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**YOUR GIFT OFFERS
GOD'S HEALING
PRESENCE THROUGH
HIS WORD**

"My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life." —Psalm 119:50 (NIV)

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Rupen's Reflections

■ Your gift of Scripture brings God's healing presence into the lives of suffering people.

In the past few months, we have all become acutely aware of the troubling events unfolding around the world. From conflicts tearing nations apart to deep personal struggles, brokenness is a part of our daily lives.

But those moments when anxiety and fear are trying to take hold are also moments when the love of God and the assurance of His presence become alive and precious and provide safe passage for the heart and soul.

Amid these struggles, we can find hope, comfort, and strength in the light of Christ, knowing that it is in our darkest hours that God's love and mercy shine brightest. Despite the overwhelming challenges we face, His Word offers us the much-needed hope to persevere and endure.

“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18, NIV).



As you read through this issue of **word@work**, I pray that you will see how God is using your gifts of His Word to bring light into the darkest circumstances and the most fearful hearts. **Thank you for your continuing compassion and generosity!**

In His service,

Rupen Das
President

“Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.” –Psalm 31:24 (NIV)



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"WE REALLY HAVE TO FIGHT TO SURVIVE AS DISABLED PEOPLE."

Your gifts bring comfort to a struggling couple in Angola



**"I lost my vision when I was twelve."
—Jenna**

■ We're so grateful for your generosity. You are providing the hope and strength of God's Word to people like Jenna and Denis* in Angola, who are legally blind. "I lost my vision when I was twelve," says Jenna. "It hasn't been very easy being blind."

Her husband, Denis, adds, "As a disabled person here in Angola, if you don't have self-esteem, you end up right on the edge of the bridge."

After Jenna lost her vision, she stopped going to school. It was just too difficult. And that has made it hard to find a job, and even harder to sustain the family.

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Jenna and Denis received Braille Bibles and an audio Bible, which provide the comfort and hope they need in the face of their difficulties.

"Sometimes, when I get depressed, God will speak to me through the audio Bible," she says.

"The Bible is the only thing I really pick up to console myself.

"I pick it up and listen to it from beginning to end. When I'm feeling stressed, I prefer to remain silent and listen to the Bible."

HOPE FOR HER FAMILY

As a mother, Jenna is grateful for the gift of her audio Bible. "When my son needs something, and I don't have it to give, the biblical passage that helps me is the one where Jesus Christ says, 'Let the little children come to me,'" she says. "Then I give him a hug."

Across all our projects serving people with visual disabilities, 98% of those who receive a Braille Bible report spiritual growth and a deeper relationship with God.

Please give generously. Your support is putting God's Word and its message of hope in the hands of believers like Jenna and Denis.

* Names changed



SPECIAL NIGERIA REPORT

HOPE IN TRAUMA

Your support for persecuted and displaced Christians in Nigeria is helping to bring the love of God to people in a tangible way. **We're delighted to share this recent correspondence from a Camp Commander in one of the IDP camps in Nigeria.**

I am writing this letter on behalf of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) residing at Kudansa Maraba Rido Chikun in Kaduna State to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for the generous donation of Bibles, school bags, writing materials, and other relief items.

The donation of Bibles has not only provided spiritual nourishment but has also served as a source of strength and inspiration to the IDPs, reminding them that they are not forgotten and that there is still hope for a better tomorrow. The Word of God has the power to heal and restore, and your contribution has undoubtedly made a significant impact on the lives of these individuals.

Additionally, the provision of school bags, writing materials has given the children in the IDP camps an opportunity to continue their education despite the challenging circumstances in which they find themselves.

“But God’s word is not chained.”

–2 Timothy 2:9 (NIV)



THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO CANADIAN YOUTH

You are helping young people hear God speak to them at camp

■ Thanks to your continuing generosity, Canadian youth are meeting God through the words of Scripture you help provide.

Each summer, the Canadian Bible Society engages with about 70 Bible camps all over Canada and distributes more than 14,000 Bibles to children and young people. Here’s a note of thanks from one camp leader:

“Your Bibles were a huge blessing to us. Many staff shared about how your Bibles became like yearbooks: cabin mates sign them, and cabin leaders left written messages, with Scripture for each camper. Our camp serves 80-90% unchurched kids, so we hand out many Bibles!” **Thanks again for investing in the future of Canada by providing Bibles to campers.**



Your emergency aid is needed to help struggling families

■ Earlier this year, the country of Haiti descended into dangerous, lawless chaos. Vicious gangs roamed freely through the capital city and released violent criminals from jail. The airport in Port-au-Prince remains closed. Murder, kidnapping, and random attacks on women and children have become the norm.

As a result, tens of thousands of displaced people are now living in the streets seeking help — because gang members have burned their houses to the ground. They're thirsty, hungry, and terrified.

TOGETHER WITH YOUR GENEROUS HELP, THE CANADIAN BIBLE SOCIETY IS WORKING TO:



PROVIDE

people with emergency aid including food, healthcare, water, hygiene facilities, and psychological support.



REACH

people with Bibles and other biblical materials that provide comfort and healing to traumatized families.



OFFER

trauma-healing training sessions to pastors and church leaders who are caring for traumatized individuals in their churches and communities.



We couldn't do this without you.

Share God's Word with the NEXT GENERATION

Leaving the Canadian Bible Society a planned gift is one of the most valuable ways you can create a legacy of giving that reflects the values that have guided your life. Through our partner, Advisors with Purpose, you are able to speak confidentially with a financial specialist who will help you create a plan for your Will.

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Notes of GRATITUDE



Taniya, a young Punjabi woman,

moved to Canada at the age of 23 to continue her post-secondary education in English. So far from home, Taniya struggled with loneliness and worry stole her joy. She wondered if coming to Canada was a mistake — until the day she found a CBS Bible on a table, free for the taking.

“I started to read the Bible and for the first time in my life, it was like God was speaking directly to me. The passages I read were exactly how I was feeling, and they made me feel peaceful and hopeful. Thank you for my Bible!”

[Read the full story](#)



Yorlen is a 15-year-old girl from

Guatemala. When she was 10 years old, her father passed away and her relationship with her mother deteriorated. Without proper supervision, Yorlen was kidnapped when she was just 12 years old. She went through a harrowing experience before she was rescued and taken to a recovery home. There she learned about God’s love for her and began to heal from her trauma.

“Thank you for my first Bible. It is such a beautiful one. And also thank you for the workbook that we use at workshops.”

We champion the Bible as the voice of God, revealing Jesus Christ, the Living Word, all because of your support. Thank you for the opportunity to help transform lives!



WATCH YOUR MAILBOX!

Send peace, love, and prayers this Christmas

You won't want to miss our October letter to you. In this mailing, you will also receive your beautiful greeting cards to share the joy of the season with family and friends.

YOUR CHRISTMAS
CARDS COMING
SOON!



THANK YOU FOR GIVING TO YOUTH IN NEED

God's Word brings healing to Aline's suffering

■ Aline grew up in Syria in a large extended family. She was the apple of her grandparent's eye and had a happy childhood. **But that all changed during the war.**

When she was 7, a shell hit the neighbour's home, killing her best friend's dad and brother. After that, the happy smile and the twinkle in Aline's eyes disappeared. Filled with fear, she couldn't sleep and her schoolwork suffered.

Aline's friend, Mariam, was worried. She invited Aline to come to church and join a trauma healing class. And slowly the two girls found a new reason to smile.

"I had really thought that we had lost Aline forever," says Aline's aunt, "but Mariam knew that Aline could receive healing through Jesus and God's Word."

Aline now carries her small New Testament with her and draws strength from the promise of God's presence in her life.

"The atmosphere in our home changed from then on," says Aline's aunt. "We thank God for the healing Aline received through God's Word."



**YOUR GIFT HELPS PROVIDE HEALING TO THE
SUFFERING AND BROKEN-HEARTED WHO URGENTLY
NEED GOD'S WORD.**

Your support today helps put Bibles into the hands of people who are waiting to hear God speak to them.

Please respond generously to provide hope, healing, and strength through your gift of God's Word.



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