

# Enabling Growth



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## South Pacific

### Overview

Bible Society Australia is supporting the Bible Society of the South Pacific (BSSP) to strengthen its long-term capacity so that Scripture can be shared effectively across 16 nations and some of the most remote communities in the world. This project equips regional staff, develops future translators, strengthens governance and financial systems, and improves infrastructure so Bible ministry can flourish despite distance, economic pressure, and limited resources. In 2026, the focus is on staff development, regional collaboration, and practical tools that enhance Bible distribution and Scripture engagement.



### The Need

Across the South Pacific, many communities face geographical isolation, economic hardship, and fragile infrastructure that make it difficult to access Scripture. With 2.8 million people spread across 16 island nations, high transport costs, limited storage facilities, and digital connectivity gaps challenges BSSP's ability to provide affordable and culturally appropriate Bible resources. Strengthening staff capability, translation succession planning, and regional coordination are also essential as many new staff and workers in Bible mission require training. Infrastructure across island nations also remains vulnerable to weather, distance, and ageing facilities. Supporting local staff, translation trainees, and practical improvements in BSSP's facilities and resources help ensure their mission continues, making Scripture accessible for rural and outer-island communities.

- **16** independent island nations served by BSSP, representing 2.8 million people.
- **60%** of the population of these island nations live between minimum wage and poverty threshold.

### Goals

In 2026, this project will strengthen BSSP's organisational resilience by investing in staff training, translation capacity, and essential infrastructure. Key activities include training in HR, IT, publishing, typesetting, annual translation workshops, leadership development, and ongoing support for regional staff in Fiji, Tonga, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, and the Solomon Islands. Two new storage containers for Tonga and Samoa warehouses will improve Scripture distribution and safe stock management. National collaboration gatherings across Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, the Solomon Islands, and Kiribati will deepen regional unity and ministry alignment. Together, these actions aim to build a stronger, well-equipped organisation capable of delivering Scripture access and engagement with long-term sustainability.

## Impact

This project is strengthening BSSP's ability to deliver Bible ministry across the South Pacific by building skilled staff, resilient systems, and practical infrastructure. Over time, BSSP will be better equipped to manage Scripture stock, support translation work, and coordinate mission programs across multiple countries with consistent quality and reach.

In 2025, the project achieved significant progress: BSSP recruited new staff in Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, and the Solomon Islands, improving local engagement

and reducing isolation for rural communities. Financial and operational systems were strengthened in the Solomon Islands, including secure storage and online banking access. Staff undertook publishing, leadership, HR, literacy, and typesetting training in Fiji, Japan, Malaysia, and Sydney, increasing confidence and technical capacity. The South Pacific Bible Forum and national collaboration gatherings strengthened partnerships, regional coordination, and shared learning.

## Impact in Numbers

# 6

regional staff roles supported across five Pacific nations in 2025 (Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia)

# 12

staff received targeted professional training in publishing, leadership, HR, literacy, and typesetting workshops across the region.

### Testimony

"We distribute to major bookshops in the towns of Fiji. We have Fijian Bibles here, we have Tahitian, we have Samoans ... Bislama, Tongans, and some languages of New Caledonia. We bought two thousand of the compact sizes of this [Fijian] Bible and now it's all sold out, within two weeks." — Ledua, BSSP Operations Manager

## How Your Support Helps

### \$55

will help provide practical training materials or digital tools for staff development, improving capability across Bible mission roles.

### \$380

will help support a day of specialist training or coordination travel for regional staff as they strengthen Scripture distribution and engagement work.

### \$4,900

will help contribute to major infrastructure needs, such as securing storage containers in Tonga and Samoa, supporting long-term Scripture access and safe stock management.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." — Psalm 119:105, ESV