

Disaster Recovery Grant



Project: N/A
Non-Tax-Deductible

Australia

Overview

Bible Society Australia is supporting frontline chaplains, churches, and ministry partners who walk alongside communities recovering from natural disasters, violence, and traumatic events. Through the Disaster Recovery Scripture Grant, we provide Bibles and Scripture resources that offer comfort, hope, and spiritual support in moments of crisis. In 2026, this ongoing grant enables chaplains and local ministries to respond quickly with gospel-centred care, ensuring those affected by trauma receive God's Word as part of their journey toward healing.



The Need

Australians face recurring emergencies — floods, bushfires, violent incidents, and community-wide tragedies — that create deep emotional, spiritual, and social challenges. Emergency chaplains and local churches are among the first to respond, offering spiritual and emotional care through presence, prayer, and Scripture engagement. The Disaster Recovery Scripture Grant equips these workers with resources that help individuals begin processing trauma and finding hope in God's Word.

Commonwealth and state governments recognise this need through Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Networks, yet many chaplains find it hard to access enough Scripture materials to meet demand.

- **\$250 million** every year (estimated) is spent on flood recovery in NSW
- **45,000 to 60,000 bushfires** require responses from fire services in Australia each year.

Goals

The Disaster Recovery Scripture Grant aims to Open The Bible for Australians experiencing crisis by equipping chaplains, churches, and frontline ministries with the Scriptures and gospel resources they need to offer comfort, prayer, and spiritual support during and after disasters.

In 2026, the project seeks to resource more ministries responding to floods, fires, violence, and community trauma, building on the distribution of Scripture materials in 2025, when 2,424 gospel resources supported crisis-affected communities nationwide.

The grant will provide Bibles, New Testaments, children's books, and trauma-specific resources. It will strengthen chaplaincy training through the supply of Scripture materials, and ensure workers have the tools to engage in long-term pastoral care and discipleship with those recovering from traumatic events.

Impact

During 2025, the Disaster Recovery Scripture Grant enabled BSA to support communities experiencing severe flooding, acts of violence, and ongoing trauma. Chaplains in Queensland, New South Wales, and Victoria received Scripture materials to use in crisis visits and community follow-up. Resources were also supplied for chaplaincy training events, equipping workers to provide spiritually grounded emotional support. Ministries serving disaster-affected towns, areas recovering from violent

incidents, and regions facing crime waves were all resourced to Open The Bible with people in distress.

In total, 2,424 Scripture resources were distributed across Australia from July 2024 – June 2025. These included trauma healing booklets, Bibles, New Testaments, devotional materials, and children's resources — all aimed at helping individuals find hope and comfort in God's Word.

Impact in Numbers

2,424

Scripture resources distributed in FY 2024 – 2025 to communities affected by floods, violence, and trauma

10+

resource types provided, including trauma booklets, children's resources, full Bibles, New Testaments, and devotionals

Testimony

"We have had 500 homes and businesses impacted ... neighbouring villages and towns have been equally devastated. We will offer aid in the way of vouchers and conversation. We can share the love and gospel of Jesus. The resources you provide will assist people. The trauma booklets and cards can be given to each home we visit, the other resources being made available to those who express interest. Pray the church may be a light in this time of darkness and that through this disaster, many will come to know our Lord Jesus." — Ryan

How Your Support Helps

\$40

will help provide children's Scripture resources for families processing crisis.

\$120

will help equip a chaplain with trauma-specific Scripture materials for crisis visits.

\$900

will help supply a ministry with a bulk pack of Bibles, New Testaments, and trauma healing booklets for distribution during community recovery efforts.

"Look at the crows! They don't plant or harvest, and they don't have storehouses or barns. But God takes care of them. You are much more important than any birds. Can worry make you live longer?" — **Luke 12:24-25, CEV**