

# Expanding Bible Mission



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## South Pacific

### Overview

Through this capacity-building project, the Bible Society of the South Pacific (BSSP) is strengthening Bible mission across Tonga, Samoa, Vanuatu, Kiribati and neighbouring nations by equipping churches with Scripture and practical Bible-based programs. Activities include Bible Week and Bible Month celebrations, evangelistic campaigns, trauma healing, and Sunday school training, supported by trusted local partnerships.



### The Need

Most of the South Pacific's youth face various challenges ranging from high unemployment to increased substance abuse. Communities often grapple with financial and emotional challenges, compounded by existing issues like violence, domestic abuse and addiction. Natural disasters also worsen fears and trauma.

A lack of resources and training hinders Scripture engagement, and communities want help to understand and use Scripture in daily life, especially for children's ministry and family discipleship. 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.

- **20-27%** youth unemployment rate across several Pacific nations, contributing to increased vulnerability to substance abuse, depression and disengagement.

### Goals

In 2026, BSSP will strengthen Bible engagement and expand its mission across the region by working closely with local churches and ministry partners. BSSP will introduce Bible Week Celebrations in at least three Pacific nations where connections have been limited, helping rebuild relationships, deepen trust and encourage renewed engagement with Scripture.

BSSP will also resource Bible Month Celebrations by providing at least 10,000 devotional booklets for children, teens and youth, addressing issues such as substance abuse, suicide, addiction and depression.

Alongside these initiatives, BSSP will conduct community visits offering Bible engagement activities including trauma healing, Sunday school teacher training, Bible distribution, and training in effective Scripture use.

## Impact

This project aims to reach approximately 100,000 people, with impact measured through personal transformation and renewed commitment to Christ, driven by an increased understanding of God's Word.

In 2025, thousands of free Bible-based resources were distributed by BSSP during Bible Month celebrations in Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. During these visits, BSSP staff travelled to local communities, conducted consultations, and raised awareness of Bible Society's mission and ongoing presence across the region. These celebrations fostered

greater unity and collaboration among churches, communities and Bible partners. Joint events, training sessions and national consultations encouraged a strong spirit of partnership.

In response to growing concerns around substance abuse and addiction among young people, BSSP developed a five-day Bible study booklet for use in churches and schools. It contains biblical teaching on the transforming and redeeming power of God's Word.

## Impact in Numbers

# 30,000

people in the South Pacific region have been impacted by BSSP's outreach, distributed Bible resources and Bible engagement initiatives.

# 10,000+

devotional books will be distributed in 2026.

### Testimony

"Rev Benjimin Pitakoe has been committed to facilitating the ongoing and active Bible engagement with the students and staff over the past year. I am in regular contact with him. It is obvious by hearing from the other staff members that this ongoing and active Bible engagement, caused great impact in the lives of both students and staff. There is character formation, life changing experiences and ongoing impact. It's not just giving and leaving the Bibles with people but actively and regularly engage with it."

— Pastor Coxwain, Solomon Islands Mission Branch

## How Your Support Helps

### \$50

can help support the provision of Easter and Christmas Scripture resources.

### \$60

can help with the printing of Bible Month materials.

### \$15,000

can help contribute to the cost of BSSP's mission outreach in Fiji in 2026.

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." — **John 10:10b, ESV**