

PRAYER BOOKLET 2017

Introduction

The year of 2017 poses great challenges to the Bible Cause worldwide. The mission of the United Bible Societies and all Bible Societies that are part of this great global alliance is to bring the Word of God in a relevant way to people, especially to the new generations. Spreading the Bible and its message depends on the unity of all Christians. Therefore, once again, we invite you who love and live by its principles to join in prayer with us.

Although Scripture distribution and translation projects have been advancing in recent years, there are still many people who do not have the Bible at their disposal in their mother tongues or who cannot access biblical publications due to geographical, political and social difficulties. Moreover, many countries are facing the problem of secularization of their population.

Another very serious issue is that modern society is facing an ethical crisis, therefore, many nations have been suffering from problems such as corruption, violence, drug trafficking and consumption, child prostitution, among others. And the Holy Bible is the answer to cope with all those situations.

Please pray especially this year for the 500 years of the Reformation, a milestone for spreading the Bible worldwide. All Bible Societies are preparing themselves to celebrate this date and increase the Bible's visibility and importance in different aspects of life: personal, social, family and religious.

Please use this Prayer Booklet as your weekly guide to prayer and keep in mind all of those who do not know yet the transforming message of God's Word.

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About this Book

Developed to be a guide to prayer for the Bible Cause around the world, the Prayer Booklet presents reasons to pray for more than a hundred countries where there is a Bible Society. The booklet is divided into sections to be covered in one week, with information about each country, including population, religion and its location, in addition to contact information for the Bible Society operating in that nation.

Further information on the work carried out for the Bible Cause in a particular country can be obtained by accessing the website of the Bible Society in charge of the region.

Prayer Guidelines

Prayer is part of Christian life, being equally important whether it is done in group or individually.

In your weekly prayer, please remember important questions for the continuity of the Bible work, whether in local, national or international scope.

One of them is fund-raising, which allows Bible Societies to maintain the subsidized and free distribution of Scriptures and their outreach programs of biblical nature that assist people facing situations of vulnerability and social risk.

Please remember also those who are part of this work, both indirectly, such as volunteers, partners and supporters, or directly, such as the employees who work in different areas like human resources, distribution, communications and finances, among others.

The production of Scriptures and the relationship with Churches are also key parts of the Bible work. Pray also for the translation teams so that they can have their needs met in their effort to spread the Word to different nations.

And ask for the development of Scriptures in digital media that will contribute to extending the access of new generations to the biblical message.

Finally, please remember to pray that the shipment of Scriptures will be made without obstacles from the place of production to the point of distribution.

The United Bible Societies

The United Bible Societies (UBS) are a global alliance of Bible Societies, founded in 1946, in order to facilitate the process of translating, producing and distributing Holy Scriptures through strategies of mutual cooperation. This movement began in London, in 1804, with the establishment of the British & Foreign Bible Society, focused on the distribution of the Scriptures in England and Wales.

With a tradition of more than two centuries, Bible Societies around the world have already benefited millions of people with the hope and the teachings of God's Word. UBS joins together 149 national Bible Societies, operating in more than 200 countries and territories, and is headquartered in the English town of Swindon.

Guided by the mission of bringing the Bible to all people, in a language they can understand and for a price they can afford, the United Bible Societies work with all Christian Churches and many national and international non-governmental organizations. They are committed to finding new and creative ways to attract people to the Holy Book.

Translating the Bible is at the essence of UBS. At least part of the Holy Scriptures is available in 2,935 languages spoken by over 6 billion people. And thanks to the efforts made by this global alliance present in more than 200 countries and territories, the full Bible is available in 563 languages, spoken by about 5.1 billion people, and the New Testament in 1,334 additional languages, spoken by 658 million people. Bible Societies are committed to develop and deliver new translations—anywhere in the world—to people who have never had a Bible in their own language.

Bible Society of Brazil

Founded in 1948, Bible Society of Brazil (SBB) is a non-profit social outreach organization of philanthropic, health-care, educational and cultural nature. Its trajectory was built on the mission of “promoting the Bible and its message as an instrument of transformation and full development of the human being.” SBB's purpose is to translate, produce and distribute the Holy Bible—a true manual for life that promotes the spiritual, cultural and social development of human beings.

A large part of the publications is distributed free of charge to those benefited by the Bible-based outreach programs developed by the organization. The segments benefited by those programs include Amazonian riverside populations, students, people with disabilities, hospitalized patients, prison inmates, substance abusers, victims of disasters, the elderly, children and families facing situations of social vulnerability.

In order to achieve its objectives, SBB has one of the largest printing plants dedicated solely to the production of Scriptures—the Bible Press located in Barueri (State of São Paulo). Bible Press' excellence is recognized beyond Brazilian borders, thus allowing Bible Society of Brazil to export to more than 100 countries in the Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe.

SBB seeks the best in terms of human and technological resources to publish the Word of God. The translations used in its publications are the most appreciated by Brazilian Christians, especially the Almeida Revised & Updated, Almeida Revised & Corrected and New Translation in Today's Language (NTLH) versions. SBB also offers the biblical text in diversified formats and models, such as the Bible in Audio (MP3 format), the digital Bible in ePub format, apps for tablets, and creative publications for children.

In partnership with the Town of Barueri (State of São Paulo), SBB runs since 2003 the Bible Museum, the first one in Brazil and one of the largest around the world in its specialty. In Rio de Janeiro, SBB opened in 2004 the Bible Cultural Center, a facility that features an auditorium, a museum and a store dedicated to biblical literature.

January 1 – 7

South Africa

Prayer Request: Please thank God for the success of our new Bible translation projects. Pray for our literacy project and efforts to provide Bibles to students from the 7th Grade who cannot purchase a Bible. Pray also for our donors that enable us to overcome challenges.

About the Country

- **Location:** Southern Africa
- **Capital:** Pretoria
- **Population:** 54.49 million
- **Languages:** Afrikaans, English, isiNdebele, Sepedi, Sesotho, Siswati, Setswana, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, isiXhosa, isiZulu.
- **Religion:** Christian: 86% | No religion: 5.2% | Muslim: 1.9% | Hindu: 0.9% | Other: 6.0%.

Bible Society of South Africa

- **Website:** www.biblesociety.co.za
- **Email:** biblia@biblesociety.co.za

Albania

Prayer Request: Please ask God for help to sow His Word in the hearts of Albanians. Pray for the work carried out the Bible Society and its team.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Tirana
- **Population:** 2.9 million
- **Languages:** Albanian
- **Religion:** Muslim: 56.7%; Catholic: 10%; Orthodox Christian: 6.8% | Atheist: 2.5% | Other: 7.8% | Unspecified: 16.2%. NOTE: All mosques and churches were closed in 1967 and religious practice was banned. In November 1990, Albania started to allow private religious practice.

Interconfessional Bible Society of Albania

- **Website:** albanianbiblesociety.com/

Germany

Prayer Request: Please pray for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017 in Germany and for all activities carried out by the Church and the Bible Society in this context, especially for the promotion of the revised "Lutherbibel" (Luther Bible) published in October 2016. Pray also for the United Bible Societies' Publishers Convention that will be held in Berlin in March 2017.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Berlin
- **Population:** 81.8 million
- **Language:** German

→ **Religion:** Catholic: 29.5% | Protestant: 27.9% | No religion: 35.0% | Muslim: 4.6% | Other: 3.0%

German Bible Society

→ **Website:** www.die-bibel.de
→ **Email:** keil@dbg.de

January 8 – 14

Angola

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

→ **Location:** Africa
→ **Capital:** Luanda
→ **Population:** 12.6 million
→ **Languages:** Portuguese (official), Umbundu, Kikongo, among others.
→ **Religion:** Catholic: 41.1% | Protestant: 38.1% | Other: 8.6% | No religion: 12.3%.

Bible Society in Angola

→ **Website:** biblesociety-angola.org/

Algeria

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

→ **Location:** North Africa
→ **Capital:** Algiers
→ **Population:** 39.93 million
→ **Languages:** Arabic (official), French (lingua franca), Berber dialects
→ **Religion:** Muslim (official; mostly Sunni): 99% | Other: (Including Christians and Jews) <1%.

Bible Society in Algeria

January 15 – 21

Argentina

Prayer Request: Pray and thank God for the progress of the Bible translation into West Toba and the Argentine Sign Language. Thank Him for the new areas for Bible promotion and interaction. Pray also that we can help Christians engage more with God's Word through culture.

About the Country

→ **Location:** South America
→ **Capital:** Buenos Aires

- **Population:** 43.13 million
- **Languages:** Spanish (official); other minority languages: Toba Qom, Wichí, West Toba, Araucano, Quechua, Mocoví, Pilagá, Chorote.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 76.5% | Protestant: 9% | Other: 3.2% | Indifferent/agnostic: 11.3%.

Argentine Bible Society

- **Website:** www.sba.org.ar

Email: info@biblica.org

Armenia

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** Eurasia
- **Capital:** Yerevan
- **Population:** 3,018.854
- **Languages:** Armenian, Russian, English
- **Religion:** Christian: 99 % | Armenian Apostolic Church: 90%

Bible Society in Armenia

- **Website:** www.biblesociety.am

Aruba

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Oranjestad
- **Population:** 110,660
- **Languages:** Dutch (official), Papiamentu (most spoken), Spanish, English, Chinese, others.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 75.3% | Protestant: 4.9% | Jehovah's Witness: 1.7% | Other: 12% | No religion: 5.5% | Unspecified: 0.5% (est. 2010).

Bible Society in the Netherlands Antilles & Aruba

- **Website:** biblesocietynet.org

January 22 – 28

Australia

Prayer Request: Pray for a wonderful bicentenary year. Praise God for our generous supporters. Pray also for our ongoing translation work into several indigenous languages and the Australian Sign Language, as well as for success in challenging nominal Christians with God's Word.

About the Country

- **Location:** Oceania
- **Capital:** Canberra
- **Population:** 24.3 million
- **Languages:** English is the predominant language. There are about 35 active indigenous languages with varying extent of Scripture Translation (hundreds of indigenous languages are extinct or dying). Also many migrants extensively use their mother tongues.
- **Religion:** Christian: 70% | Buddhist: 2.5% | Muslim: 2.5% | Hindu: 1% | No religion: 23%.
Note: Committed Christians do not exceed 20%.

Bible Society Australia

- **Website:** www.biblesociety.org.au
- **Email:** greg.clarke@biblesociety.org.au

Austria

Prayer Request: Pray for groups and individuals that visit our Bible Center in Vienna to learn about the bible and its history, especially school groups. We provide Bibles to refugees and prison inmates in their own languages across Austria. Please pray for this growing ministry.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Vienna
- **Population:** 8.5 million
- **Languages:** German (official); recognized minority languages: Burgenland Croatian dialect, Hungarian, Czech, Romani, Slovak.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 61.4% | No religion: 12% | Muslim: 6.8% | Protestant: 3.6% | Orthodox Christian: 2.8% | Jewish: 0.1% | Other: 13.3%.

Austrian Bible Society

- **Website:** www.bibelgesellschaft.at
- **Email:** bibelzentrum@bibelgesellschaft.at

Bahamas

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Nassau
- **Population:** 388,000
- **Languages:** English (official), Creole (Haitian immigrants).
- **Religion:** Protestant: 69.9% | Roman Catholic: 12% | Other Christian religions: 13% (including Jehovah's Witness: 1.1%) | Other: 0.6% | No religion: 1.9% | Unspecified: 2.6%.

Bible Society of the West Indies*

- **Website:** www.biblesocietywi.org

* Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica, Bahamas, Belize, Turks & Caicos Islands, and Cayman Islands.

January 29 – February 4

Bangladesh

Prayer Request: We are continuing to work on the translation into four languages and on our first Study Bible. Please pray for the success of all these translation jobs. Pray also for our safety as we are facing challenges in terms of religious freedom. Thank God for enabling us to share the Word of God with so many people.

About the Country

- **Location:** South Asia
- **Capital:** Dhaka
- **Population:** 165 million
- **Languages:** Bengali.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 90% | Hindu: 8% | Christian: 0.6%. Others are Buddhist or practice traditional religions.

Bangladesh Bible Society

- **Website:** www.bsbangladesh.org
- **Email:** spholia@biblesocietybd.org

Benin

Prayer Request: Pray for the publication of the new Bible in Goun and the New Testament in Aja. Pray also for the government as it implements reforms in the country's administration. Ask God for Bible Society of Benin to have good relationships with churches.

About the Country

- **Location:** West Africa
- **Capital:** Cotonou
- **Population:** 10 million
- **Languages:** 52 Languages: French, Fon, Goun, Yoruba, Aja, Baatonu, Ditammari, Lokpa, etc.
- **Religion:** Christian: 42.8% | Traditional religions: 25.2% | Muslim: 24.4% | No religion: 7.6%.

Bible Society of Benin

- **Website:** www.biblesociety-benin.org
- **Email:** kancoumanuel60@gmail.com

Belgium (French)

Prayer Request: Thank God for the achievements made by the Belgian Bible Society (French) in 2016 in support of the Bible Cause. Please ask for the projects implemented last year may continue to stimulate the population's interest in the Bible in Belgium.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Brussels
- **Population:** 11 million
- **Languages:** Dutch, French, German.

→ **Religion:** Catholic: 49% | No religion: 42% | Muslim: 5% | Protestant: 2.5%.

Belgian Bible Society (French)

→ Website: www.la-bible.be

February 5 – 11

Belize

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America
- **Capital:** Belmopan
- **Population:** 359,380
- **Languages:** Spanish 46%, Creole 32.9%, Mayan dialects 8.9%, English 3.9% (official), Garifuna 3.4% (Caribbean), German 3.3%, Other 1.4%, Unknown 0.2% (2000 Census).
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic: 39.3 | Pentecostal: 8.3% | Seventh-Day Adventist: 5.3% | Anglican: 4.5% | Mennonite: 3.7 | Baptist: 3.5% | Methodist: 2.8% | Nazarene: 2.8% | Jehovah's Witness: 1.6% | Other: 9.9% | Unknown: 3.1% | No religion: 15.2%.

Bible Society of the West Indies*

→ Website: www.biblesocietywi.org

** Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica, Bahamas, Belize, Turks & Caicos Islands, and Cayman Islands.*

Bolivia

Prayer Request: Please pray for God's guidance as we develop rehabilitation programs for children victims of violence. Pray also that God's Word may continue to transform the lives of families who face domestic violence, and for children and teenagers who work to support their families.

About the Country

- **Location:** South America
- **Capital:** Sucre
- **Population:** 11.410 million
- **Languages:** Spanish, Quechua, Aymara, Guarani, and other 35 languages.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 70% | Protestant: 15% | Other: 15%

Bolivian Bible Society

- **Website:** www.sociedadbiblicaboliviana.org
- **Email:** info@sociedadbiblicaboliviana.org

Botswana

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- Location: Africa
- Capital: Gaborone
- Population: 2.26 million
- Languages: English, Setswana
- **Religion:** Christian: 62% | Indigenous beliefs: 23%; Catholic: 5% | Muslim, Hindu, Other: 10%.

Bible Society in Botswana

- Website: www.info.bw/~biblesoc/index.html

February 12 – 18

Brazil

Prayer Request: Please thank God for the progress of the Bible work in Brazil in 2016, in particular for the evangelization activities carried out by Bible Society of Brazil (SBB) in partnerships with Christian churches and during the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Praise the Lord for making it possible for SBB to accomplish its mission, even in an unfavorable political and economic scenario. Pray for our authorities and for the Bible to be increasingly present in our society, therefore guiding actions and projects based on its ethical and moral values. Join us in prayer for the celebrations of the 500 years of the Reformation in our country, the campaign Change Brazil through the Bible, and the A Bible in Every Home movement. Thank God for the publication of the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs in the New Updated Almeida translation, and for the ongoing Almeida Revised & Updated revision translation project, one of the most read translations in Brazil. Pray also for the planning for the Year of the Bible, which will be celebrated in 2018 when SBB will celebrate its 70th anniversary. And do not forget to pray for the all the people involved in the Bible Cause in Brazil: translators, donors, volunteers, organizations, churches, and those benefited by SBB's staff and outreach programs.

About the Country

- Location: South America
- Capital: Brasília
- Population: 204.45 million
- **Languages:** Portuguese (official); more than 200 minority languages (including indigenous and immigrant languages).
- **Religion:** Catholic: 64.6% | Protestant: 22.2% | Spiritualist: 2% | Afro-Brazilian religions: 0.3% | No religion: 8%.

Information about the Bible Society

- Bible Society of Brazil
- Website: www.sbb.org.br
- Email: webmaster@sbb.org.br

Brunei

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- Location: Asia
- Capital: Bandar Seri Begawan
- Population: 415,710
- **Languages:** Malay (official), English, Chinese.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 78.8% | Christian: 8.7% | Buddhist: 7.8% | Other: 4.7%.

Bible Society of Singapore (in charge of Brunei)

- Website: www.bible.org.sg

Bulgaria

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Sofia
- **Population:** 7.15 million
- **Languages:** Bulgarian (official), Turkish and Romany.
- **Religion:** Eastern Orthodox Christian: 59.4% | Muslim: 7.8% | Other: 1.7% | No religion: 3.7% | Unspecified: 27.4%

Bulgarian Bible Society

- **Website:** <http://biblesocietybg.org/>

Burkina Faso

Prayer Request: Thank God for the dedication of the San Bible in 2016, and for the new members of the PCA and the Board of Directors. Pray also for our translation projects, the publication of the Bibles in Goulmacema and Dagaare, security in our country, which was attacked in January 2016, and the safety of our staff.

About the Country

- **Location:** West Africa
- **Capital:** Ouagadougou
- **Population:** 18.10 million
- **Languages:** French.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 61.6% | Catholic: 23.2% | Animist: 7.3% | Protestant: 6.7% | No religion: 0.9% | Other or unspecified: 0.2%.

Bible Society of Burkina Faso

- **Website:** www.Biblesociety-bf.org
- **Email:** Abbf@biblesociety-bf.org

February 19 – 25

Burundi

Prayer Request: Please pray that the population welcomes the first revised version of the Bible in our local language whose distribution will begin in 2017. Pray also that the lives of people may be transformed by God's Word. Ask that the Kirundi Study Bible translation project can make significant progress and that we receive the necessary financial support for our Bible ministry. And pray that our country, which is ranked as one of the world's poorest countries, can thrive economically. Ask the Lord for guidance and protection over our staff as they implement our projects in an environment of conflict.

About the Country

- **Location:** East Africa
- **Population:** 10.74 million
- **Languages:** Kirundi and French.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 60% | Protestant: 15% | Muslim: 5% | Animist and no religion: 20%.

Bible Society of Burundi

- **Email:** mniyungeko@biblesocieties.org

Cameroon

Prayer Request: Thank God for our Bible translations and pray for the new translations: Podoko, Guidar, Mofa. Pray for protection over translators who live in unsafe areas. Pray also that the revised Pere New Testament is well received, and for other projects that have real impact on the lives of people.

About the Country

- **Location:** West Africa
- **Capital:** Yaoundé
- **Population:** 23.92 million
- **Languages:** French, English.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 38.4% | Protestant: 26.3% | Other Christian: 4.5% | Muslim: 20.9% | Animist: 5.6% | Other: 1% | Atheist: 3.2%.

Bible Society of Cameroon

- **Website:** www.biblesociety-cameroon.org
- **Email:** jzoutene@gmail.com

Cambodia

Prayer Request: Pray for our Literacy Program and for strength and protection over our staff and volunteers traveling around Cambodia to implement this program, especially in remote rural areas. Pray also for the Forgiveness & Reconciliation project.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** Phnom Penh
- **Population:** 15.57 million
- **Languages:** Khmer.

- **Religion:** Buddhist: 84.8% | Christian: 3.2% | Muslim: 2.2% | Ethnic religions: 7.4% | Unspecified: 2.4%.

Bible Society in Cambodia

- **Website:** www.biblecambodia.org

February 26 – March 4

Canada

Prayer Request: The Canadian Bible Society is implementing a new strategic plan to strengthen its ability to minister to every province and territory in the country. Pray for wisdom and provision as we serve the needs of Canadian youth, the immigrant population, and enhance our presence in Canada's urban centers.

About the Country

- **Location:** North America
- **Capital:** Ottawa
- **Population:** 36.15 million
- **Languages:** English and French (official); indigenous and minority languages (Spanish, Italian, German, Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Dutch, Tagalog, Hindi, Portuguese, Polish, Urdu, Russian, Ukrainian, Greek, Persian, Tamil, Korean).
- **Religion:** Catholic: 43% | Protestant: 29% | No religion: 16% | Muslim: 2% | Hindu: 1% | Sikh: 1% | Buddhist: 1%.

Canadian Bible Society

- **Website:** biblesociety.ca
- **Email:** info@biblesociety.ca

East Caribbean*

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Bridgetown (Barbados; location of headquarters)
- **Population:** 2.3 million
- **Languages:** English, French Creole.
- **Religion:** Christian | Muslim | Hindu.

** Eastern Caribbean consists of 12 nations: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts & Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, and the US Virgin Islands.*

Bible Society in the East Caribbean

- <http://www.biblesocietyeca.org/>

Kazakhstan

Prayer Request: Pray for God's blessing on the work of spreading His Word in our country. Pray for protection over Christians due to the expansion and development of Islam. Pray also for the development of our Bible Society.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central Asia
- **Capital:** Astana
- **Population:** 18.36 million
- **Languages:** Kazakh (official), Russian (second official).
- **Religion:** Muslim: 70.2% | Christian: 26.2% (mostly Russian Orthodox) | Other: 0.2% | Atheist: 2.8% | Unspecified: 0.5%.

Bible Society in Kazakhstan

- Website: www.absk.kz

March 5 – 11

Chad

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Biblical principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central Africa
- **Capital:** N'Djamena
- **Population:** 13.21 million
- **Languages:** Arabic and French (official).
- **Religion:** Muslim: 53.1% | Catholic: 20.1% | Protestant: 14.2% | Animist: 7.3% | Unknown: 0.7% | Other: 0.5% | Atheist: 3.1% (1993 Census).

Bible Society of Chad

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China

Prayer Request: Thank God for the strong cooperation between UBS CP and the Church in China. Pray for translators and adequate funding for Bible translation projects into ethnic minority languages. Pray also for the development and promotion of our Bible App and for more workers on China's agricultural fields.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** Beijing
- **Population:** 1.37 billion
- **Languages:** Chinese, local dialects, minority languages.
- **Religion:** No religion: 44.4% | Chinese religions: 28.5% | Buddhist: 12.5% | Christian: 5.3% | Traditional ethnic religions: 4.6% | Muslim: 1.9%.

United Bible Societies' China Partnership

- Website: www.ubscp.orghttps
- Facebook: www.facebook.com/chinabibles
- Email: coh@biblesocieties.org

Chile

Prayer Request: Pray for Chile and the work carried out by the Church, as well as for the projects that the Bible Society is developing to reach children, the elderly, indigenous peoples and Romany communities with God's Word. Pray also for resources that allow the Chilean Bible Society to fund its missionary and outreach activities.

About the Country

- Location: South America
- Capital: Santiago
- Population: 17.95 million
- Languages: Spanish.
- Religion: Catholic: 64% | Evangelical: 20% | Other: 16%

Chilean Bible Society

- Website: www.sbch.cl
- Email: info@sbch.cl

March 12 – 18

Singapore

Prayer Request: Pray that our Word Intake for Spiritual Edification (WISE) Program, a daily Bible reading and devotional tool, will be well received. Pray also for success and fruitfulness in our projects to build capacity for Asian Bible Societies through workshops on publishing, engagement and advocacy.

About the Country

- Location: Southeast Asia
- Capital: Singapore
- Population: 5.6 million
- Languages: English, Mandarin, Malay, Tamil.
- Religion: Buddhist: 33% | Muslim: 14.3% | Taoist: 11.3% | Protestant: 11% | Catholic: 7.1% | Hindu: 5.2% | Other: 0.7% | No religion: 17.4%.

Bible Society of Singapore

- Website: www.bible.org.sg
- Email: info@bible.org.sg Rev. Ezekiel Tan

Cyprus

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- Location: Middle East (Eastern Mediterranean)
- Capital: Nicosia
- Population: 1.15 million
- **Languages:** Greek and Turkish (official), English, Romanian, Russian, Bulgarian, among others.
- **Religion:** Russian Orthodox Christian: 78% | Muslim: 18% | Other: 4%

Bible Society in Cyprus

- Email: bisoofcy@cytanet.com.cy

Colombia

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- Location: South America
- Capital: Bogotá
- Population: 48.92 million
- **Language:** Spanish (official).
- **Religion:** Catholic: 90% | Other: 10% (est. 2010)

Colombian Bible Society

- Website: <http://www.sociedadbiblicacolombiana.com>

March 19 – 25

North Korea

Prayer Request: Owning a Bible is still forbidden, and Christians are persecuted in North Korea. Please join us in prayer so that God will open the doors for Bible work; that the divided people will soon be united; and that the barriers to God's Word of life and love will be removed as soon as possible.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** Pyongyang
- **Population:** 24.89 million
- **Languages:** Korean.
- **Religion:** Religious practice is restricted.

Korean Bible Society

- **Website:** <http://www.koreanbible.or.kr/>
- **Email:** communications@bskorea.or.kr

South Korea

Prayer Request: Please pray that God will grant us wisdom to serve as the MRC for publishing Scriptures; for our staff and team of volunteers who mobilize support for our Scripture donation program; and that God, through His powerful ministry, will change the lives of people around the world through the Scriptures.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** Seoul
- **Population:** 51.60 million
- **Languages:** Korean.
- **Religion:** Christian: 29.2% | (Protestant: 18.3% | Catholic: 10.9%) | Buddhist: 22.8% | Other religions/Unknown: 48% (2016)

Korean Bible Society

Website: www.koreanbible.or.kr

Email: communications@bskorea.or.kr

Côte d'Ivoire

Prayer Request: Two translation projects will be completed by the end of 2017: Revision of the Baoulé Bible and Study Bible, and the Akye Bible. Please pray for the translation teams' health. New translation projects will be developed. Pray for resources to carry them out. Also ask for funds to build the new Bible Society building.

About the Country

- **Location:** West Africa
- **Capital:** Yamoussoukro (Constitutional); Abidjan (Seat of Government)
- **Population:** 23.74 million
- **Languages:** French (official and national).
- **Religion:** Muslim: 38.6% | Christian: 32.8% | Animist: 11.9% | Other: 16.7%.

Bible Society of Côte d'Ivoire

- **Website:** alliancebibliqueci.org
 - **Email:** infos-abci@avisoci.ci
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March 26 – April 1

Costa Rica

Prayer Request: Thank God for the wisdom granted to keep the Bible's message in evidence in a secular society. Please pray for our project targeting people with disabilities and the translation project into the Ngöbe language.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America
- **Capital:** San José
- **Population:** 4.87 million

- **Languages:** Spanish.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 62% | Evangelical/Protestant: 24% | Secular: 10% | Other: 4%.

Bible Society of Costa Rica

- **Website:** www.CRBiblica.com
- **Email:** mugalde@crbiblica.com

Croatia

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Southern Europe
- **Capital:** Zagreb
- **Population:** 4.27 million
- **Languages:** Croatian (official), Serbian (1.2%), Other/Unspecified (3.2%) (est. 2011)
- **Religion:** Catholic: 86.3% | Orthodox Christian: 4.4% | Muslim: 1.5% | Other: 1.5% | Unspecified: 2.5% | No religion or atheist: 3.8% (est. 2011)

Croatian Bible Society

- **Website:** <http://www.hbd.hr/>

Cuba

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- Location: Central America (Caribbean)
- Capital: Havana
- Population: 11.26 million
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Religion:** Catholic (nominal): 85% | Protestant, Jehovah's Witness, Jewish, Afro-Cuban religions.

Bible Commission of Cuba

April 2 – 8

Denmark

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- Location: Europe
- Capital: Copenhagen
- Population: 5,627,235
- Languages: Danish.
- **Religion:** Lutheran: 83% | Catholic: 0.6% | Muslim: 2.3% | Other: 14%.

Danish Bible Society

- Email: www.bibelselskabet.dk

Egypt

Prayer Request: This year we will focus on new activities for young people. We are holding several events so they can display their remarkable talents in poetry, music, acting and other forms of art addressing biblical themes. Please pray that these events encourage teenagers to get closer to God.

About the Country

- **Location:** Middle East
- **Capital:** Cairo
- **Population:** 93.38 million
- **Languages:** Arabic.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 90% | Christian: 10%.

Bible Society of Egypt

- **Website:** bsoe.org
- **Email:** admin@bsor.org

El Salvador

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America
- **Capital:** San Salvador
- **Population:** 6.38 million
- **Languages:** Spanish (official), Nahuatl (some Amerindian peoples).
- **Religion:** Catholic: 57.1% | Protestant: 21.2% | Jehovah's Witness: 1.9% | Mormon: 0.7% | Other: 2.3% | No religion: 16.8%.

Bible Society of El Salvador

- **Website:** <http://www.sbuelsalvador.org>

April 9 – 15

Ecuador

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** South America
- **Capital:** Quito
- **Population:** 15.98 million
- **Languages:** Spanish (official), Quechua (4.1%), other indigenous languages (0.7%).
- **Religion:** Catholic: 95% | Other: 5%

Bible Society in Ecuador

→ Website: www.sbuecuador.com

Eritrea

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** East Africa
- **Capital:** Asmara
- **Population:** 5.53 million
- **Languages:** Arabic, Tigrinya and English (official).
- **Religion:** Muslim | Coptic Christian | Catholic | Protestant.

Bible Society of Eritrea

- **Bible Society of Eritrea**
- **Email:** biblesociety7@yahoo.com

Scotland*

Prayer Request: Many people in Scotland do not know Jesus. Please pray that we can support churches and individuals to reach people with the Word of God, by producing resources like the Christmas Gospel. Pray that each Gospel that is given out is read and more people in Scotland come to know Jesus.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe, United Kingdom
- **Capital:** Edinburgh
- **Population:** 5.4 million
- **Languages:** English (official), Scottish Gaelic, Scots.
- **Religion:** Protestant: 1.9 million | Roman Catholic: 841 thousand | Muslim: 77 thousand | Hindu: 16 thousand | Buddhist: 13 thousand | Sikh: 9 thousand | Jewish: 6 thousand

Scottish Bible Society

- **Website:** www.scottishbiblesociety.org
- **Email:** info@scottishbiblesociety.org

* Scotland is part of the United Kingdom, along with England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The capital of the United Kingdom is London.

April 16 – 22

Slovakia

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe

- **Capital:** Bratislava
- **Population:** 5.4 million
- **Languages:** Slovak (official), Hungarian (widely spoken in the South), Ruthenian (spoken in some parts of the Northeast).
- **Religion:** Christian (Catholic: 65.8% | Lutheran: 5.9% | Other Christian: 3.4%) | Atheist: 13.4 % | Other: 11.5%.

Slovak Bible Society

- Website: <http://www.biblickaspolocnost.sk/>
- Email: office@biblickaspolocnost.sk

Slovenia

Prayer Request: Please pray for the Bible Society of Slovenia as it spreads the message of the Gospel to our country and people. Pray that the people will begin to use the Gospel as their source of hope and that Bible Society's projects will help change their opinion about the Bible. Pray for the translators of the New Testament into modern Slovenian, for our **Life with Jesus** project, and that the texts will be used every day by many young people.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Ljubljana
- **Population:** 2.07 million
- **Languages:** Slovenian.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 57.8% | Muslim: 2.4% | Orthodox Christian: 2.3% | Other Christian: 0.9% | Unaffiliated: 3.5% | Other religions or unspecified: 23% | No religion: 10.1%.

Bible Society of Slovenia

- Website: www.svetopismo.si
- Email: info@svetopismo.si

Spain

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Madrid
- **Population:** 47.06 million
- **Languages:** Spanish, Catalan, Galician, Basque and Asturian.
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic: 94% | Other: 6%.

Bible Society of Spain

- Website: <http://sociedadbiblica.org>

April 23 – 29

Gulf States

Prayer Request: In March 2016 Bible Society in the Gulf (BSG) participated in the International Book Fair in the Kingdom of Bahrain for the first time. BSG was the only Christian publisher among the 350 participants of the Fair. The Bible was displayed in almost 200 different languages, and an interactive exhibition “How the Bible Came to Us” was open to the public. Thousands visited the BSG booth and purchased Scriptures. We thank God for this incredible opportunity and pray for our 'visitors,' especially those from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, so that they can read the Bible and open their hearts and minds to the Good News of the Gospel. Also, pray for our 25 different projects planned for 2017, including distribution of Scriptures, adult literacy classes, and seminars in Arabic.

About the Country

- **Location:** Middle East/Asia
- **Population:** 71.28 million
- **Languages:** Arabic, English and several Asian languages spoken by migrant workers.
- **Religion:** Muslim; Christian/ and Hindu (mainly migrant workers).

* Gulf States consist of the six following countries: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

Bible Society in the Gulf

- In charge of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

United States

Prayer Request: Pray for more people in the U.S. to grow in their love for God's Word, for God to transform hearts through Bible-based trauma healing, for the plans for a Philadelphia-based Faith and Liberty Discovery Center, and for new Scripture discovery and engagement across cities and channels of culture.

About the Country

- **Location:** North America
- **Capital:** Washington D.C.
- **Population:** 323 million
- **Languages:** The United States does not have an official language; however, English (specifically American English) is the main language.
- **Religion:** Christian: 70% | Non-Christian (Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, etc.): 5.9% | No religion (atheist, agnostic, etc.): 22.8%

American Bible Society

- **Website:** www.americanbible.org
- **Email:** ahood@americanbible.org

Estonia

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** North Europe
- **Capital:** Tallinn

- **Population:** 1.28 million
- **Languages:** Estonian (official), Russian, Ukrainian.
- **Religion:** Lutheran: 9.9% | Orthodox Christian: 16.2% | Other Christian religions: 2.2% | Other: 0.9% | No religion: 54.1% | Unspecified: 16.1%.

Estonian Bible Society

- Website: www.piibliselts.ee

April 30 – May 6

Ethiopia

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** East Africa
- **Capital:** Addis Ababa
- **Population:** 96.5 million
- **Languages:** Amharic (official), English, Oromo, Somali, Tigrigna, Afar, Arabic, among others.
- **Religion:** Ethiopian Orthodox Christian: 43.5% | Muslim: 33.9% | Protestant: 18.5% | Traditional beliefs: 2.7% | Catholic: 0.7% | Other: 0.6%.

Bible Society of Ethiopia

- Website: <http://biblesociety-ethiopia.org/>

Philippines

Prayer Request: Please pray for the completion of the Philippine Bible Society headquarters construction, which will support the future development of the Bible work in the country. Pray also for the new Scripture engagement program for women to be launched this year. Finally, pray for the MTBO Bible campaign that will distribute 500,000 copies of the Bible to poor families.

About the Country

- **Location:** Southeast Asia
- **Capital:** Manila
- **Population:** 100 million
- **Languages:** Filipino, English, Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano.
- **Religion:** Christian (Catholic, Protestant, etc.): 85%

Philippine Bible Society

- Website: www.bible.org.ph
- Email: contactus@bible.org.ph Dr. Nora G. Lucero

Finland

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches

every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Helsinki
- **Population:** 5.4 million
- **Languages:** Official: Finnish and Swedish. Other: Sami languages (North Sami, Skolt Sami and Inari Sami are officially recognized in Finland).
- **Religion:** Lutheran: 75% | Orthodox Christian: 1.1% | Other: 1.5% | No religion: 22.2%.

Finnish Bible Society

- **Website:** www.piplia.fi

May 7 – 13

France

Prayer Request: Please pray: That the preparations for the anniversary of 200 years of the Bible Society in 2018 will be an opportunity to reach the nation through the Bible; that the project "Revision of le Français Courant" (Revision of the Current French), one of our main translations, evolve well; and that the mission can expand in France.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Paris
- **Population:** 66 million
- **Languages:** French.
- **Religion:** Christian: 58% | No religion: 32% | Muslim: 7% | Jewish: 1% | Other: 2%.

French Bible Society

- **Website:** www.alliancebiblique.fr
- **Email:** alliance.biblique@sbf.fr

Gabon

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central Africa
- **Capital:** Libreville
- **Population:** 1.71 million
- **Languages:** French (official), Fang, and Bantu dialects.
- **Religion:** Christian: 55-75% | Animist and Muslim: 1%

Bible Society in Gabon

- Website:** <http://www.biblesociety-gabon.org>

Ghana

Prayer Request: Thank God for the election of the new Bible Society of Ghana's President and the new Board. Pray for the Local Planning Committee of the 2022 World Assembly, and also for funds to develop new resources locally.

About the Country

- **Location:** West Africa
- **Capital:** Accra
- **Population:** 27.67 million
- **Languages:** English, Akan, Dagaare, Dagbani, Dangme, Ewe, Ga, Gonja, Kasem, Nzema.
- **Religion:** Christian: 71.2% | Muslim: 17.6% | Traditional religions: 5.2% | Other: 0.8% | No religion: 5.2%.

Bible Society of Ghana

- **Website:** www.biblesociety-ghana.org
- **Email:** info@biblesociety-ghana.org

May 14 – 20

Georgia

Prayer Request: Economic problems, ongoing military occupation, future parliamentary elections, and political battles, the lives of many people in Georgia are very difficult and God's Word helps a lot. Please pray that God's peace may prevail in the country and in the soul of its people.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Tbilisi
- **Population:** 3.8 million
- **Languages:** Georgian.
- **Religion:** Orthodox Christian: 83.4% | Muslim: 10.7% | Armenian Apostolic Christian: 2.9% | Other: 3%.

Bible Society in Georgia

- **Website:** bible.ge
- **Email:** office@bible.ge

Greece

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe (Balkans)
- **Capital:** Athens
- **Population:** 10.94 million

- **Languages:** Modern Greek (official), Turkish, Albanian, Vlach, and Bulgarian.
- **Religion:** Greek Orthodox Christian: 98% | Muslim: 1.3% | Catholic: 0.46% | Protestant: 0.21%.

Hellenic Bible Society

- Website: <http://hellenicbiblesociety.gr/>

Guatemala

Prayer Request: Please pray for the victims of violence in our country, so that they can recover through interaction with the Bible. Pray also for Bible translations in Guatemala, so that more people can learn to read and write in the language of their hearts.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America
- **Capital:** Guatemala City
- **Population:** 15.53 million
- **Languages:** Spanish, K'iche', Kaqchikel, Q'eqchi', Mam, Poqomchi, Achi, Tz'utujil, Q'anjob'al, Ixil, Akateco, Chuj, Poqomam, Popti, Ch'orti', Awakateco, Mopan, Sakapulteko, Tektiteko, Sipakapense, Uspanteko, Garifuna, Xinca
- **Religion:** Protestant: 40% | Catholic: 47% | Other: 13%.

Bible Society of Guatemala

Website: www.sbiblica.org

Email: mvmartinez@sbiblica.org

May 21 – 27

Guyana

Prayer Request: Pray for the "Faith Comes by Hearing" Bible listening program for the Aawaio, Patamuna and Wapishana indigenous populations. Thank and praise the Lord for the positive effects of the project against domestic violence. Ask for God's wisdom and guidance so that the Bible's message can reach the people of Guyana.

About the country

- **Location:** South America
- **Capital:** Georgetown
- **Population:** 769,390
- **Languages:** English, Guyanese Creole.
- **Religion:** Christian, Hindu; Muslim; Other religions.

Suriname Bible Society

- **Website:** surinamebiblesociety.org
- **Email:** surbs@sr.net

French Guiana

Prayer Request: Ask for God's wisdom and guidance so that the Bible's message that generates life can reach the people of Guyana. Pray for and thank our volunteers.

About the Country

- **Location:** South America
- **Capital:** Cayenne
- **Population:** 250,000
- **Languages:** French, French Guiana Creole.
- **Religion:** Christian (Catholic and Protestant); other religions.

Suriname Bible Society

- **Website:** surinamebiblesociety.org
- **Email:** surbs@sr.net

Guinea

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** West Africa
- **Capital:** Conakry
- **Population:** 12.04 million
- **Languages:** French (official); each ethnic group has its own language.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 85% | Christian: 8% | Indigenous beliefs: 7%

Bible Society in Guinea-Conakry

- Email: alliancegn@yahoo.com

May 28 – June 3

Haiti

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can comfort the hearts of the entire population. Pray especially for the victims of hurricane Mathew, which left a trail of destruction and disease in the country in October 2016.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Port-au-Prince
- **Population:** 10.31 million
- **Languages:** Creole, French.
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic: 80% | Protestant: 16% | No religion: 1% | Other: 3%.

Haitian Bible Society

- **Website:** <http://societebiblique-haiti.org/>

Netherlands

Prayer Request: Please pray for our program for children and families; we want to help families to open the Bible and teach them how to make it relevant in their lives. Pray also for our Bible distribution efforts in the Netherlands and Flanders, so that more and more people can get to know God's message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Amsterdam
- **Population:** 17 million
- **Languages:** Dutch (in one province: Frisian).
- **Religion:** Catholic: 28% | Protestant: 19% | Other: 11% | No religion: 42%.

Netherlands Bible Society

- **Website:** www.bijbelgenootschap.nl
- **Email:** info@bijbelgenootschap.nl

Honduras

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America
- **Capital:** Tegucigalpa
- **Population:** 8.26 million
- **Languages:** Spanish (official); Amerindian dialects.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 97% | Protestant: 3%

Bible Society of Honduras

- **Website:** <http://www.sbuhn.org>

June 4 – 10

Hong Kong*

Prayer Request: Bible Society of Hong Kong is developing digital products for the website and smartphone platforms, through which we expect to help national Bible Societies of all cultures as a Bible resource provider for local Chinese populations, in addition to encouraging local Chinese populations to support local Bible Societies.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** Hong Kong
- **Population:** 7.2 million
- **Languages:** Cantonese, Mandarin.
- **Religion:** Buddhist and Taoist; Christian; Catholic; Muslim; Hindu.

Hong Kong Bible Society

- **Website:** www.hkbs.org.hk
- **Email:** jessie@hkbs.org.hk

* *Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China*

Hungary

Prayer Request: Thank God for the progress of the new Gospel of Mark in Hungarian Sign Language. Praise the Lord for the conclusion of the Audio Bible, which will be distributed to people with visual disabilities and Romany communities. Pray for our staff and that people in need can get closer to God and the Church.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Budapest
- **Population:** 9.87 million
- **Languages:** Hungarian (official): 99.6%; English: 16% German: 11.2%; Russian: 1.6%; Romanian: 1.3%; French: 1.2% | Other: 4.2% (total exceeds 100% because respondents answered they spoke more than one language).
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic: 37.2% | No religion: 18.2% | Calvinist: 11.6% | Lutheran: 2.2% | Greek Catholic: 1.8% | Other: 1.9% | Unspecified: 27.2%.

Hungarian Bible Society

- **Email:** otto.pecsuk@bibliatarsulat.hu

Cayman Islands

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** George Town
- **Population:** 59,200
- **Languages:** English 90.9% (official); Spanish 4%; Filipino 3.3%; Other 1.7%; Unspecified 0.1% (est. 2010).
- **Religion:** Protestant: 67.8% | Roman Catholic: 14.1% | Jehovah's Witness: 1.9% | Other religions 7% | No religion: 9.3% | Unspecified: 0.7% (est. 2010).

Bible Society of the West Indies*

- Website: www.biblesocietywi.org

* *Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica, Bahamas, Belize, Turks & Caicos Islands, and Cayman Islands.*

June 11 – 17

Comoros

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa

- **Capital:** Moroni
- **Population:** 734,920
- **Languages:** Arabic; French; Shikomori (Comorian).
- **Religion:** Muslim: 98.3% | Other: 1.6% | No religion: 0.1%.

Faroe Islands

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Thorshavn
- **Population:** 48,300
- **Languages:** Faroese (Majority); Danish.
- **Religion:** Christian: Lutheran majority (about 85%); large group of Christian Brethren (about 10%); Baha'i, other religions and some non-religious.

Information about the Bible Society

- Website: www.biblia.fo

Turks & Caicos Islands

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Cockburn Town
- **Population:** 38,260
- **Language:** English.
- **Religion:** Protestant: 72.8% | Roman Catholic: 11.4% | Jehovah's Witness: 1.8% | Other: 14%.

Bible Society of the West Indies*

- Website: www.biblesocietywi.org

** Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica, Bahamas, Belize, Turks & Caicos Islands, and Cayman Islands.*

June 18 – 24

India

Prayer Request: Please pray that the Board's 2016 decisions will be implemented until January 2019. Pray also for the Bible Society's staff, including the Central Office, the 16 auxiliary departments, the sales warehouse and the translations center in Northeastern India.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** New Delhi
- **Population:** 1.28 billion
- **Languages:** Main: Hindi and English (official); Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, Dogri, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Konkani, Maithili, Malayalam, Manipuri, Marathi, Nepali, Oriya, Punjabi, Sanskrit, Santali, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu.
- **Religion:** Hindu: 85% | Muslim: 11% | Christian: 2.5% | Other: 1.5% (including Sikh, Jain, Zoroastrian, etc.).

Bible Society of India

- **Website:** www.bsind.org
 - **Email:** bsigs@biblesociety.in
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West Indies

Prayer Request: Please pray that we secure funding in order to become a self-sustainable organization. We have a great need to provide people with Scriptures, but without financial support our survival is threatened.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Kingston
- **Population:** 2.93 million
- **Languages:** English, Jamaican Patois.
- **Religion:** Protestant (several denominations): 64.8% | Catholic: 2.2% | Jehovah's Witness: 1.9% | Rastafarian: 1.1% | Other: 6.5% | No religion: 21.2% | Unspecified: 2.3%.

Bible Society of the West Indies

- **Website:** www.biblesocietywi.org
 - **Email:** biblehouse@biblesocietywi.org
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Indonesia

Prayer Request: Praise God for the blessing of having the Indonesian Bible Society serving the Church since 1954. Praise God also for the achievements made in spreading the Word in this country. Please pray that the Bible Society can share biblical principles with different generations, especially young people and children.

About the Country

- **Location:** Southeast Asia
- **Capital:** Jakarta
- **Population:** 257.56 million
- **Languages:** Bahasa Indonesia (official; modified form of Malay), English, Dutch, local dialects (of which the most widely spoken is Javanese). Note: More than 700 languages are spoken in Indonesia.

- **Religion:** Muslim: 86.1% | Protestant: 5.7% | Catholic: 3% | Hindu: 1.8% | Other religions or unspecified: 3.4% (2000 Census).

Indonesian Bible Society

- **Website:** www.alkitab.or.id
- **Email:** info@alkitab.or.id

June 26 – July 1

England and Wales*

Prayer Request: Please pray for our work to engage our three key mission audiences with the Bible – the Bible engaged in church, the Bible unengaged in church and the 'spiritually open' in society as a whole. We want to offer people in our context the opportunity to experience Scripture. Pray our work to bring the Bible to life inspires the church to share the Bible with the communities they serve.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** London and Cardiff
- **Population:** 56.5 million
- **Languages:** English, Welsh, Manx, Cornish.
- **Religion:** Christian: 43.8% | No religion: 48.5% | Other: 7.7%

British & Foreign Bible Society

- **Website:** biblesociety.org.uk

** England and Wales are part of the United Kingdom, along with Scotland and Northern Ireland. The capital of the United Kingdom is London.*

Iraq

Prayer Request: Following the formal establishment of the Bible Society in Kurdistan, a parcel of land was offered to build a Bible House in Erbil. Please pray for resources to complete it. Pray also for the Trauma Healing program, for God's protection over our staff, and for the Church in Iraq.

About the Country

- **Location:** Middle East
- **Capital:** Baghdad
- **Population:** 33.42 million
- **Languages:** Arabic.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 95% | Christian: 5%.

Bible Society in Iraq

- **Email:** biblesocietyiraq@gmail.com

Ireland

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different

generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- Location: Europe
- Capital: Dublin
- Population: 4.67 million
- **Languages:** Irish and English (official); Gaelic.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 84.7% | Church of Ireland: 2.7% | Other Christian Churches: 2.7% | Muslim: 1.1% | Other: 1.7% | No religion: 5.7% | Unspecified: 1.5%.

Information about the National Bible Society of Ireland

- **Email:** nbsibaord7@eircom.net

July 2 – 8

Northern Ireland

Prayer Request: Pray for Catherine Little who assumed the role of General Secretary in April 2016. Ask God to guide us as we encourage and challenge people here to live out the Bible message in their lives and churches. Give thanks for generous supporters who enable us to partner with Scripture projects worldwide.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe, United Kingdom
- **Capital:** Belfast
- **Population:** 1.86 million
- **Languages:** English.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 40% | Protestant: 45.6% | No religion: 13.9% | Other: 0.5% (many people identify themselves as Catholic or Protestant, but they are only nominal and society is becoming increasingly more secular).

Bible Society in Northern Ireland

- **Website:** www.bsni.co.uk
- **Email:** catherine@bsni.co.uk

Iceland

Prayer Request: Pray that the Icelandic Biblical Society can become a self-sustainable organization with regular financial support. Pray also that it can develop a successful work for the Icelandic nation and support other countries as well. Pray that the Bible's message is visible and followed in Iceland.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe (island in the North Atlantic between Greenland and Norway)
- **Capital:** Reykjavik
- **Population:** 330,000
- **Languages:** Icelandic.
- **Religion:** Lutheran: 73.8% | Catholic: 3.6% | Reykjavik Free Church: 2.9% | Hafnarjorour Free Church: 2% | Independent Congregation: 1% | Other: 3.9% | No religion: 5.6% | Unspecified: 7.2%.

Icelandic Bible Society

- **Website:** biblian.is
- **Email:** hib@biblian.is

Israel

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** Middle East
- **Capital:** Jerusalem
- **Population:** 7.82 million
- **Languages:** Hebrew, Arabic.
- **Religion:** Jewish: 75.1% | Muslim: 17.4% | Christian: 2.0% | Druze: 1.6% | Other: 3.9%.

Information about the Bible Society in Israel

- **Website:** <http://www.biblesocietyinIsrael.com/>
- **Email:** info@biblesocietyinIsrael.com

July 9 – 15

Italy

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Rome
- **Population:** 61.07 million
- **Languages:** Italian (official); with minorities speaking German, French and Slovene.
- **Religion:** Christian: 80% (vast majority of Catholics, with very small groups of Jehovah's Witnesses and Protestants) | Muslim, atheist and agnostic: 20%.

Information about the Bible Society in Italy

- **Website:** <http://www.societabiblica.it>

Jamaica

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Kingston
- **Population:** 2.71 million
- **Languages:** English, Jamaican Patois.

- **Religion:** Protestant: 64.8% | Roman Catholic: 2.2% | Jehovah's Witness: 1.9% | Rastafarian: 1.1% | Other: 6.5% | No religion: 21.3% | Unspecified: 2.3% (est. 2011).

Bible Society of the West Indies*

- Website: www.biblesocietywi.org

* *Bible Society of the West Indies operates in the following countries: Jamaica, Bahamas, Belize, Turks & Caicos Islands, and Cayman Islands.*

Japan

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** East Asia
- **Capital:** Tokyo
- **Population:** 127 million
- **Languages:** Japanese.
- **Religion:** Shintoist: 83.9% | Buddhist: 71.4% | Christian: 2% | Other 7.8%. Note: Total exceeds 100% because many Japanese follow both Shintoism and Buddhism.

Japan Bible Society

- Website: www.bible.or.jp/

July 16 – 22

Jordan

Prayer Request: Please pray for stability in Jordan in the midst of the conflicts that surround the country; that people will interact with the Bible; that the physical and spiritual needs of refugees are satisfied; that refugees find peace and recover from their traumas through the Lord; and for the realization of Bible Society in Jordan's vision of having a Bible Center and a Resource Center.

About the Country

- **Location:** Middle East
- **Capital:** Amman
- **Population:** 9.5 million
- **Languages:** Arabic.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 97.2% | Christian: 2.2% (mostly Greek Orthodox) | Buddhist: 0.4% | Other: 0.3%.

Bible Society in Jordan

- **Website:** www.bsoj.org
- **Email:** rama@bsoj.org

Laos

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different

generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia (Pacific)
- **Capital:** Vientiane
- **Population:** 6.8 million
- **Languages:** Lao.
- **Religion:** Buddhist: 56.2% | Christian: 3.1% | Ethnic religions: 36.7% | Unspecified: 4%.

Laos Partnership (Laos Bible Society)

- Website: www.biblelaos.org

Lesotho

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Maseru
- **Population:** 1.9 million
- **Languages:** English, Sesotho.
- **Religion:** Christian: 80% | Indigenous beliefs: 20%.

Bible Society of Lesotho

- Website: www.biblesociety.org.ls

July 23 – 29

Latvia

Prayer Request: Please pray that the people of Latvia will read the Bible. Ask also for our society to recover from the painful social difficulties of the past and overcome its ethnic differences.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Riga
- **Population:** 2.07 million
- **Languages:** Latvian.
- **Religion:** secular country, but formally with 34.6% of Lutherans (the largest Church).

Latvian Bible Society

- Website: www.bibelesbiedriba.lv
- Email: lbb@apollo.lv

Lebanon

Prayer Request: Please thank the Lord for the holistic assistance, Bible distribution and trauma healing programs targeting Syrian and Iraqi refugees. Pray for the Exchange program for prison inmates and underprivileged communities. Pray also for effective testimonies and the empowerment of the Church in the Middle East.

About the Country

- **Location:** Middle East
- **Capital:** Beirut
- **Population:** 4.5 million
- **Languages:** Arabic (official), Lebanese Arabic dialects; French and English spoken as second languages.
- **Religion:** Christian: 34.53% | Muslim, and Druze minority: 65.47%.

Bible Society in Lebanon

- **Website:** www.biblesociety.org.lb
- **Email:** bsl@biblesociety.org.lb

Liberia

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** West Africa
- **Capital:** Monrovia
- **Population:** 4.1 million
- **Languages:** English (official) and more than 16 indigenous languages.
- **Religion:** Christian: 85.6% | Muslim: 12.2% | Traditional religions: 0.6% | Other: 0.2% | No religion: 1.4%.

Bible Society in Liberia

- **Website:** <http://biblesociety-liberia.org/>

July 30 – August 5

Libya

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Tripoli
- **Population:** 6 million
- **Languages:** Arabic (official); English and Italian widely understood by educated classes.
- **Religion:** Muslim (mostly Sunni): 97% | Other: 3%

Lithuania

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Vilnius
- **Population:** 3 million
- **Language:** Lithuanian.
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic: 77.2% | Russian Orthodox Christian: 4.1% | Old Orthodox Christian: 0.8% | Lutheran: 0.6% | Evangelical Reformist: 0.2% | Other: 0.8% | No religion: 6.1% | Unspecified: 10.1%.

Bible Society of Lithuania

- Website: www.biblijosdraugija.lt

Macedonia

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Skopje
- **Population:** 2.10 million
- **Languages:** Macedonian, Albanian.
- **Religion:** Macedonian Orthodox Christian: 64.7% | Muslim: 33.3% | Other Christian religions: 0.37% | Other religions and unspecified: 1.63%.

Bible Society of the Republic of Macedonia

- Website: <http://mkbiblija.org/>

August 6 – 12

Madagascar

Prayer Request: Please pray for the recovery process of the Malagasy Bible Society. We had to downsize the staff and devise a 3-year recovery plan approved by UBS. Above all, our Bible Society will have to implement drastic changes in the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the Church as a whole in order to keep spreading the Word of God.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Antananarivo
- **Population:** 22 million
- **Languages:** Malagasy, French and English.
- **Religion:** Christian: 45% | Muslim: 3% | Traditionalist: 52%.

Malagasy Bible Society

- **Website:** www.mampiybaiboly.mg
- **Email:** admin@mampiybaiboly.mg
rhubertl@biblesociety-malagasy.org

Malaysia

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** Kuala Lumpur
- **Population:** 30 million
- **Languages:** Malay (official), English, Chinese, Tamil.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 60% | Christian: 10% | Buddhist: 27% | Hindu and other: 3%.

Bible Society of Malaysia

- Website: www.biblemalaysia.org

Malawi

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** East Africa
- **Capital:** Lilongwe
- **Population:** 16.83 million
- **Languages:** English (official), Chewa.
- **Religion:** Christian: 82.6% | Muslim: 13% | Other: 1.9% | No religion: 2.5%.

Bible Society of Malawi

- Website: www.biblesociety-malawi.org/

August 13 – 19

Mali

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** West Africa
- **Capital:** Bamako
- **Population:** 15.77 million
- **Languages:** French (official), Bambara, Peul, Dogon, among others (Mali has 13 national languages in addition to the official one).

→ **Religion:** Muslim: 94.8% | Christian: 2.4% | Animist: 2.0% | No religion: 0.5% | Unspecified: 0.3%.

Bible Society in Mali

→ Website: <http://www.biblesociety-mali.org>

Malta

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe (Mediterranean)
- **Capital:** Valetta
- **Population:** 430,130
- **Languages:** Maltese and English.
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic: more than 90%.

Malta Bible Society

→ Website: www.maltabible.com

Morocco

Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** North Africa
- **Capital:** Rabat
- **Population:** 33.49 million
- **Languages:** Arabic (official), Berber languages, French.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 99% | Other: 1%.

Bible Society in Morocco

→ Website: www.biblesociety.ma

August 20 – 26

Mauritius

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** East Africa
- **Capital:** Port Louis
- **Population:** 1.25 million
- **Languages:** English (official, spoken by less than 1% of the population), Creole, Bhojpuri, among others.

→ **Religion:** Hindu: 48.5% | Catholic: 26.3% | Muslim: 17.3% | Other Christian religions: 6.4% | Other: 0.6% | No religion: 0.7% | Unspecified: 0.1%.

Bible Society of Mauritius

→ Website: www.biblesociety-mauritius.org

Mexico

Prayer Request: Please pray for the Bible Work in this country and for the population to be reached by the biblical message. Ask God to guide the work of Bible Society's staff, so that the Word can be available in formats that engage people of all ages.

About the Country

- **Location:** North America
- **Capital:** Mexico City
- **Population:** 123.8 million
- **Languages:** Spanish, minority indigenous languages.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 82.7% | Pentecostal: 1.6% | Jehovah's Witness: 1.4% | Other Evangelical Churches: 5% | Other 1.9% | No religion: 4.7% | Unspecified: 2.7% (est. 2010)

Bible Society of Mexico

→ Website: www.socbiblicademexico.com.mx

Myanmar

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Southeast Asia
- **Capital:** Yangon
- **Population:** 53.72 million
- **Languages:** Burmese (official), English, regional dialects.
- **Religion:** Buddhist | Christian and Muslim minorities.

Bible Society of Myanmar

→ Website: <http://www.myanmarbible.com>

August 27 – September 2

Mozambique

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** East Africa
- **Capital:** Maputo
- **Population:** 26.47 million

- **Languages:** Portuguese (official), Makonde, Shona, Tsonga, Cisenga, other regional dialects.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 28.4% | Muslim: 17.9% | Protestant: 12.2% | Other: 22.2% | No religion: 18.7% | Unspecified: 0.7%.

Bible Society in Mozambique

- **Website:** <http://biblesociety-mozambique.org>

Moldova

Prayer Request: Thank God for His blessings over our work. Please pray for a successful distribution of Scriptures through our projects so that everyone who receives and reads the Bible may apply its teachings to their daily lives. Pray also for political and economic stability in our country. And pray for our staff as well.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Chisinau
- **Population:** 3.6 million
- **Languages:** Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian, Gagauz, Bulgarian, Romany.
- **Religion:** Orthodox Christian: 93% | Protestant: 2% | Other: 5%

Interconfessional Bible Society of Moldova

- **Website:** www.ibs.md
- **Email:** ibs_moldova@hotmail.com

Mongolia

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** Ulaanbaatar
- **Population:** 3 million
- **Languages:** Mongolian.
- **Religion:** Buddhists: 90% | Christians: 3-4% | Others: 6%.

Mongolian Union Bible Society

- Website: www.mubs.mn

September 3 – 9

Namibia

Prayer Request: Pray for the new Khoekhoegowab Bible translation, the Otjiherero Bible revision, and the Dhimba New Testament in audio. Ask God for continuous support from our donors and financial partners to our work in Namibia.

About the Country

- **Location:** Southwest Africa
- **Capital:** Windhoek
- **Population:** 2.2 million
- **Languages:** English, Afrikaans, Oshiwambo, Nama/Damara, Otjiherero, Kavango.
- **Religion:** Christian: 90% (Lutheran: at least 50%) | Indigenous beliefs: 10%.

Bible Society of Namibia

- **Website:** www.nambible.org.na
- **Email:** fr.man@nambible.org.na

Nepal

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** South Asia
- **Capital:** Kathmandu
- **Population:** 26.49 million
- **Languages:** Nepali is the official language, but more than 120 languages are spoken as mother tongues. Based on speakers percentages: Maithili, Bhojpuri, Tharu, Tamang and Newar can be listed as the five main languages.
- **Religion:** Hindu: 81.3% | Buddhist: 9% | Muslim: 4.4% | Kirant: 3.1% | Christian: 1.4 | Other: 0.5% | Unspecified: 0.2%.

Nepal Bible Society

- Website: www.nepalbiblesociety.org | www.ncrd.org.np

Nicaragua

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America
- **Capital:** Managua
- **Population:** 6.17 million
- **Languages:** Spanish (official), Miskito, among others.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 58.5% | Protestant: 23.2% | Jehovah's Witness: 0.9% | Other: 1.6% | No religion: 15.7% (est. 2005).

Bible Society of Nicaragua

- Website: www.sociedadbiblica.org.ni

September 10 – 16

Niger

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Niamey
- **Population:** 17.14 million
- **Languages:** French (official), Hausa and Djerma.
- **Religion:** Muslim: Other: 20%.

Nigeria

Prayer Request: Please pray that government policies will favor our work. Ask God to bring about peace throughout Nigeria and attract donors willing to support our work. Pray also that God can make our plans of having a Bible Translation Center for people with hearing disabilities come true.

About the Country

- **Location:** West Africa
- **Capital:** Abuja
- **Population:** 186.05 million
- **Languages:** English and three main native languages: Hausa, Ibo and Yoruba.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 50% | Christian: 40% | Indigenous beliefs: 10%

Bible Society of Nigeria

- **Website:** www.biblesociety-nigeria.org
 - **Email:** info@biblesociety-nigeria.org
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Norway

Prayer Request: Please pray for the final stages of the new Bible translation into Northern Sami and the translation projects into Lule Sami and Southern Sami. Pray for all those who had a first encounter with the Bible during the Bible Society's 200th anniversary in 2016. That they may continue to read God's Word.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Oslo
- **Population:** 5.26 million
- **Languages:** Norwegian (Bokmål, Nynorsk), and Sami (Northern, Southern, Lule).
- **Religion:** Christian: 84% | Muslim: 2% | Other: 1%

Norwegian Bible Society

- **Website:** www.bibel.no
 - **Email:** bibel@bibel.no
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September 17 – 23

New Zealand

Prayer Request: Give thanks for our Pass It On campaign, which encourages Christians to share their passion for the Bible with children and youth. Research shows 68% of young Bible readers were taught to read the Bible by their parents. We are creating Bible resources to help Christians pass the Bible on to youth.

About the Country

- **Location:** Oceania
- **Capital:** Wellington
- **Population:** 4.70 million
- **Languages:** English, Maori, and Sign Language.
- **Religion:** Protestant: 29% | Catholic: 12% | Muslim: 1% | Other: 10% | No religion: 39%.

Bible Society New Zealand

- **Website:** www.biblesociety.org.nz
 - **Email:** stephen.opie@biblesociety.org.nz
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South Pacific* - Fiji

Prayer Request: As Fijian people starts to rebuild their lives after Tropical Cyclone Winston, which struck in February 2016, we are thankful for the support from the Fellowship that helped the Bible Society in Fiji to reach those who were left homeless and traumatized by this Category 5 Cyclone.

About the Country

- **Location:** Oceania
- **Capital:** Suva
- **Population:** 890,000
- **Languages:** English.
- **Religion:** Christian: 64.4% | Hindu: 27.9% | Muslim: 6.3% | No religion: 0.8%.

Bible Society of the South Pacific – Fiji Office

- **Website:** www.bible.org.fj
- **Email:** lturaganivalu@bible.org.fj

** 13 countries in the South Pacific: Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga, Nauru, Tahiti, Wallis, Futuna, New Caledonia, McQuissan Islands.*

South Pacific* – Tuvalu

Prayer Request: Please thank God for the Tuvalu Bible (Revised version) launched in November 2016. Pray that the people of Tuvalu may have a more meaningful relationship with the Lord by reading the Revised Bible.

About the Country

- **Location:** Oceania
- **Capital:** Funafuti
- **Population:** 10,600

- **Languages:** Tuvaluan, English, Samoan, Kiribati (island of Nui).
- **Religion:** Congregational Christian Church of Tuvalu: 97% | Seventh-Day Adventist: 1.4% | Baha'i: 1% | Other: 0.6%.

Bible Society of the South Pacific – Tuvalu Office

- **Website:** www.bible.org.fj
- **Email:** Ituraganivalu@bible.org.fj

** 13 countries in the South Pacific: Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga, Nauru, Tahiti, Wallis, Futuna, New Caledonia, McQuissan Islands.*

September 24 – 30

South Pacific* - Vanuatu

Prayer Request: Praise God for the Bible work in Vanuatu and the support of churches and other Christian organizations. Please pray that many people will be transformed by the power of the Word. Pray for the plans to assist women and young people find jobs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Oceania
- **Capital:** Port Vila
- **Population:** 266,000
- **Languages:** local languages (more than 100): 63.2%; Bislama (official; Creole): 33.7%; English (official): 2%/ French (official): 0.6% | Other: 0.5%.
- **Religion:** Christian: 83% | Other: 17%.

Bible Society of the South Pacific – Tuvalu Office

- **Website:** www.bible.org.fj
- **Email:** Ituraganivalu@bible.org.fj

** 13 countries in the South Pacific: Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga, Nauru, Tahiti, Wallis, Futuna, New Caledonia, McQuissan Islands.*

Palestine

Prayer Request: Please keep praying for peace in the country, as well as for the salvation and restoration of the Palestinian people. Pray also for Bible Day, an annual event that brings together many Churches around the Word of God. And pray for Gaza, a difficult place, especially for what remains of the Christian community there.

About the Country

- **Location:** Middle East
- **Capital:** East Jerusalem / Ramallah
- **Population:** 4.5 million
- **Languages:** Arabic.
- **Religion:** Muslim; Christian; Samaritan.

Palestinian Bible Society

- **Website:** www.pbs-web.com
- **Email:** nashatfl@gmail.com

Panama

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America
- **Capital:** Panama City
- **Population:** 3.86 million
- **Languages:** Spanish, Kuna, Gnabe (official).
- **Religion:** Catholic: 73% | Evangelicals: 20% | Other: 7%.

Bible Society of Panama

- Email: sbp@sinfo.net

October 1 – 7

Papua New Guinea

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Oceania
- **Capital:** Port Moresby
- **Population:** 7.47 million
- **Languages:** Tok Pisin, English and Hiri Motu (official), about 700 regional dialects.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 27% | Protestant: 69.4% | Other: 3.6%.

Bible Society of Papua New Guinea

Pakistan

Prayer Request: Our literacy rate is very low. We have started literacy classes for women in small villages and low-income communities. We want all women to be able to read the Bible. Please pray for this project. Pray also for the end of terrorism in our country.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** Islamabad
- **Population:** 201.99 million
- **Languages:** Urdu (main national language), Pashto, Brauhi, Parkri, Sindhi, Saraiki, Dhatki, Balochi, Hindko, Shina, Kashmiri and some minority languages.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 96.4% | Christian and other religions (including Hindu): 3.6%.

Pakistan Bible Society

- **Website:** www.pbs.org.pk

→ Email: anthony.lamuel00@gmail.com

Paraguay

Prayer Request: Please pray for the DARE project for young people, the revision of the Enhlet Bible, in the Central Chaco, and the boat "El Amanecer," which navigates on the Paraguay River to establish new churches. Pray also for the Guarani language literacy project for schools in the country, and for the distribution of the "Basis Bibel" to the Amish people.

About the Country

- **Location:** South America
- **Capital:** Asunción
- **Population:** 7 million
- **Languages:** Spanish, Guarani.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 89.6% | Evangelical: 6.2% | Other Christian religions: 1.1% | Indigenous religions: 0.6%; Other religions (non-Christian): 0.3% | No religion: 1.1% | Unknown: 1%.

Paraguayan Bible Society

- **Website:** www.sbp.org.py
 - **Email:** pescobar@sbp.org.py
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October 8 – 14

Peru

Prayer Request: Please pray that the Lord can bless Peru in order to reduce violence, corruption and poverty, and increase solidarity among and opportunities for all Peruvians. Pray also for the country's new administration. May the Lord bless the President, Ministers and members of Congress so that they can enter into agreement and work honestly and efficiently for the well-being of all Peruvians. And pray for the new phase that starts for the Peruvian Bible Society with the opening of the Bible Cultural Center. May it glorify God's name and help many people to know God through the Bible.

About the Country

- **Location:** South America
- **Capital:** Lima
- **Population:** 31.37 million
- **Languages:** Spanish, Quechua, Aymara.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 81.3% | Evangelical: 12.5% | Other: 3.3% | No religion: 2.9%.

Peruvian Bible Society

- **Website:** www.sbp.org.pe
- **Email:** calvan@sbp.org.pe.

Poland

Prayer Request: Thank God for the 200 years of our Bible Society, for our presence in public TV and radio stations, and for the completion of the Ecumenical Bible, the first Polish interconfessional

translation. Pray for the publication of the Ecumenical Bible in one volume this year, when we celebrate 500 years of the Reformation.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Warsaw
- **Population:** 38.5 million
- **Languages:** Polish.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 87% | Orthodox Christian: 0.5% | Protestant: 0.4% | Muslim: 0.05% | Other: 9.55% | No religion: 2.5%.

Bible Society in Poland

- **Website:** www.tb.org.pl
- **Email:** tb@tb.org.pl tb@tb.org.pl

Puerto Rico

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America
- **Capital:** San Juan
- **Population:** 3.62 million
- **Languages:** Spanish and English.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 85% | Protestant and other: 15%

Bible Society of Puerto Rico

- Email: sbpri@sbpri.com

October 15 – 21

Portugal

Prayer Request: Please pray for the relaunch of the Paraphrase Translation during the celebrations of 500 years of the Reformation, the Bible in Action project through which we hope to distribute one million pamphlets to children in schools, and the recording of the Old Testament in audio in modern Portuguese.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Lisbon
- **Population:** 10.5 million
- **Languages:** Portuguese.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 81% | Other Christian religions: 3.3% | Other: 0.6% | No religion: 6.8% | Unspecified: 8.3%.

Bible Society of Portugal

- **Website:** www.sociedade-biblica.pt
- **Email:** info@sociedade-biblica.pt

Kenya

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Nairobi
- **Population:** 40 million
- **Languages:** English and Kiswahili (official); other 53 languages are spoken.
- **Religion:** Christian: 80% | Muslim: 4% | Other: 16%.

Bible Society of Kenya

- Website: www.biblesociety-kenya.org

Kyrgyzstan

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central Asia
- **Capital:** Bishkek
- **Population:** 5.62 million
- **Languages:** Kyrgyz and Russian (official), Uzbek, others.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 64.7% | Russian Orthodox Christian: 20% | Other: 5%.

October 22 – 28

Central African Republic

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Bangui
- **Population:** 4 million
- **Languages:** French (official), Sangho (national language), tribal languages.
- **Religion:** Christian: 80% | Muslim: 10%.

Bible Society in the Central African Republic

- Email: sbcentrafique@yahoo.fr

Belarus

Prayer Request: Please pray that our people turn to God to overcome substance abuse and alcoholism. Ask God to protect children from the region of Chernobyl against diseases and offer them guidance through the Scriptures. Pray also for the spiritual renewal of our people during the celebrations of the 500th anniversary of the Bible in Belarusian.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Minsk
- **Population:** 9.5 million
- **Languages:** Belarusian, Russian.
- **Religion:** Orthodox: 75% | Catholic: 15% | Protestant: 12% | Other: 5%

Bible Society of the Republic of Belarus

- **Website:** belbiblia.by
- **Email:** belbiblia@gmail.com

Republic of the Congo (Congo-Brazzaville)

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to spread the Bible teachings to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central Africa
- **Capital:** Brazzaville
- **Population:** 4.85 million
- **Languages:** French (official), Lingala and Monokutuba (lingua franca), in addition to many local languages and dialects.
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic: 33.1% | Awakening Churches/Christian Revival: 22.3% | Protestant 19.9% | Salutiste: 2.2% | Muslim: 1.6% | Kimbanguist: 1.5% | Other: 8.1% | No religion: 11.3%.

Bible Society of Congo

- **Website:** <http://alliancebiblique-congo.org/>

Democratic Republic of the Congo (former Zaire)

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central Africa
- **Capital:** Kinshasa

- Population: 81.3 million
- **Languages:** French (official), Lingala (lingua franca), Kingwana, Kikongo, Tshiluba.
- Religion: Roman Catholic: 50% | Protestant: 20% | Kimbanguist: 10% | Muslim: 10% | Other: 10%.

Bible Society of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Website: <http://www.biblesociety-cd.org/>

October 29 – November 4

Dominican Republic

Prayer Request: Thank the Lord for the lives changed through the projects "A Bible in Every Backpack," "No to Violence," "Bibles for Weapons," among others. Pray for our country. Pray also for our Board of Directors, staff and members in general, so that we can continue to bring the Word of God to those who need it the most.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central America (Caribbean)
- **Capital:** Santo Domingo
- **Population:** 10.53 million
- **Languages:** Spanish.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 70% | Evangelical: 28% | Other: 2%.

Dominican Republic Bible Society

- **Email:** soc.biblica@claro.net.do

Czech Republic

Prayer Request: May God empower Christians in the Czech Republic to share God's Word with the rest of the nation. Please pray for the youth. May they not be led astray for living in an agnostic society. Thank the Lord for the Bible for Teenagers, which was published and began to be distributed in 2016.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Prague
- **Population:** 10 million
- **Languages:** Czech.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 27% | Protestant: 14% | Agnostic: 59%

Czech Bible Society

- **Website:** www.dumbible.cz
- **Email:** dary@dumbible.cz

Romania

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society

reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Bucharest
- **Population:** 21 million
- **Languages:** Romanian, Hungarian, German.
- **Religion:** Eastern Orthodox Christian: 81.9% | Protestant: 6.4% | Roman Catholic: 4.3% | Other: 0.9% | No religion or atheist: 0.2% | Unspecified: 6.3%.

Interconfessional Bible Society in Romania

- **Website:** www.societateabiblica.org

November 5 – 11

Rwanda

Prayer Request: Please pray for the local fund-raising strategy based on using telecommunication companies operating in Rwanda, for the commitment of every Church member to contributing financially to the Bible Cause, and for more funds for advocacy projects.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Kigali
- **Population:** 11.08 million
- **Languages:** English, French and Kinyarwanda.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 49.5% | Protestant: 39.4% | Other Christian: 4.5% | Muslim: 1.8% | Animist: 0.1% | Other: 0.6% | No religion: 3.6% | Unspecified: 0.5%.

Bible Society of Rwanda

- **Website:** www.biblesociety-rwanda.org
- **Email:** bsrwanda@biblesociety-rwanda.org

Russia

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Eastern Europe
- **Capital:** Moscow
- **Population:** 142.46 million
- **Languages:** Russian (official), Tatar, German, Ukrainian, others.
- **Religion:** Russian Orthodox Christian: 15-20% | Muslim: 10-15% | Other Christian religions: 2%. **Note:** *Russia has many believers who do not practice their religion and non-believers, which is a legacy of more than seven decades of Soviet rule. Russia officially recognizes Orthodox Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism as traditional religions.*

Bible Society in Russia

→ Website: www.biblia.ru/

Senegal

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** West Africa
- **Capital:** Dakar
- **Population:** 14.55 million
- **Languages:** French (official), Wolof, Jola, Bambara, among others.
- **Religion:** Muslim (Sufi): 94% | Christian (mostly Catholic): 5% | Indigenous beliefs: 1%.

Bible Society in Senegal

→ Email: abs_sahel@yahoo.fr

November 12 – 18

Sierra Leone

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Freetown
- **Population:** 6.2 million
- **Languages:** English (official), Creole, Mende, Limba, Temne.
- **Religion:** Muslims: 60% | Traditional beliefs: 30% | Christian: 10% (est. 1993).

Bible Society in Sierra Leone

- Website: <http://biblesociety-sierraleone.org/>
- Email: bssl@multinet.sl

Serbia

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Southern Europe
- **Capital:** Belgrade
- **Population:** 9.47 million
- **Languages:** Serbian (official), Hungarian, Bosnian, others.

- **Religion:** Serbian Orthodox Christian: 88.1% | Catholic: 5% | Muslim: 3.1% | Protestant: 1% | Atheist: 1.1 | Others: 0.8% | No religion: 4.7% | Not stated/Unknown: 4.5%.

Bible Society of Serbia

- **Website:** <http://biblijaskodrustvo.org.rs>

Seychelles

Prayer Request: Please join us in prayer for our new project "Getting to Them Before They Start: Prevention Is Better than Cure" against substance abuse in our country. Pray that this project will attract funding from abroad.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa (group of islands on the Indian Ocean)
- **Capital:** Victoria
- **Population:** 96,470
- **Languages:** Seselwa Creole, English, French.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 76.2% | Protestant: 10.6% | Other Christian: 2.4% | Hindu: 2.4% | Muslim: 1.6% | Other: 1.1% | Unspecified: 4.8% | No religion: 0.9%.

Bible Society in the Seychelles

- **Website:** www.unitedbiblesocieties.org/society/bible-society-in-the-seychelles
- **Email:** biblesoc@seychelles.net

November 19 – 25

Syria

Prayer Request: More than 11 million people were forced to leave Syria. Thank God for keeping our staff safe. Pray that Churches will stand beside those in need and suffering by keeping their doors open to them. Pray also for our Bible Society, Scripture distribution across the country, and God's peace and love in Syria.

About the Country

- **Location:** Middle East
- **Capital:** Damascus
- **Population:** 17.9 million
- **Languages:** Arabic, Armenian, Kurdish, Syrian, Aramaic.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 87% | Christian: 10% | Druze: 3%.

Bible Society in Syria

- **Email:** biblehouse@scs-net.org

Sri Lanka

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** Colombo / Sri Jayawardanapura Kotte (Legislative Capital)
- **Population:** 20.33 million
- **Languages:** Sinhala and Tamil (official).
- English is also spoken.
- **Religion:** Buddhist: 70.2% | Hindu: 12.6% | Muslim: 9.7% | Muslim: 9.7% | Christian: 7.4%.

Ceylon Bible Society

- Email: www.ceylonbiblesociety.org

Swaziland

Prayer Request: Please ask God to help us spread the Bible's message more and more in this country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** Southern Africa
- **Capital:** Mbabane
- **Population:** 1.27 million
- **Languages:** English and siSwati (official).
- **Religion:** Afro-Christian Syncretism: 40% | Catholic: 20% | Muslim: 10% | Other: 30%

Bible Society in Swaziland

- **Website:** <http://biblesociety-swaziland.org>

November 26 – December 2

Sudan

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** North Africa
- **Capital:** Khartoum
- **Population:** 38.76 million
- **Languages:** Arabic and English (official).
- **Religion:** Muslim (Sunni) | small Christian minority.

Bible Society in Sudan

- **Website:** <http://biblesociety-sudan.org>

South Sudan

Prayer Request: Pray for Scripture distribution in war zones. Pray also for peace in our country.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa

- **Capital:** Juba
- **Population:** 12.4 million
- **Languages:** English, Arabic and local languages.
- **Religion:** Catholic | Protestant | and traditional African religions.

Bible Society in South Sudan

- **Email:** ekajivora@hotmail.com

Sweden

Prayer Request: Please pray for the easy-to-read Bible that is being developed for immigrants, among other audiences. Ask God to increase the reach of the Adventures of the Bible project from 30 thousand to 50 thousand children in school age (ages 10 and 11) over the next three years. Pray also for the International Adventures of the Bible initiative, in which approximately ten countries are already interested, and for the Accept the Challenge campaign of daily Bible reading.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Stockholm
- **Population:** 9.59 million
- **Languages:** Swedish. Due to large-scale immigration, many other languages are also spoken, such as Arabic, Persian and Dari.
- **Religion:** Christianity is the main religion and has a rich history. However, Sweden today is a very secularized country. Only a small percentage of the population attends church on Sundays. Due to migration, new churches have been established, and there are signs that secularization has stabilized. About half a million residents have Muslim roots.

Swedish Bible Society

- **Website:** www.bibelsallskapet.se
- **Email:** anders.blaberg@bibeln.se

December 3 – 9

Switzerland

Prayer Request: Thank God for His love and protection. Please pray for all the refugees, prison inmates, the elderly, those experiencing injustice and all those in need in our small country. Pray also for our staff, members and donors for their dedicated work and support.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe
- **Capital:** Bern
- **Population:** 8.1 million
- **Languages:** German, French, Italian, Romansh.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 38.2% | Protestant: 26.9% | Other Christian religions: 5.7% | No religion: 21.4% | Other: 7.8 %

Swiss Bible Society

- **Website:** www.die-bibel.ch
- **Email:** eva.thomi@die-bibel.ch
info@die-bibel.ch

Suriname

Prayer Request: Please pray for completion of Bible translation into Surinamese Javanese. Thank and praise God for the new Bible in Sranang Tongo. May our people meet our Savior by reading it. Pray also for solutions to the current political, economic and social problems in Suriname.

About the Country

- **Location:** South America
- **Capital:** Paramaribo
- **Population:** 500,000
- **Languages:** Dutch, Sranang Tongo, English, others.
- **Religion:** Hindu: 27.4% | Protestant: 25.2% | Catholic: 22.8% | Muslim: 19.6% | Indigenous beliefs: 5%.

Suriname Bible Society

- **Website:** surinamebiblesociety.org
- **Email:** surbs@sr.net, sblitin@surinamebiblesoc.org

December 10 – 16

Tajikistan

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central Asia
- **Capital:** Dushanbe
- **Population:** 8.4 million
- **Languages:** Tajik (official), Russian.
- **Religion:** Muslim (Sunni): 85% | Muslim (Shia): 5% | Other: 10%.

Thailand

Prayer Request: Thailand Bible Society plans to complete in 2017 the Book of Mark for the Sign Language Project. Please pray that the translation is clear and understandable to the different groups of people with hearing disabilities in Thailand. We are still working on the Children Bible Contest with good results. Pray also for more children to attend church and school in 2017. Ask also for more donors for our existing projects.

About the Country

- **Location:** Southeast Asia
- **Capital:** Bangkok

- **Population:** 77 million
- **Languages:** Thai; English is widely understood.
- **Religion:** Buddhist: 94.2% | Muslim: 4.6% | Christian: 0.8% | Other: 0.4%

Thailand Bible Society

Website: www.thaibible.or.th

Taiwan

Prayer Request: Please pray for the activities and Bible Forums organized to celebrate our 60th anniversary. Pray also that the Lord will touch the hearts of our brothers and sisters during those events.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia
- **Capital:** Taipei
- **Population:** 23 million
- **Languages:** Chinese.
- **Religion:** Buddhist | Taoist | Christian.

Bible Society in Taiwan

- **Website:** www.bstwn.org
- **Email:** joychen@bstwn.org

Tanzania

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Dodoma
- **Population:** 49.64 million
- **Languages:** Swahili (official), Kiunguj, English, Arabic, many other local languages.
- **Religion:** Continent – Christian: 30% | Muslim: 35% | Indigenous beliefs: 35%. Zanzibar – Muslim (over 99%).

Bible Society of Tanzania

- **Website:** <http://biblesociety-tanzania.org>

December 17 – 23

Togo

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Lomé
- **Population:** 6.93 million
- **Languages:** French, Ewe, Mina, Kabye, Dagomba.
- **Religion:** Christian: 29% | Muslim: 20% | Indigenous beliefs: 51%.

Bible Society of Togo

- **Website:** www.biblesociety-togo.org

Turkey

Prayer Request: We are forever grateful to God for being able to serve Him in different ways as the Bible Society in Turkey, and for the opportunities to praise and glorify His Holy Name. Please pray for political stability in our country. May God control the political situation in order to improve it.

About the Country

- **Location:** Europe / Asia
- **Capital:** Istanbul
- **Population:** 80.27 million
- **Languages:** Turkish.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 99.8% | Other: 0.2% (mostly Christians and Jews)

Bible Society in Turkey

- **Website:** www.kitabimukaddes.com
- **Email:** bilgi@gmail.com

Ukraine

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Eastern Europe
- **Capital:** Kiev
- **Population:** 44.94 million
- **Languages:** Ukrainian (official), Russian, Romanian (small minorities), Polish, and Hungarian.
- **Religion:** Christian Orthodox | Ukrainian Orthodox – Kyiv Patriarchate | Ukrainian Orthodox – Moscow Patriarchate | Greek Catholic | Roman Catholic | Protestant | Muslim | Jewish.

Ukrainian Bible Society

- **Website:** www.ukrbs.org

Uganda

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Kampala
- **Population:** 34.76 million
- **Languages:** English (official).
- **Religion:** Roman Catholic: 41.9% | Protestant: 42% | Muslim: 12.1% | Other: 3.1% | No religion: 0.9%.

Bible Society of Uganda

- Website: www.biblesociety-uganda.org

December 24 – 30

Uruguay

Prayer Request: Please pray for the Grow & Learn project, the approval of more projects, the economic and financial situation of the organization, the staff of the United Bible Societies; and our new sales strategies.

About the Country

- **Location:** South America
- **Capital:** Montevideo
- **Population:** 3.4 million
- **Languages:** Spanish.
- **Religion:** Catholic | Evangelical | other Christian groups.

Bible Society of Uruguay

- **Website:** www.sociedadbiblica.org.uy
 - **Email:** info@sociedadbiblica.org.uy
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Uzbekistan

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that the Word of God can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Central Asia
- **Capital:** Tashkent
- **Population:** 23.32 million
- **Languages:** Uzbek (official), Russian, Tajik.
- **Religion:** Muslim: 88% (mostly Sunni) | Eastern Orthodox Christian: 9% | Other: 3%.

Bible Society of Uzbekistan

→ Website: <http://www.parus87.com/FellowshipBSUz.htm>

Venezuela

Prayer Request: Please pray that God will help us spread the Bible's message more and more in the country, especially among young people and children. Thank God for the work that has been carried out by the Bible Society in this country.

About the Country

- **Location:** South America
- **Capital:** Caracas
- **Population:** 30.85 million
- **Languages:** Spanish (official); small communities of speakers of Italian, Portuguese, Arabic, German, in addition to indigenous languages.
- **Religion:** Catholic: 96% | Protestant: 2% | Other: 2%

Bible Society in Venezuela

- Email: sbuv_distribucion@cantv.net

Vietnam

Prayer Request: Praise God for the achievements made in spreading the Word of God in this country. Please pray that the local Bible Society will be able to teach Bible principles to different generations, especially young people and children. Pray also that publishing projects may attract more and more people to the Bible message.

About the Country

- **Location:** Asia (Pacific)
- **Capital:** Hanoi
- **Population:** 93.4 million
- **Languages:** Vietnamese.
- **Religion:** Buddhist: 51.8% | Ethnic religions: 11.5% | Christian: 9.5% | Unspecified: 27.2%

Vietnam Bible Society

- Website: www.biblevietnam.org

December 31

Zambia

Prayer Request: Please ask God to bless the Bible Work in this country and that His Word can reach the hearts of the entire population. Pray that the work carried out by the Bible Society reaches every individual, thus making the Bible available in formats and translations that can meet their needs.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Lusaka
- **Population:** 13.09 million
- **Languages:** Official: English (communications and education); other languages spoken: Bemba, Kaonde, Lozi, Lunda, Luvale, Nyanja, Tonga.
- **Religion:** Christian: 95.5% (Protestant: 75.3%; Catholic: 20.2%) | Muslim: 0.5% | Other religions: 2.0% | No religion: 1.8%.

Bible Society of Zambia

→ Website: <http://www.biblesociety-zambia.org/>

Zimbabwe

Prayer Request: We are thankful for the great reception to the 'Peace Building' project. Please pray for the ongoing Chikunda Old Testament translation nearing completion and the Shona Study Bible. Zimbabwe is facing economic challenges. Pray for stability in our economy.

About the Country

- **Location:** Africa
- **Capital:** Harare
- **Population:** 15.92 million
- **Languages:** English, Shona, Ndebele, Ndaou, Chikunda, Tonga, Kalanga.
- **Religion:** Christian: 85% | African traditional religions: 3% | Muslim: 1%

Bible Society of Zimbabwe

- **Website:** www.biblesociety-zimbabwe.org
- **Email:** admin@biblesociety-zimbabwe.org

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