

# Thai Study Bible



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## Thailand

### Overview

Bible Society Australia is supporting Bible Society Thailand in developing a Thai Study Bible, which will provide study notes written by Thai scholars for Thai readers. This Bible will bring God's Word to life in a way that resonates with local culture and everyday experience, helping Thai Christians engage deeply with Scripture and grow in faith.

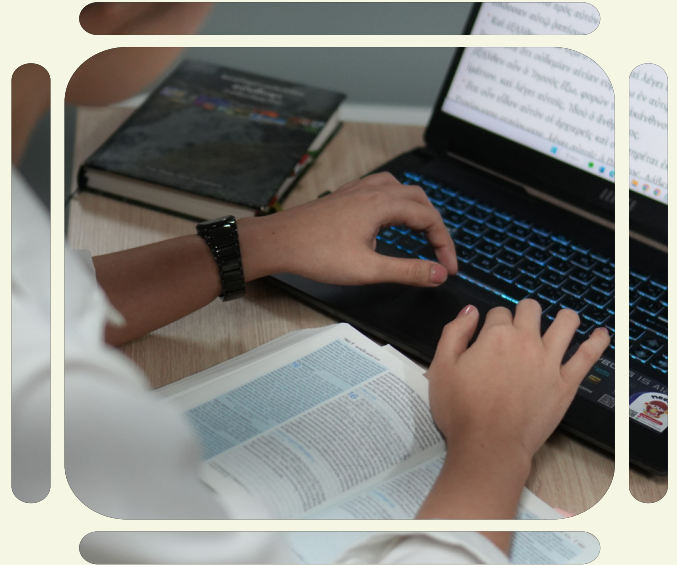
### The Need

Most study Bibles available in Thailand are a translation of materials written by foreigners and shaped by worldviews that often feel distant from Thai culture. This gap limits meaningful engagement with God's Word.

The Thai Study Bible project addresses this challenge by creating study notes in clear, natural Thai, written by local scholars who understand the cultural and spiritual context. This is vital for pastors, seminarians, and believers seeking to apply biblical truth in their daily lives.

Currently there are about 760,000 Christians living in Thailand, which is only one percent of the country's population. However, Thailand's Christian population is growing, and the need for accessible, culturally relevant resources is urgent. This project offers an opportunity to strengthen faith, equip leaders, and foster lifelong transformation, helping Thai Christians fully understand and appreciate Scripture.

- **760,000** Christians live in Thailand (about 1% of Thailand's population).
- **94.1%** of the Thai population are literate (World Population Review)



### Goals

The goal of this project is to complete the Thai Study Bible by 2030. This will be a resource written by Thai scholars for Thai readers, offering culturally relevant study notes that help Christians understand and apply God's Word in their own context. This Study Bible will serve as a vital tool for pastors, seminarians, and believers to deepen their faith and share God's love with others.

In 2026, the project will focus on:

- publishing study notes for 1–2 Chronicles, 1–2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, and Colossians in printed format
- training new writers and reviewers to strengthen quality and accelerate progress through cross-reading and consultant checks
- advancing pre-publication processes for multiple books, including stylist reviews and typesetting, while preparing additional content for future release.

These steps will move the project closer to its ultimate target, completing study notes for the entire Bible by 2030.

## Impact

The Thai Study Bible project is expected to impact up to half of Thailand's Christian population. Steady progress has been made toward the goal of producing this first culturally relevant Study Bible written by Thai scholars. Since its inception, the team has completed study notes for several Old and New Testament books and continues to train writers and reviewers to ensure quality and consistency.

This work is already transforming lives, with Bible Society Vietnam receiving many requests from those who are waiting for the study notes of the remaining books of the Bible.

Team members testify that engaging deeply with Scripture has made God's Word feel "alive and dimensional."

When completed, the Study Bible will equip pastors, teachers, and believers across Thailand to understand and apply Scripture in their own cultural context, fostering lifelong engagement and spiritual growth. The projected impact is significant: hundreds of thousands of Christians will benefit from this resource. Impact will be measured through reader feedback, especially from pastors and seminarians, and by tracking how widely the Study Bible is used in churches and Bible schools.

## Impact in Numbers

# 380,000

people (50% of Thailand's Christian population) are expected to be impacted by this Thai Study Bible

# 34 books

Study notes for 34 books of the Bible (52% of the Bible) have already been published through this project between 2023-2025 and a previous project begun in 2008.

## Testimony

"Working on the Study Bible project has profoundly changed the way I read Scripture ... It has become deeper, more dimensional, more alive. Every step of this journey has reminded me anew that Jesus is worthy, and his Word is true... The Word of God continues to breathe life, remaining ever fresh for every generation."

— Supalak\*, a young student serving on the Thai Study Bible project.

\*Name changed to protect privacy.

## How Your Support Helps

# \$16,800

will help fund one dedicated Thai scholar writing Bible study notes in 2026.

# \$9,600

will help cover the printing and distribution of 1,000 copies of five Bible books with study notes.

Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart ... — **Jeremiah 15:16a, ESV**