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## GOD'S WORD BRINGS HEALING TO BROKEN HEARTS

**“Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give you. I  
do not give to you as the  
world gives. Do not let  
your hearts be troubled  
and do not be afraid”**

—John 14:27

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# Rupen's Reflections

■ The Word of God brings peace in times of fear and uncertainty.

These have been difficult times for many, but even amidst the roughest storms, God's Word remains, bringing unshakeable peace to everyone who believes it. His Word truly is an anchor for our souls.

We have seen God bring peace and transform hundreds of thousands of lives through His Word.

Thanks to your faithful partnership, people around the world who have been exploited, trafficked, abused, and enslaved are encountering life-changing peace and true freedom in Christ.

Your support has nurtured faith where belief is suppressed and the church is persecuted. You have shown up where trauma cripples lives and where youth are adrift and at risk. And you have helped people hear God's voice in their darkest moments. Thank you for giving a gift like no other.

Your support is not only helping us get the Bible into more people's hands, but helping them understand it, engage with it, and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Thank you for helping us reach more people with God's Word, and see more people walk in the peace that comes with knowing Him.

In His service,

**Rupen Das**  
President

**“Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life ...”** –Psalm 23:6



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## Your gift of a Bible is a lifesaver for soldiers

■ God's Word is changing the lives of soldiers in Ukraine. With your help, Canadian Bible Society has been making the Bible available to soldiers as well as civilians in Ukraine since the war broke out.

Serhii, the commander of a military unit, shares, "It is very important for soldiers to have the Bible. Things are very tough at times and many soldiers are praying to God. They may not have believed in God before. But now they are turning to Him. Many of them treat the Bible as a lifesaver.

"So, for those facing enormous pressures on the frontlines, when they have this Bible in their pocket, a soldier can open it and find words that he needs to hear at that very moment. It is very important. Thank you!"

Another soldier turns to open his Bible when he faces desperate situations. "You wouldn't believe it," he says. "Every time I find an answer. The Bible has a way out! I do as the Bible says and everything works well."

Thank you for your prayers and for helping share God's Word with people in Ukraine.



**"After I experienced all the horrors of the war, God opened Himself to me, and led me to believe in His existence. I am so thankful to Him that I am here, alive, and for the Bible I received. I hope I am standing at the beginning of my spiritual path."**

—Artem, 25, Ukraine military personnel

## BIBLE TRANSLATION CHANGES LIVES

# You're helping reach more people through Bible translation



Almost **twice a week**, someone new gets to hear God speak in their own heart language.



Scriptures were made available in **77 languages** other than French and English in Canada.



**426,630 Bibles, Testaments, and Scripture selections** were distributed in Canada.



Donors directly supported **46 projects for Bible ministry and translation in 33 countries** outside Canada, as well as collaborative work through United Bible Societies.

## Thank you for helping Joram find healing through God's Word

■ After work one day, Joram flagged down a passing car for a ride home. But the driver took him to a secluded area of the Syrian city where he lived and pulled out a gun.

*“What is going to happen to me?” Joram thought. “God, please have mercy on me.”*

Then the driver suddenly changed his mind and sped off. But the experience shook Joram to the core. He could not speak of it, but he was haunted by recurring nightmares of being shot instead of released.

After suffering in silence, Joram joined a Bible-based Trauma Healing group where he could share his frightening experience. Through God's Word, Joram encountered a loving God who is always near the broken-hearted and gave his life to Jesus.

Today, Joram is a completely different person. Once shy and timid, Joram is now a smiling, confident leader in his community.

This is the power of your gift of God's Word to heal broken hearts and restore traumatized lives. Thank you for opening your heart to those in deep need and helping transform lives through the Bible.



## YOUR GIFT AT WORK CHANGING LIVES IN CANADA

### You helped Terry on his journey from darkness to light

■ Winnipeg's North End is home to many families who struggle with poverty. Young people in the neighbourhood face the constant lure of gangs and drugs. And it's in this neighbourhood that Inner City Youth Alive (ICYA) has been working for nearly 35 years.

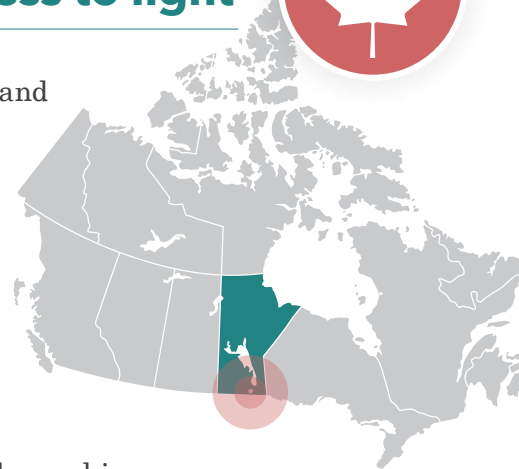
With your support, Canadian Bible Society has provided Bibles and Scripture resources that are making a difference for young people in Winnipeg.

One of those young people is Terry, who first came to ICYA when he was 13. He came from a difficult family situation filled with abuse, neglect, violence, drugs, and alcohol. Some days he would even bring a weapon to the youth meetings.

The staff at ICYA built a strong relationship with Terry, sharing God's Word and the love of Christ with him. Today, Terry is a young man of

God, a loving husband and father to a little girl, and a compassionate leader serving here at ICYA. He is working to show God's redeeming love to other Indigenous youth here in Manitoba.

Once a lost and searching young person, Terry has come full circle and is using the Scripture resources you help provide to share the gospel with young leaders from the community. Thank you for helping transform the lives of young people through your generous gifts.



## You're helping satisfy a hunger for God's Word

■ Your gifts continue providing Scripture to nations around the world that are hungry for God's Word. In Cuba alone, your gift of God's Word is encouraging evangelism, discipleship, church growth, and leadership development across all denominations!

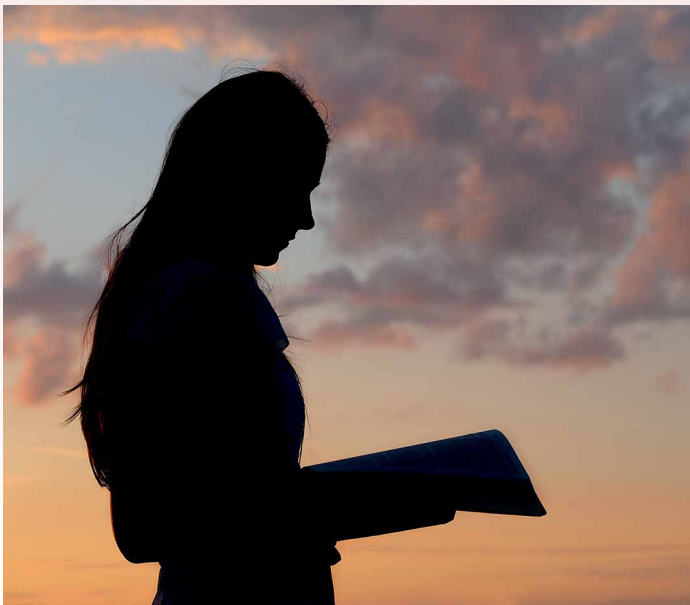
Since 2021, with your support we have been able to distribute more than **270,000 Scriptural resources** including over **120,000 Bibles**.



## EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH GOD'S WORD

### Your gift of God's Word changes the lives of women like Farah

■ Life in many parts of the Middle East is not easy for women. The local culture often leaves very limited space for women to contribute to society outside their homes. A woman is expected to clean, cook, and raise the children by herself.



Estimates by the World Health Organization indicate that about 30% of women worldwide have been subjected to violence in their lifetime.<sup>1</sup>

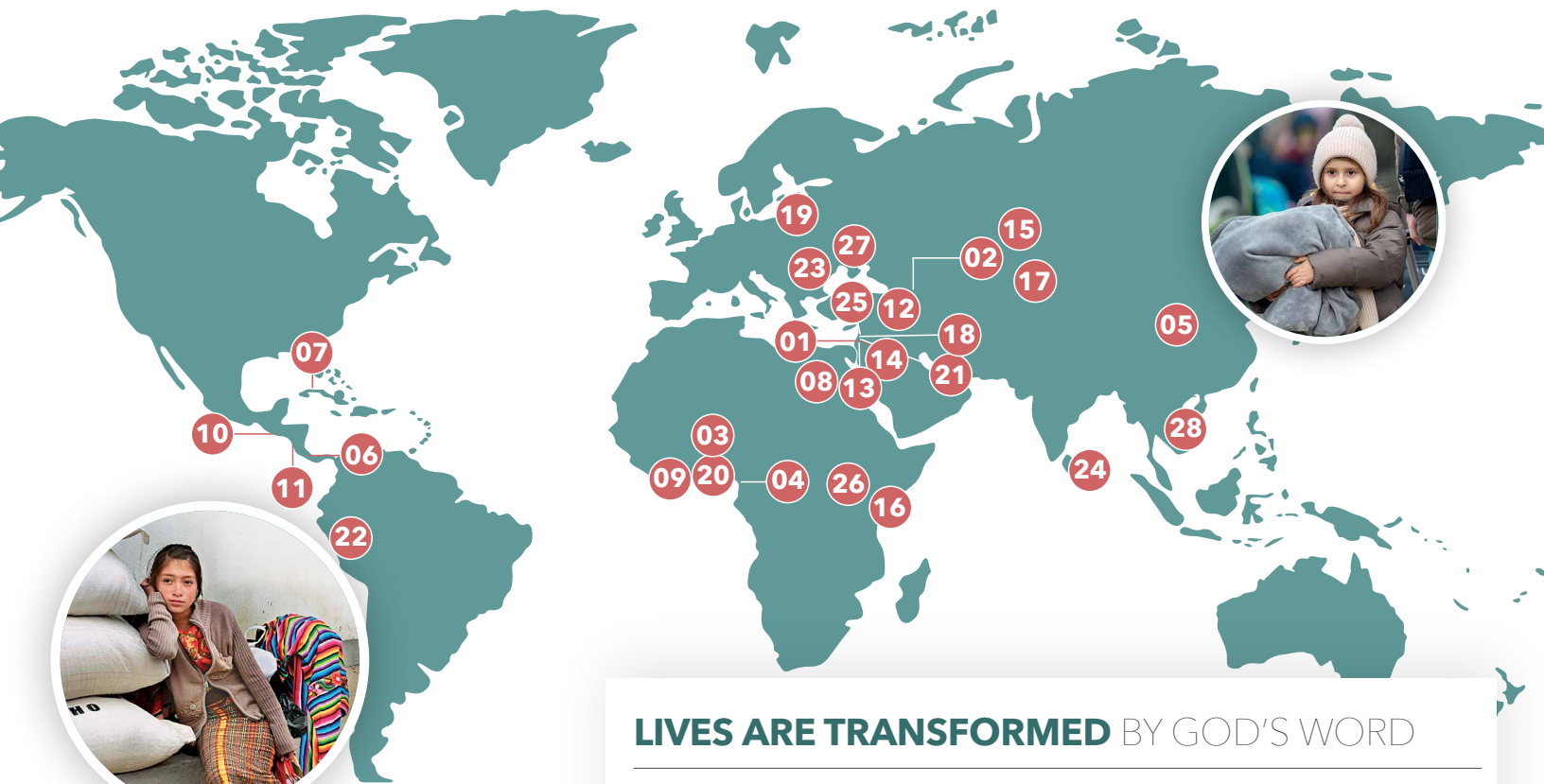
The Bible presents a different and more robust picture of what a woman can be — and what God created women to be. God's Word shows women they are made in the image of a God who loves and cherishes them. The Bible's message gives dignity to women.

That is why you can have such a dramatic impact on the lives of women by helping provide them with Bibles along with the support of other women in Bible studies. Farah, a woman who lives in Arab Israel, recently discovered this hope.

*“When I read the Bible I see love,” says Farah. “And I've learned that God loves me for who I am.”*

Together, we have an opportunity to help empower more women through God's Word and offer the comfort and hope that comes from knowing God, even in the most difficult situations.

1. <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/violence-against-women>



## LIVES ARE TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S WORD

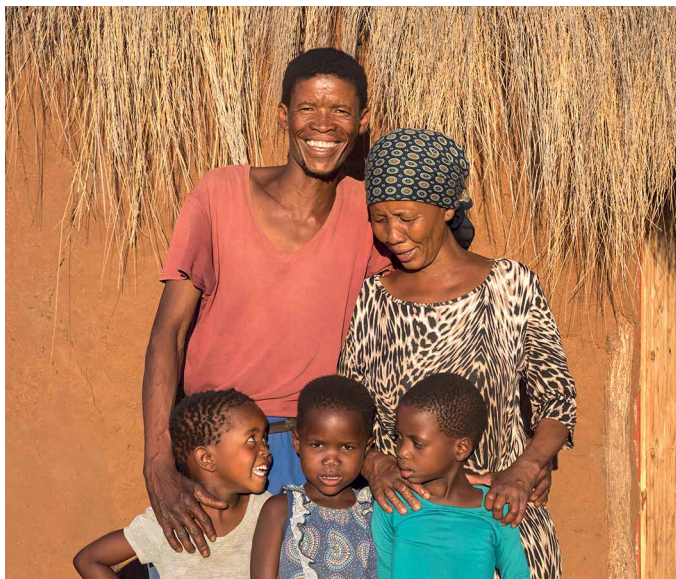
As a supporter of CBS, you know the power of God's Word. Your gift today will ensure that many more can experience the transformation that comes from hearing God speak through His Word!

### Select Global Projects

- 01 **Arab-Israel** - Empowering Women & Families through Scripture Engagement
- 02 **Armenia** - Scriptures to needy children
- 03 **Burkina Faso** - Transcription of Moore Bible into Braille
- 04 **Cameroon** - Bringing God's Word to teenage mothers and girls who are victims of sexual exploitation
- 05 **China** - Braille and audio Bible for the visually impaired  
Affordable Bibles for the millions in China  
Bible Translation for Ethnic Minority People
- 06 **Costa Rica** - Scriptures in Spanish Braille for Adult Children
- 07 **Cuba** - Cuban Sign Language Bible Translation  
A Bible for every Cuban
- 08 **Egypt** - Scriptures for poor children and their families
- 09 **Ghana** - Rescuing vulnerable teenage girls from the sex trade with God's Word
- 10 **Guatemala** - God's Word to young victims of sex trafficking
- 11 **Honduras** - God's Word to the world's most violent country
- 12 **Iraq** - Scriptures for the persecuted Church
- 13 **Israel** - Producing an annotated Bible to enable Hebrew speakers to engage with the Bible in modern Hebrew
- 14 **Jordan** - God's Word to Refugees
- 15 **Kazakhstan** - Large font Bible parts in Russian for people with visual disabilities
- 16 **Kenya** - Bibles to visually impaired school-going children  
Faith comes by hearing (Audio Bibles)
- 17 **Kyrgyzstan** - Bible texts for women in Islamic culture
- 18 **Lebanon** - Trauma Healing Program for traumatized Iraqi and Syrian refugees
- 19 **Lithuania** - New Testament translation into Lithuanian Sign language
- 20 **Nigeria** - Meeting the Scriptural needs of those who are displaced
- 21 **Palestine** - Trauma Healing through God's Word to Palestine
- 22 **Peru** - Sharing Scriptures and breakfast with needy children
- 23 **Romania** - Sharing God's love with children with Down syndrome  
Healing the wounds of trauma
- 24 **Sri Lanka** - Braille and Audio Bible for the visually impaired
- 25 **Syria** - Trauma Healing through Scriptures
- 26 **Uganda** - Scriptures for people with visual disabilities
- 27 **Ukraine** - Bibles and resources for distressed Ukraine
- 28 **Vietnam** - First Bible in Nung Chao dialect

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## With your support, Ayuba's marriage is stronger than ever



■ After ten years of marriage, Ayuba was weary and depressed. His once joyful home had become full of quarrels, misunderstandings, and disappointments. Without a job, he could no longer

provide for his family like he used to. He felt crushed by his wife's demands for things he could not afford, and grew more ashamed, frustrated, and isolated as the days wore on.

Ayuba even entertained the thought of leaving his family for good, until he listened to the weekly Bible-based Trauma Healing session on the radio.

The Bible-based curriculum for groups includes sessions that help participants identify their pain, share their suffering, bring their pain to the cross of Christ for healing, and, for cases where the trauma was caused by the actions of another person, learn to forgive their oppressors.

Since attending Bible-based Trauma Healing, Ayuba and his wife have forgiven one another. Thanks to generous Canadian donors, Ayuba no longer thinks about leaving his family, and is instead grateful for them and their restored relationship.

Thank you for your generous support that is healing hearts and reuniting families.

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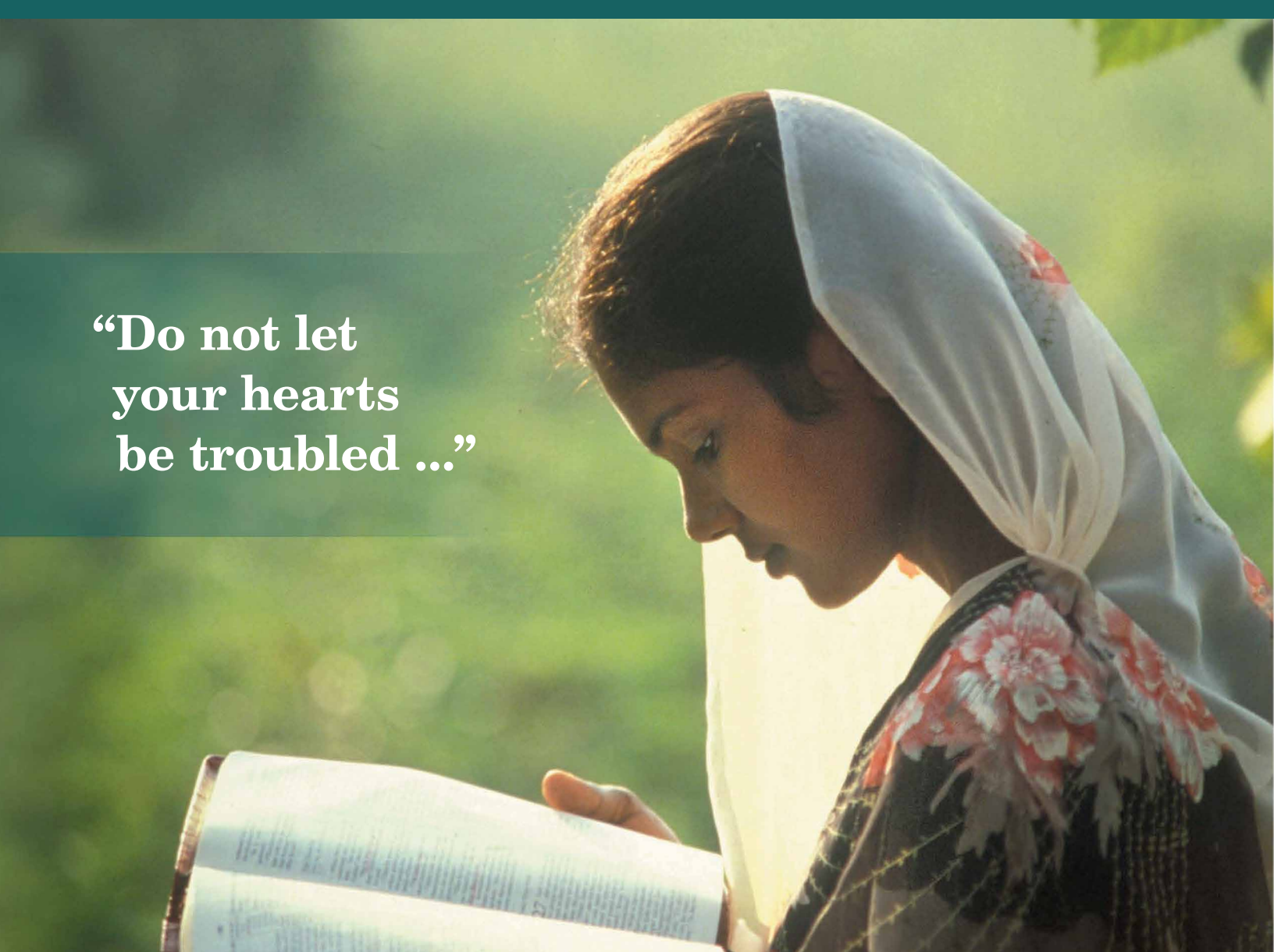
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**“Do not let  
your hearts  
be troubled ...”**

## **God’s Word heals broken hearts and lives**

Today, millions of people are suffering with shame, grief, and loss. These struggling men, women, and children include refugees, prisoners, and victims of violence in the difficult regions of the world. Yet God cares for people who are suffering; he knows their

pain and invites them to find comfort and hope in his loving presence. You can make that possible by supporting Canadian Bible Society and sharing the healing power of God’s Word with people in the greatest need today.

**HELP PROVIDE BIBLES IN KYRGYZSTAN, CUBA, AND OTHER PLACES  
WHERE PEOPLE ARE LONGING TO HEAR GOD SPEAK.**