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Prayer at Work

PULL OUT AND KEEP PRAYER GUIDE

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There are many Bible Societies around the world today who are struggling. Projects are being adapted, cut back or stopped altogether as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. Please pray for our brothers and sisters around the world as they continue to share God's Word in these challenging times.

Terms & Abbreviations

FCBH: Faith Comes by Hearing - A programme providing audio Scripture for listening groups, set up mainly through local churches. **Trauma Healing:** Bible-based counselling for survivors of traumas such as epidemics, disasters or war. **Good Samaritan Project:** A Bible-based HIV/AIDS education programme. Workshop based, multi-media training. **OT/NT:** Old/New Testament. **GS:** General Secretary. **CEO:** Chief Executive Officer.

4 – 10 OCT

Tajikistan Pray for the Bible Society in Tajikistan as they reach out to their majority Muslim community and to minority groups with the Bible. Pray for their work amongst young people to help them engage more with the Bible. Pray for the Trauma Healing projects here. The work here is led by GS Shuhratjon Nigmatov.

Uzbekistan Pray for the development of the audio Bible in the Uzbek language and for the printing of large print portions of Scripture. Pray for their work amongst migrant workers and that they would be able to share the Gospel with them. Pray for Executive Director Alexander Kim as he leads the staff team here.

Niger Pray for the Faith Comes by Hearing and literacy projects going on in Niger. Pray for the situation with extremist groups, such as Boko Haram, and Trauma Healing groups which are helping people affected by the violence. Pray for Executive Secretary Yaye Hama and his team as they seek to share God's love in these difficult situations.

11 – 17 OCT

Nigeria Pray for the translation projects going on in Nigeria, that they will be finished soon as people wait anxiously for the Bible in their heart language. Pray that these translations will transform lives. Pray for the Bible Society's relationship with churches and that they will be able to work together to share the Bible. The work here is led by GS Dare Ajiboye.

Sudan Pray for The Bible translations into Otoro, Uduk and Nuba. These translations will be the first Bible in these languages and people are eagerly waiting for them. Pray for their work amongst people who have experienced trauma, that they would be able to help them heal through God's Word. The work here is led by Executive Secretary Ismail Kanani.

South Sudan Pray for the building of the Bible Mission House. They have been working from a warehouse for many years and are excited to have a dedicated building. Thank God for the Trauma Healing project, which has been helping many people. Remember GS Edward Kajivora, his staff, volunteers and Board as they seek to carry out their projects.

18 – 24 OCT

Estonia Pray for the Estonian Bible Society as they promote Bible advocacy amongst the population. Pray for their relationships with local churches. Pray also for the translation of the Bible into modern Estonian, and that this translation would reach people's hearts. The Estonian Bible Society is led by GS Jaan Bärenson.

Latvia Pray for the development of the new Bible Society website, and that this would open the doors to a new audience. Pray for the Latvian youth New Testament and for the "Bibles for Elderly People" project. Pray for the ongoing revision of the Latvian modern Bible translation. The team here is led by GS Valdis Teraudkalns.

Lithuania Pray for the continuing translation of the New Testament into Lithuanian Sign Language. Pray for the integration of digital technology into their projects, which would allow them to reach a new generation with the gospel. Pray for Executive Director Vilhelmina Kalinauskiene, her staff team and Board.

25 – 31 OCT

Norway Pray for the Norwegian Bible Society as they seek to partner with local churches to improve Bible engagement within their context. Pray for the new translation of the North Sami Bible that it would bless those who read it. Pray for GS Paul Wirgenes and his team as they carry out these projects in their country.

Iceland Pray for the Bible Society in Iceland as they publish, distribute and encourage the use of the Bible. Pray that they would be able to ensure that the Bible is always available and at an affordable price. Pray that they would be able to continue to promote Bible engagement. The work here is led by President Agnes Sigurdardottir.

Faroe Islands Pray for the new translation of the full Bible and praise God for the revision of the contemporary New Testament. Pray that the Faroese Bible Society would be able to continue to partner with the local church. Remember GS Gunnar Nattestad and his staff team as they work to promote the Bible in the Faroe Islands.

BIBLE-A-MONTH PROJECT OCTOBER: RWANDA

Around 169,000 people (2.5% of the population) in Rwanda are HIV positive. It is a heavily stigmatised diagnosis, especially among the Christian community, and many people believe the disease is a punishment from God. The Bible Society of Rwanda began the "Good Samaritan" project to reach out to those who are affected by the disease and to breakdown social stigmas around it. Based on the parable of the Good Samaritan, this programme challenges perceptions of HIV and AIDS. It teaches Biblical compassion to those affected, as well as how to prevent the transmission of the disease.

- + Pray for this project as the Bible Society works to adapt it to COVID-19 restrictions.
- + Pray for those who are impacted by HIV/AIDS and that God would comfort them.
- + Pray that good relationships with churches would continue and that they would find suitable venues to host workshops.

