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Welcome to Winter 2017's Word in Action! In this edition, we travel around the world to Swaziland, Jordan and Lebanon. Here at home we hear about the exciting Mission to Wales and how to navigate the Bible with The Bible Course. Please join us for Bible Sunday on 29 October and celebrate Christmas with our fantastic Christmas resources, themed around the greatest journey. We are so grateful to each and every one of you and the journey that you go on with us, please keep us in your prayers using Prayer in Action.



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Our Christmas resources are themed around the greatest journey, based on Jesus' incarnation. What has been a great journey in your life?

I embarked on a great journey with my family, sailing 200 nautical miles in a 40-foot yacht that we sailed ourselves. Our destination was a very remote and mysterious place called Desolation Sound in British Columbia, which you can only reach by sea. It's a beautiful, desolate fjord-like landscape with cliffs and waterfalls.

The hardest part of the trip was starting. 10 years previously, we had made it a goal to learn to sail together but had to cancel the trip three times because of physical illness in our family. One or another member of the family was in hospital for more than half the time for around three years, which created physical and spiritual pressure on us. This led to a new dimension of prayer and dependence on God.

Then finally, the season of illness ended and we cast off from the berth for our three-week journey. The entire journey was a spiritual pilgrimage, we did Bible studies as a family in the morning before we weighed anchor and in the evening after we dropped anchor. Our Bible studies were on passages in the Gospels that relate to boats and water.

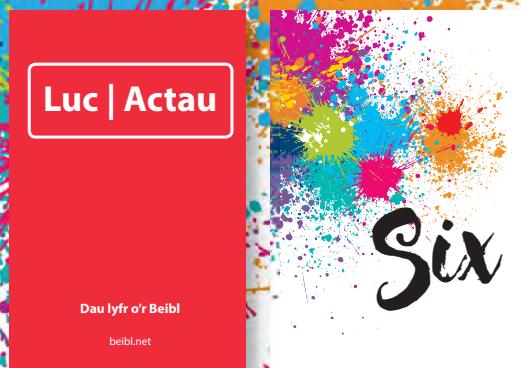
During our trip, we caught some unexpectedly heavy weather as we came round a headland, and the wind

picked up to over 35 knots. We suddenly went from a peaceful breakfast into a situation of chaos, there were things flying around the cabin and the boat was heeling over. We had to get to our stations and make the crossing of the day in this heavy wind, it was an intense period.

We had a Bible study after the storm had calmed down and we read the passage where Jesus is asleep in a boat on the Sea of Galilee in the midst of a great storm (Matthew 8.23–27 ESV). Jesus commands the storm to stop and then there is a great calm. Our daughter Hannah drew out the use of the adjective, great – a great storm and a great calm. That spoke to us as we began to experience in our own lives how the presence of God, in the storm we had gone through in our family illnesses, had given way to a great calm.

That for us had been an incredibly powerful journey and in a way, our trip was a rerun of that journey through the storm, a place of calm and the presence of Jesus.

Christmas is also about Jesus coming into the storm of the world with a message of peace. We can know a profound peace of the presence of Jesus in the midst of even the most extreme storms. He's able to hold us and bring a very deep inner peace based on confidence in who he is when he's with us.



Mission to Wales

Talk about being outside your comfort zone – would you go up to a total stranger and tell them: 'I've just got to tell you two things really quickly: God loves you, and he has an awesome plan for your life?'

For many of us, it's a tough ask. Research shows that household ownership of the Bible has slumped dramatically over the last 50 years; and also readership – with three-quarters of those polled admitting they never read the Bible. So, when it comes to sharing the story of Jesus with strangers we tend to anticipate a negative response and this can put us off talking about the Bible with them. But that's exactly what thousands of Christians in Wales spent a week doing, in July, as part of Mission to Wales. Mission to Wales is a partnership between The Turning, an evangelistic awakening that began in the UK in May 2016 and New Wine Cymru, an interdenominational group of churches on mission together in Wales. We have been supporting it with a special giveaway edition of Luke and Acts in English and Welsh.

We're working hard to support churches across England and Wales to do mission in whatever form that takes. So a couple of the Bible Society team travelled to Cardiff to support the churches there and see, first-hand, what Mission to Wales is all about.

We joined up first with a group of around 50 people from various churches across the city and spent time in prayer and worship. We were given a script

written by The Turning, which included introducing yourself with a huge smile and asking the name of the other person before saying: 'God loves you and has an awesome plan for your life.'

Far from people walking away at this point or sharing an expletive, people were both polite and friendly and, more importantly, interested in what was being said. Really meaningful conversations were held with people of all ages, atheists, de-churched, believers but not church goers and those who have never attended a church.

Mike Price, from City Church, Cardiff, had already spent one day on the streets and said he'd given out leaflets before but had never done anything like this. 'It's a stretch but it is important to do. Three people said the prayer with me yesterday.'

We witnessed one young girl give her life to God right there in the middle of the street. She had listened intently to what was said and admitted that she didn't think she would go to heaven because she had 'done too many bad things'. When she began to understand what Christ's forgiveness meant she agreed to pray and also said she would like to follow up, over coffee to find out more about the Bible and Christianity.

Across Wales there were six regional hubs where people were trained to go onto the streets in the surrounding towns and cities; this meant hundreds of Christians hit the streets armed with a copy of Luke and Acts and a lot of prayer behind them.

Over the one week 3,351 people said the prayer accepting Jesus' salvation.

There will now be a big follow-up with those who gave contact details. People are being invited for coffee and to share more about Christianity through the discipleship booklet *Six*, authored by New Wine Cymru and produced by Bible Society. Please pray for the churches in Wales as they move forward with the mission and that the people who heard the gospel will respond over the next few weeks.



Rachel Rounds

Head of Media and Communications



The team being trained and going out on the streets.



Beans for a Bible

Our team have developed an ingenious way to help more people own a Bible in one of Africa's southern nations. Claire Smith went to Swaziland to find out more.

What do two buckets of maize, three pumpkins, a piglet (depending on size) and a chicken have in common? In Swaziland, they're all fair currency to buy you a SiSwati Bible.

So when our truck rolls into a rural village in a swirl of dust, and the staff leap out to pop up their banner and table, local people emerge from their houses and down paths with bags of grain on their shoulders and squawking livestock in their arms – and the trading begins.

This is the unique way we sell Scripture in a country where three-quarters of people are subsistence farmers. It's called 'Bible bartering'.

The idea came about back in 2015, when boxes of Scripture were stockpiling in the warehouse and no one was coming to the bookshop to buy them. A new leader had just taken up the reins at Bible Society in Swaziland – Ngcebo Mbali. He's an entrepreneur at heart, and his solution worked; they now sell three times as many Bibles per year as they used to.

'There's minimal cash in our society,' said Mbali. 'People didn't have money to afford Bibles, and many couldn't travel to our two bookshops. So we worked out a bartering system – and now we go to the villages to exchange Bibles for whatever people have.'

It costs £7-9 for a Bible in Swaziland, the price driven up by import costs and the relatively low print runs needed in this small country. It's equivalent to two days' salary for a standard labourer or factory-worker. For hand-to-mouth farmers, it's an unthinkable amount of money.

But after a good harvest, when the rains have been plentiful, it's possible for families to exchange their produce for Scripture. That's exactly what's happening in Ntondozi village.

Phumaphi Maseko (above right) is trading a small bucket of valuable dried beans for a SiSwati Bible. She's never owned a Bible before – and she's thrilled with this copy. 'I am very excited. I never have cash so from the bottom of my heart I thank Bible Society for allowing me to exchange what I grow for the Bible,' she said.



**'This chicken
is worth a lot,
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But Christ is
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Photography by Layton Thompson



Meanwhile, Lomagugu Ndzimandze is handing over a rather forlorn-looking chicken in exchange for a large print Bible. She immediately turns to Jeremiah 11.29, her favourite verse, and begins to read. 'God is my help,' she says. 'I appreciate the fact that even though I might not have money, I can afford a Bible with what I do have.'

Our team even drive up the road when they hear that one elderly woman is too poorly to walk to the Scripture sale. Jabu Dlamini used to be the teacher in the village school, and wants a large print Bible because of her failing eyesight. She's handing over a deep bucket of maize; enough to feed a family for a week, she says. 'I can't buy a Bible because I am retired now. But I am very happy with this exchange,' Jabu adds.

At the end of a day's trading, the livestock goes straight to market in

Manzini, Swaziland's capital, to be sold. The team are canny though; they stockpile the grain until it is not so plentiful, then get a higher price at the market when they sell.

After the harvest, from May to September, 'Bible bartering' sales like this take place every week in villages across Swaziland's countryside.

'Most people from rural Swaziland are now buying their first ever Bible this way,' said Mbali. 'They have the fulfilment of owning a Bible, but it's also special – almost like a donation – because they are giving something they've grown or reared.'

Under the bright sun, in Swaziland's astonishingly beautiful landscape, these simple transactions carry real weight and meaning. The maize could feed a family for a week. This chicken can provide vital protein in its eggs. These beans have been grown from seed and picked by

hand. Is it a fair exchange, I ask?

One of the women, Lomagugu, answers without hesitation. 'This chicken is worth a lot, that's true... But Christ is more. Jesus is life.'

Buy a Bible in Swaziland for...

- A 40-litre container filled with maize
- Three pumpkins
- One piglet, goat or chicken
- A bag of sweet potatoes
- A 10-litre bucket of beans



Claire Smith
Freelance writer

Love to the least privileged



Photography by Layton Thompson

Two small boys are signing the 10 commandments, their faces animated, their hands moving fast. For someone who doesn't understand sign language, it is compelling and beautiful to watch (you can watch the video of the boys signing at biblesociety.org.uk/swazilandschool). For the boys' 160 peers (including the boy on the front cover), at Swaziland's only school for deaf children, it's how they engage with the Bible – in the language of their heart.

Our team in Swaziland has been working with the Siteki School for the Deaf since 2009 to translate the Bible into sign language. So, far 25 stories have been translated and produced as videos, then tested with the children in school. There are 107 more stories to go, then the team hope to fill in the gaps to complete the whole Bible.

Deaf children are very visual learners, so abstract ideas in Scripture such as forgiveness and redemption are difficult for them to grasp. When you talk about God,

for example, they ask where he lives. Reading the Bible is not easy either – but seeing God's word in sign language brings it to life. According to headteacher Thobilesanatu Fakudze, the impact is evident around school. 'The children's reaction to the stories has been amazing,' she said. 'We have seen their behaviour starting to change. Bullying is no more. The children really help each other.'

We see this for ourselves. All the children here are profoundly deaf, and many have additional needs – but we watch as older children help less able ones down some steps, and a small boy in a wheelchair is gently carried into his classroom by a bigger pupil. Everywhere, the children welcome us with warmth, smiles and enthusiasm.

The translation is being produced by three people, including deaf pastor Anthony Langwenya, who is an assistant at the school. The team are briefed on the background and context by a Bible scholar, then

agree between themselves how to retell the story. They shoot a 10-minute video with two sign language speakers, one interpreter and a supervisor. Their 'studio' is a green sheet pinned on a wall in our offices. There are around 400 sign languages in the world but not one has a completed Bible translation. In Swaziland, sign language is not even an official language. But our team hope that by pressing ahead with this significant work, they can reach an overlooked community with God's word.

'Love is always demonstrated best when it's shown to the least privileged,' said Ngcebo Mbali, who leads our work in Swaziland. 'If we're saying the Bible is for everyone, we must love everyone. This is how we share the Bible.'



Claire Smith (right)
Freelance writer

A time to weep and a time to laugh ...

Four years ago, Yasmine, her husband, Idris, and three-year-old son fled their home in East Aleppo. The city was at the centre of the Syrian civil war. Its three million-strong population probably halved during the fighting. Buildings were flattened by artillery fire, barrel bombs and air strikes.

Yasmine says, 'We fled because they started to bomb our village. The day that we left, I was preparing food and my husband was coming home to have lunch together and a bomb dropped so close to our home that the whole house shook and the children were on the floor because they were so scared.'

Today, the family, who are from a non-Christian background, live in neighbouring Lebanon. Idris has

found work as a caretaker in a school in the capital, Beirut. It was in this leafy neighbourhood that Yasmine met Rola, a Bible Society volunteer. She invited her to take part in a trauma healing group. This Bible-based group gives people the chance to reflect on the traumatic experiences of war, loss and grief.

'The trauma healing group has given me peace of mind,' says Yasmine. 'I used to have flashbacks all the time. I had flashbacks about my parents, and friends who have been killed, and relatives, and images of our home, remembering that we cannot see our family anymore.'

'I used to remember what it was like when my son was hungry and I didn't have any food to give him.'

There was one time when there was no water and we didn't wash for 20 days. I used to think about this and cry and hold all these issues. But now the burden in my heart and soul has gone.' She adds, 'I feel that I don't carry that burden in my heart anymore. I have completely changed. I feel at peace.'

Today, the family attend the local church and have found faith in Christ. 'I am proud to know Jesus Christ,' says Yasmine. 'The Lord Jesus changed our lives. I give thanks that we have come to know him before we die. My family needs joy. It's time to forgive and forget what happened with us. It's time to forget the sorrow. If you keep on remembering the bad things, you ruin your life.'



Photography by Clare Kendall

Rola (top left) with Yasmine (top centre) and her extended family.

Trauma healing is a lifeline

for many people who have experienced unspeakable horror and been left feeling overwhelmed with hopelessness and despair. Based on the Bible but using best mental health practice, our small-group programme helps people take the first steps towards recovery. It's all about creating space for people to speak out their pain and then equip them with a new framework within which they can understand the world and their experience, renewing their sense of dignity and self-worth and restoring hope.



Hazel Southam
Chief reporter



Photography by Jonathan Faint

See the big picture of the Bible

Back in 2010, a number of people in Cornwall were coming to faith, getting baptised – usually in the sea – and starting to explore the Bible. But they had little prior knowledge and not much interest in going away to read whole books about Scripture.

So Andrew Ollerton (left), who was leading some churches in Cornwall at the time, brought these new Christians together – and began to teach them.

Today, the short series of sessions he put together has become *The Bible Course*, and it's about to launch its third edition with a new, improved format. More than 15,000 workbooks have been bought since it merged with us, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Andrew, who has recently completed a PhD and is a teaching pastor at Kingsgate Church, Peterborough, said, 'The whole thing has just taken off. What surprised me was that although I pitched it as a beginners' guide to the Bible, people who have been Christians longer than I have been alive tell me they like it because it's the first time they've stepped back to see how the whole Bible fits together.'

The course runs for eight weeks, and each session works in two 30-minute blocks. There's a video introduction from Andrew and co-presenter, Heather (left), a 20-minute group discussion, then another 15-minute

video clip and finally a space for personal reflection to apply the message to real life. It can be run on a one-to-one basis, as a church, in small groups, or even in workplaces and prisons. The whole focus of the sessions is to show how the epic story of the Bible fits together.

Andrew said, 'When you tip a jigsaw onto the floor, you know the pieces belong together, but it's a job to work out how. Kids learn to get the lid and hold up every bit in reference to the bigger picture. It's the same with the Bible.'

'There are some amazing micro-stories in the Bible, but they're part of a bigger story. The Bible was never intended to be read piecemeal. It requires us to give real serious attention to the narrative arc. It's hard work – but it's so rewarding when you start to see it click together.'

The Bible Course will be available in the autumn. Andrew added, 'The need for this is huge, and the opportunity is great. I hope we'll see a revival of Bible reading, and people with confidence to apply it to daily life.'

Find out more
biblesociety.org.uk/biblecourse
or call 01793 418222.



Claire Smith
Freelance writer

Good news for people with dyslexia

Good news – we're bringing the Bible to life for those with dyslexia, adding two new books to our dyslexia-friendly range.

It's estimated that around 10% of the population have dyslexia* so we're working hard to make the Bible available in a dyslexia-friendly format.

John's Gospel and Paul's letter to the Romans are now available to buy from our online shop, along with an updated edition of Mark's Gospel.

All of them follow the approved guidelines of the British Dyslexia Association for dyslexia-friendly formatting, helping dyslexic readers to enjoy reading these biblical books for themselves with greater ease than ever before.

The books are printed on thicker cream-coloured matt paper to minimise reflection, using a plain font and larger type, laid out with wide line spacing, short paragraphs and bold headings (like the layout of this page).

They use the bestselling Good News Bible translation, which features ordinary, everyday language so that it's clear and easy-to-read – one of many reasons why it's such a popular translation, selling over 150 million copies in the UK alone.

Brand new extra material explains the highlights of each book and gives brief but helpful tips on how the rest of the Bible fits together. These editions also include the iconic Annie Vallotton illustrations.

The dyslexia-friendly Scripture is ideal for everyone – even those who have been Christians for many years – who lack confidence in reading and understanding the Bible because of their dyslexia.

Visit biblesociety.org.uk/dyslexia to get your copy and to listen to interviews with readers who have had their experience of the Bible transformed by the dyslexia-friendly range.

*British Dyslexia Association

'The layout is spectacular for a dyslexic. This is something that opens up the word of God to us even more.'

Mark Wilson, Curate at St Thomas's Church



Photography by Whitestone Media



Bible Sunday

Celebrate the Bible with your church

on Sunday 29 October 2017

Bring the Bible to life this Bible Sunday. We have created resources for you to choose from as you prepare to celebrate the Bible with your church this autumn.

The sermon notes by Bible Society's Head of Community Giving, Andy Bissex, focus on Nehemiah 8. In this passage we hear how Ezra reads the law of the Lord to the people of Israel after their return from exile. Andy explains how the Bible has gone from being the supreme point of reference for most people in public life to being perceived by some as useless.

We will be taken on a journey to discover how we can put God's word into practice through being united, being hungry for God's word and responding to the Bible through worship.

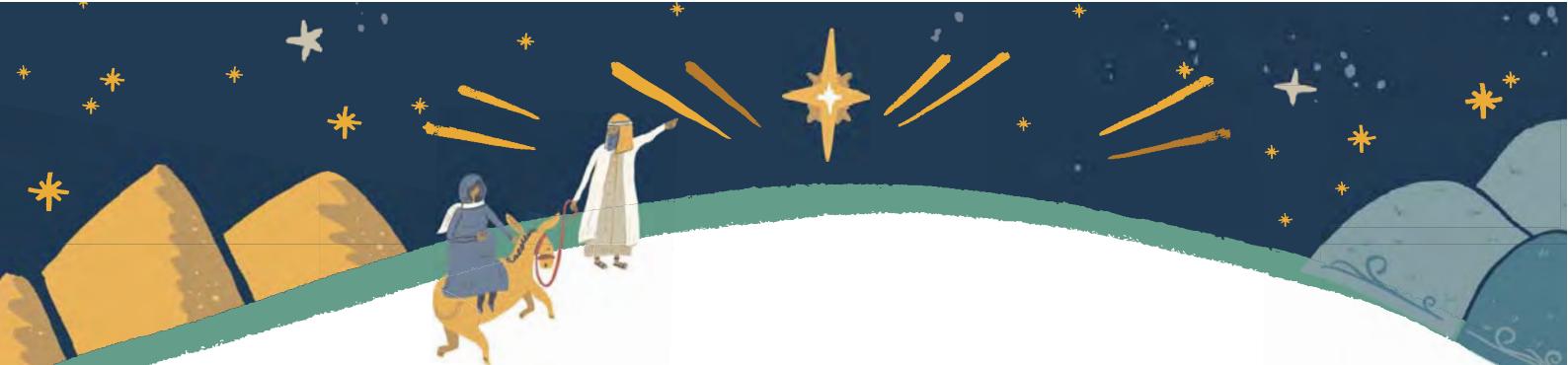
The all-age resources have been prepared by Ali Jensen from Lisvane Baptist Church in Cardiff and include ideas to get your whole congregation thinking about the Bible. Share the passage using props, ask volunteers to tell the story with a script or send your congregation on a treasure hunt around the church to find hidden Bibles. There are some brilliant activity sheets for younger children too.

You can download a video of *The Bible Poem* by Dai Woolridge, helping you and your congregation to think about how amazing it is to have the privilege of holding the Bible in our hands and what it means for us every day.

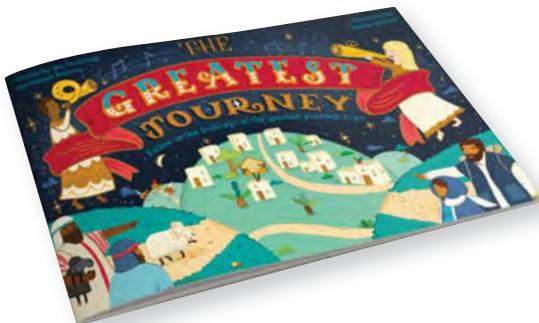
There are also some presentations to help you share our mission to bring the Bible to life around the world and here at home.

Let's celebrate Bible Sunday together because we know that when people engage with the Bible, their lives can change, for good. Our prayer is that, on Bible Sunday, God's word will come to life for your church in a whole new way. And we hope you'll be inspired to join us in this mission to offer the Bible to every man, woman and child around the world. Together, we can do something amazing: bring the Bible to life for those who need it most.

Go to biblesociety.org.uk/biblesunday for your free resources



Celebrate the journey that changed the world Christmas resources for you and your church



The Greatest Journey

Go on a Christmas adventure as you follow in the footsteps of the greatest journey ever! Our own Dai Woolridge has collaborated with supporter Hannah Bunting to bring you this brand new children's story booklet.



Journey to Bethlehem

Sing your way to Christmas with our Journey to Bethlehem carol sheet. Containing ten well-known carols and key Christmas Bible verses, we've produced this

booklet in partnership with HOPE and Sports Chaplaincy UK. It's perfect for carolling or outdoor services.

We've enclosed a sample copy in WIA as a gift for you. To order bulk copies for events go to cpo.org.uk/christmasjourney

Pop-Up Nativity

You told us how much you appreciated last year's no-rehearsal Pop-Up Nativity script – so we just had to do another one! Based on *The Greatest Journey* story it's free to download online. And we're making *The Greatest Journey* booklets available at discounted prices, so you can give them away afterwards.

Keep an eye out for other free *Greatest Journey* resources too, including a video animation and colouring pictures.

#AdventChallenge

Join the #AdventChallenge movement as thousands of people take on daily Bible-inspired challenges in the run up to Christmas. Each day of Advent you'll receive an email with three practical challenges. Look out for brand new features this year, including child-friendly challenges for families and schools.

Get your resources from biblesociety.org.uk/christmas or call 01793 418300

Spoken Truth

As well as writing *The Greatest Journey*, Dai Woolridge is also creating a Christmas video resource for your church.

You'll be able to experience the Christmas story from Mary's point of view in this short film, available online from November.

Stickers

Share the real Christmas story (and some extra festive sparkle) on your cards and gifts with our Christmas stickers. Artist Emma Skerratt has created some brand new designs this year, and we've also made some of your old favourites available too.



YOUR LETTERS & COMMENTS

This morning I picked up the Summer edition of *Word in Action*. I read Paul Williams's description of the memorable experience from his trip to Jordan. Then I read Tim Foggin's article enlarging the details of that memorable experience. I read how the family got their hope from Psalm 13. The magic of that for me was that despite (or because of?) all their suffering, their fear and the horrors through which they lived, suddenly that family, obviously totally unknowingly, reached out to me in my suffering which, by comparison with theirs, is as nothing. As I read Psalm 13, in *WIA* and in my Bible, I was moved to tears. God really is at work.

JEFF, LINCOLN

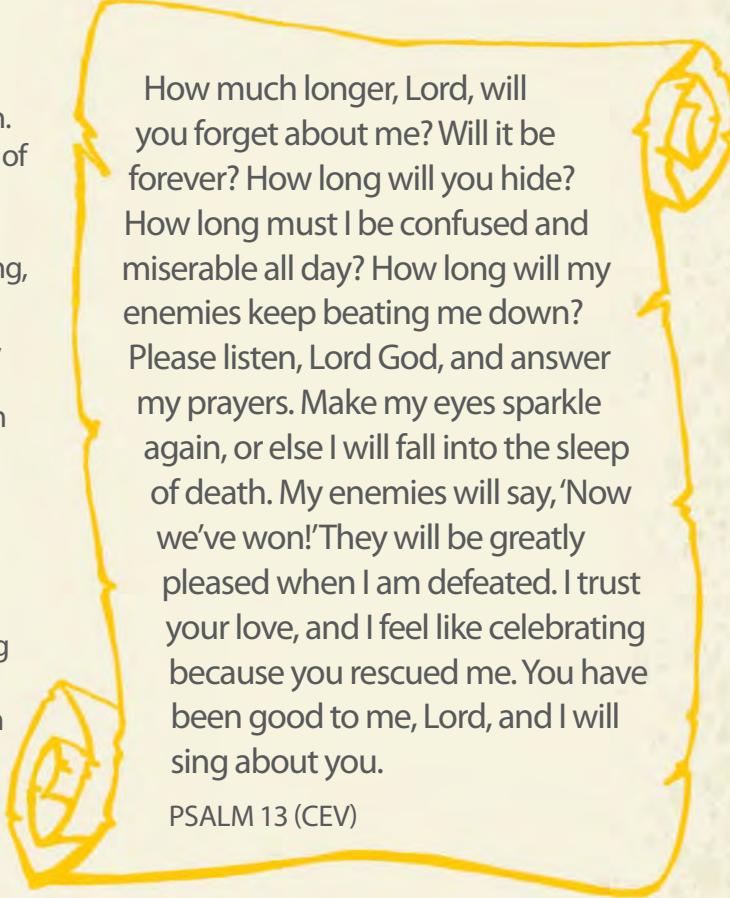
Your support for Prom Praise for Schools resonated with me – it looked inspiring, invigorating, refreshing and subtly challenging. Well done Bible Society. I'm not one to offer praise lightly. I found Rezi's verbatim quote (same age as my son) both profound and insightful. Thank you. Impressive stuff.

ROB, MARKET HARBOROUGH

When Sarah asked her daughter Ellie how her Open the Book assembly at school was, she replied, 'Oh Mummy, you missed one of the best ones! The lady's coin went missing but she had to find it and we all had to count the coins. And Mummy, God cares about everybody, if one goes missing he has to get them back because God loves everyone.'

Sarah says, 'Clearly I was delighted to hear that this message had got through to my daughter as she's not really the type to remember and recount much that goes on in school or church, so it had obviously made its mark. Just wanted to thank the group that ran Open the Book that week and also to really encourage you that you do make a difference to those children and only God knows what seeds are planted into those watching the Bible stories.'

SARAH, CHELTONHAM



How much longer, Lord, will you forget about me? Will it be forever? How long will you hide? How long must I be confused and miserable all day? How long will my enemies keep beating me down? Please listen, Lord God, and answer my prayers. Make my eyes sparkle again, or else I will fall into the sleep of death. My enemies will say, 'Now we've won!' They will be greatly pleased when I am defeated. I trust your love, and I feel like celebrating because you rescued me. You have been good to me, Lord, and I will sing about you.

PSALM 13 (CEV)

I was moved to tears by the article in the most recent *Word in Action* headed China's pastor crisis – so many people wanting to hear God's word, and so few pastors to teach. The challenge continued as I read Kua Wee Seng's One Verse about the eternal impact of God's word... God bless you in the work.

REVD JONATHAN, BIRMINGHAM

I have been in the *Bible a Month Club* since the start in 1977 and am thrilled that so many Bibles have been issued to so many people.

MARJORIE, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

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'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.' Galatians 5.22–23 (ESV)

Pastor Anthony Langwenya is part of the team translating the Bible into sign language in Swaziland, and is also an assistant at the country's only school for deaf children, Siteki School for the Deaf.

'This verse, when I share it with the children, helps them deal with situations they meet in life. Some are aggressive and act with anger when hurt, so this verse helps them know the expectations of a Christian life, and choose to do good things. It also helps me to grow spiritually and in

my work translating the Bible into sign language.

Deaf children are different from hearing children. They learn visually, so as they see sign language it illustrates the story and it becomes easy for them to tell what the narrative is about. Please pray that through this work, deaf children will understand the word of God and his will.'

**Pastor Anthony Langwenya,
Swaziland**

Before, the Bible was a stumbling block for me. Now, I think the Bible is the most valuable thing. Now I'm responsible for distributing it to other people, that's such an honour.'



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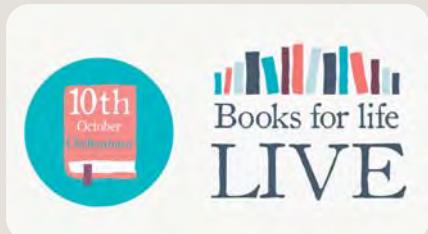
Hala Ajilat, 29, is the Sales and Distribution Officer for Bible Society in Jordan.

'My family were believers and I went to Sunday school. Later, I went to university to study archaeology, which is my passion. During that time my professors told me that the stories in the Bible were just that, stories, that the places in the Bible didn't exist. That really affected me. I felt that I had to choose between faith and following archaeological evidence. I was really confused, I left church as I thought I couldn't believe in it.'

After university my struggles continued. But I could see that the stories in the Bible affected people's lives. So I made a step of faith and I decided to get baptised. After that, when I read the Bible it felt different. Suddenly, I felt as if God was speaking to me through these stories.

I'm now studying an MA in Theology in my spare time. For me, science and theology both point the same way. But I'm careful. I still go on archaeological digs, I love it. But I'm not digging trying to prove my faith anymore, I dig just to see what's there.

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Hosted by author and activist Krish Kandiah, Books for life LIVE is a unique event packed with incredible speakers. Why not invest in your spiritual life by joining us for the day and allowing some of the world's top Christian authors to challenge and inspire you. Books for life LIVE is a fantastic chance to discover your next best read. The event takes place in Cheltenham, on 10 October 2017,

09.45 – 21.00, at the beautiful Trinity Church, during the world renowned Cheltenham Literature Festival.

We will be promoting our latest resources for Bible engagement as well as our Open the Book primary school ministry.

For further information please visit booksforlife.uk/live



Let's celebrate the Bible

Bible Sunday - 29 October 2017

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