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**BOLD GOALS
FOR A NEW YEAR
TOGETHER**



“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”—Proverbs 16:3

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■ You are a vital partner in seeing global transformation.

It is such a joy to share stories of how lives are being transformed through your generosity. As you read these stories, I know you will be inspired to see how **God is using His Word to bring comfort, hope, and stronger faith to people in Canada and around the world.**

Our feature story introduces Gifty, a young girl from Ghana who struggled to sense God's presence in her life. But that changed after she received the gift of a Bible. Now she says that God "is talking to me. I am not afraid anymore."

We want to keep this exciting momentum going! That is why we are sharing our bold goals for 2026 with you in this newsletter. I invite you to join us in prayer and with your continued giving so that we can move forward together — "bold as a lion" — in God's strength.

One of our key goals for the year is to see 1,000 supporters join our monthly giving



program. Our monthly donors are vital because they make it possible to sustain the work of Bible distribution and ministries that provide care for the most vulnerable brothers and sisters in Christ.

Thank you for your generosity that makes the stories in this newsletter possible.

Rupen Das
President

"...the righteous are bold as a lion."
—Proverbs 28:1



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A TIMID GIRL IN GHANA FINDS
COURAGE THROUGH GOD'S WORD

YOUR GIFT OF A BIBLE STRENGTHENS CHILDREN LIKE GIFTY

■ On a recent visit to Ziope School in Ghana, the Bible Society team was greeted by enthusiastic children who were eager to receive gifts of Bibles. But they noticed that one girl, whose name was Gifty, sat apart, silent and withdrawn from her classmates.

Team members were concerned and arranged to visit Gifty's home after school. What they discovered was heartbreaking: her single mother was doing her best, but with little income, life was filled with hunger, lack, and despair.

HOWEVER, THAT DAY MARKED THE BEGINNING OF CHANGE IN GIFTY'S LIFE.

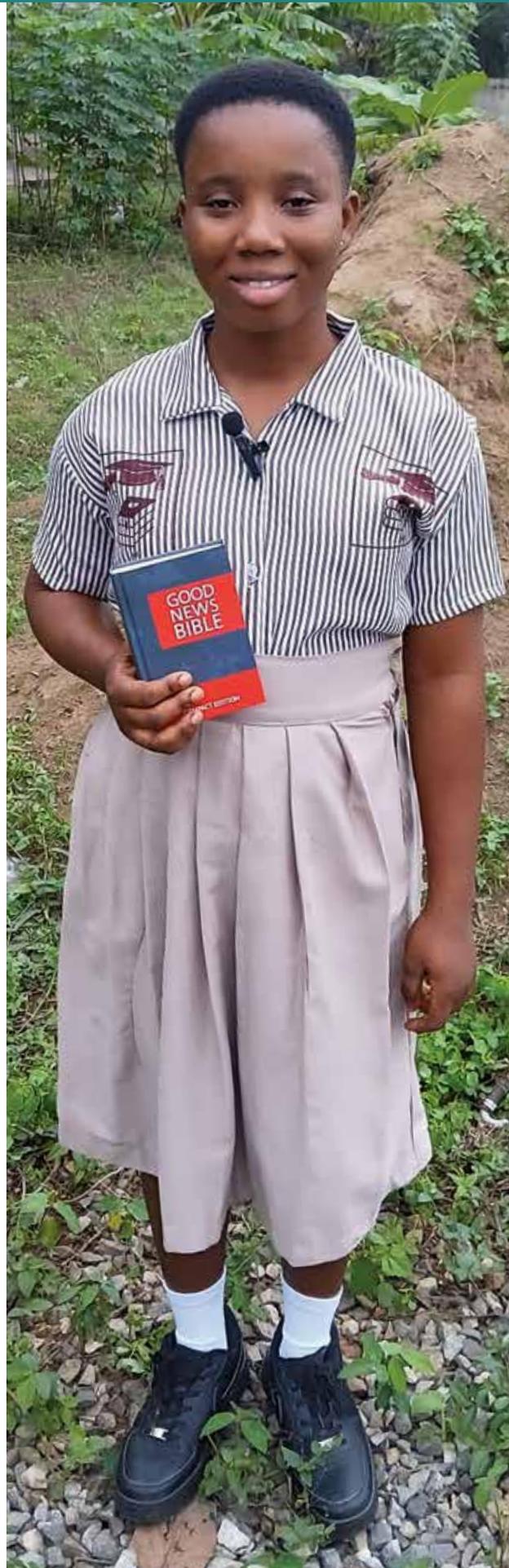
Along with basic aid for her family, Gifty received her very first Bible. And that Bible has become her most treasured possession.

"Before I had a Bible, I felt like God was far away from me," she says. "But now, when I read it, I feel He is talking to me. I am not afraid anymore."

Owning a Bible gave Gifty strength to pray, courage to face her challenges, and hope for a better future. For the first time, she realized that even though her earthly father abandoned her, her heavenly Father would never leave her.

Gifty is no longer the shy, broken girl sitting apart in her village school. **She is now a radiant, faith-filled young girl with a dream of becoming a teacher so she can inspire and support children like herself.**

"...when I read it, I feel He is talking to me. I am not afraid anymore."—Gifty



THE PATH FORWARD: BOLD GOALS FOR 2026

You have been an instrumental partner in seeing God change lives through His Word this past year. Looking at the opportunities ahead, we invite your continued partnership to keep the momentum of ministry going strong. Together we can achieve the following goals:



TRANSLATION

Accelerate Bible translation so that everyone can have access to God's Word.



DISTRIBUTION

Distribute more printed and digital Scriptures to people who do not have God's Word.



HEALING

Strengthen the Caring for the Wounded Heart program in Canada and around the world.



SUPPORTERS

Welcome 1,000 new supporters into our monthly donor community in 2026.

UPDATE FROM CHINA

GOD USED YOUR GENEROSITY TO ANSWER ZHOU'S FERVENT PRAYERS FOR A BIBLE



■ Zhou Jun, a young hairstylist from Xiu Shan county in China, used to live a life of monotony and emptiness. Despite having a steady job, each day felt like an endless loop — wake up, work, return home, sleep, repeat. “I felt like my life was going nowhere,” Zhou admitted. “There was a void I couldn't fill, no matter what I tried.”

In 2022, everything changed when a friend invited him to a local church service. Zhou found comfort

in church, but something was missing — he didn't have a Bible. So, he asked God to provide one.

One Sunday in July, Zhou's prayers were answered and he received a Bible. Holding his first Bible, Zhou was overwhelmed. “*It felt like God Himself handed it to me,*” he said. “*This isn't just a book; it is God's presence in my life.*”

“*Without the Bible, I'd still be lost,*” he said. “*But now, my life is guided by God's Word.*”

Zhou's once aimless life is now marked by purpose and hope. He volunteers at church and dreams of becoming a missionary. “*The Bible changed my life,*” Zhou said. “*It gives me purpose, joy, and a relationship with God I never imagined possible.*”

“The Bible changed my life.” —Zhou



THE GIFT OF A BIBLE BRINGS HOPE AND JOY IN UKRAINE

Halyna, a widowed woman, counts her incredible blessings

■ Since the war began in Ukraine, church leaders have seen a deep and growing hunger for God's Word. Recently, the Bible Society was invited by Pastor Andriy to distribute Bibles at his church in Zhytomyr, just west of Kyiv. On this Friday evening, **about 200 people gathered, many of them pensioners, grieving relatives of fallen soldiers, and those who had lost their homes.**

Each one eagerly accepted the precious gift of a Bible along with a loaf of bread. But the response of an 82-year-old widowed woman, named Halyna, was particularly touching. When Pastor Andriy handed her a copy of the New Testament, she quietly whispered, *"Today I received the two greatest treasures in life – bread and the Bible. Thank you sincerely for this incredible gift."*

After the short service had ended, Halyna shared, *"I was born during a war, and I will probably die during a war. But I'm not sad. I know I'm not alone. The Lord Himself cares for me. He sent you here to support and encourage me. Thank you for everything!"*

YOU ARE HELPING TO STRENGTHEN THE NEXT GENERATION IN CANADA

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE FROM A CANADIAN SUMMER CAMP LEADER

I'm writing to thank you so much for donating Bibles and Scripture materials to the Kids Club. The kids received their own personal Bibles to take home and make their very own. The remainder were used in our Bible studies to help the children further their faith.

Kids in our Sunday School class were also given copies to take home and have mom and dad read to them. And we were amazed when one 4-year-old was able to recount the story of the Good Samaritan a week later after we went through the story in class.

Again, thank you so much and God bless you!

Sincerely,
Camp leader at Kids Club



YOUR GIFTS ARE
HELPING MEET SPECIAL
NEEDS IN GUATEMALA

MOISÉS DISCOVERS THAT JESUS IS HIS FRIEND



■ Everyone deserves to know that Jesus loves them. And your gifts have helped take that life-changing message to Moisés, a young man with Down syndrome in Guatemala.

With your generous help, the Bible Society was able to provide literacy training with specialized Bible-based materials to students at Moisés' school in Chimaltenango.

“When I received my books, I was very excited because I love gifts,” said Moisés. “We used it in class, and I learned about Jesus and his love for all children. Then I took it home and showed it to my family.”

Moisés says his favorite Bible story book is Jesus Blesses the Children, “because it makes me so happy to know that Jesus loves me and blesses me. I read this book every night with my mom.”

“THE BIBLE SOCIETY HELPED ME LEARN TO STUDY THE BIBLE AS A CHILD” A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR NADINE

■ Nadine, a high school student in Egypt, was browsing through the Cairo International Book Fair. She was pleasantly surprised to see a table hosted by the Bible Society covered with the Bible story books she enjoyed as a child.

It was these resources that helped ground her in her faith and motivated her involvement in her church's youth ministry. *“I'm so glad that the Bible Society helped me learn to study the Bible as a child,” she said. “The Scripture resources helped me gain so much information and understanding about the Bible. Thank you so much!”*



“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it” —Proverbs 22:6

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Your gifts are helping to bring God's Word to vulnerable people in the world's most difficult places.

This year, be part of a great aspiration!

■ **Our monthly donors** help keep the momentum of ministry going forward until we reach everyone who needs their own Bible. We invite you to enjoy the benefits of being a part of our monthly donor community.

- **Monthly donors help make more impact.** Your regular gifts make it possible for us to set bold goals and reach toward them with greater confidence so that more people can have the life-changing Word of God in their lives.
- **You are the backbone of Bible distribution and support work.** Your regular donations enable CBS to respond to urgent situations, reaching children, families, and entire communities in need of hope and faith with their very own Bible.
- **Your monthly commitment is personalized and flexible.** You can choose the amount you're comfortable giving and pause your gifts at any time.

We are so grateful for your support. Please consider joining our monthly giving community and make a difference through God's Word each and every month.

YOUR GIFT WILL HELP US ACHIEVE BOLD GOALS THIS YEAR

Your gift today will help more people celebrate 2026 as the year they received their very first Bible. Together we can do it!



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