawing many to know and follow Jesus.

#### **20 August: China**

Pray for the United Bible Societies China Partnership (UBSCP), which is running literacy classes for Christians in rural China. Pray for coordination between UBSCP, the Provincial Christian Council, and local churches as they work together to run the Scripture literacy classes. Pray that teachers and students alike will be motivated to complete their courses. Pray that the rollout of the new Chinese language primer is successful.

#### **21 August: Australia**

Pray for BSA staff as they serve in Bible mission, equipping and implementing the work of Bible translation, publishing, and engagement through fundraising and operations. Pray that God would grant wisdom, unity, and innovation in their work. Pray that more people will learn about and become partners in the mission of Bible Society and contribute to the impact as God’s word reaches people globally.

#### **22 August: Mongolia**

Pray for the Mongolian Union Bible Society, as they teach Braille literacy to visually impaired people in Mongolia. Pray that the life circumstances and living conditions of the visually impaired in Mongolia may improve as a result. Pray that they would be introduced to Jesus through Braille Bibles. Pray that local churches will be involved in supporting this project and reaching out to people

with visual impairment in their communities.

#### **23 August: Pakistan**

Give thanks for Sima\*, who was given glasses by the Pakistan Bible Society (PBS) staff and medical team. “I am thankful to the Lord and the PBS for providing us such an opportunity to learn to read and write which will help to boost our status in society,” she said. “I will definitely send my children to school even if we face hardship and will help them in studies.” Pray for the work of the Pakistan Bible Society, that more people like Sima may be given the opportunity to see and learn to read.

#### **24 August: Word of the Week**

***“For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.” - 2 Corinthians 1:5 (NIV)***

#### **25 August: Australia**

Thank God for the launch of the Alpha in Auslan last month, a resource Alpha Australia, Bible Society Australia, and Wycliffe Bible Translators Australia created in partnership together. Pray for those in the Australian Deaf community who engage with Alpha in Auslan, some of whom may be learning about Jesus for the very first time. May God bless them as they learn about him, and may he lead them into a deeper relationship with him through this course.

#### **26 August: South Africa**

Pray for the Bible Society of South Africa as they fight against South Africa’s literacy crisis by teaching schoolchildren to read and write using Bible-based materials. Pray that many more children will be granted access to the life-giving message of the Bible, and that their literacy project may continue to be a platform for spreading the gospel.

#### **27 August: Australia**

Pray for the chaplains and parachurch ministries serving in hospitals. Ask God to strengthen and encourage them as they bring comfort, hope, and the message of Christ to patients, families, and medical staff in times of great need. Thank God that BSA is able to support these ministries through Scripture Grants — enabling them to provide Bibles to those hungry for God’s word. Pray that every Bible shared would bring peace, healing, and an encounter with God’s love.

#### **28 August: The Gambia**

Pray for the Bible Society in The Gambia, as they run Bible-based literacy programs for adults and children in the Gambia. Pray that the 700 new learners this year will be motivated and engaged. Pray for upcoming events in October, including the quiz competition and the Mary Jones Walk. Pray for guidance and financial support of the project, as it continues to grow.

#### **29 August: Mongolia**

Pray for the Mongolian Union Bible Society, as they continue their work on the Mongolian Standard Version translation of the Bible. Praise God that the complete Old Testament has been translated and is being printed. Pray that the print version of the Old Testament is well-received and may be spread far.

#### **30 August: The Gambia**

Praise God for John\*, who shared his testimony of learning literacy through the Bible Society in the Gambia: “One of my challenges at the beginning of this course was differentiating singular and plural and some of the alphabets. Now I have grasped it. I thank God. Now I read the Bible in the Wolof at the church ... My reading draws so many great comments whenever I am down, I read the Bible and it heals me.”

#### **31 August: Word of the Week**

***“Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” - Colossians 3:2-3 (NIV)***

\*Names changed to protect privacy.