

# WHAT IS Greatest Gift

Dear friend,

The Bible is the Greatest Gift that we have been given. It is how God speaks directly to us. Yet, thousands of people around the world cannot read God's Word for themselves - it is either in a language they cannot understand, or in a format they cannot access, or it is simply a luxury they cannot afford to buy for themselves.

Will you help us to provide people with God's Word this Christmas?

Whether a present or stocking filler, giving the Greatest Gift will allow you to give the gift of the Bible to someone around the world. If you wish, we can send you a card to pass on to your loved one to represent your gift.



The cover photo shows a senior man with a Bible in China.

How to use the Greatest Gift catalogue:

## 1. GIVE

Simply fill out the Order Form sent with this catalogue. Choose which projects you would like to support, fill out your details and then send it back to Bible Society NI. If you request vouchers, these will be sent to you, and you can give them to your loved one for Christmas.

## 2. RECEIVE

Ask your loved ones to gift you Greatest Gift vouchers this year as a Christmas present for you.

## 3. EXCHANGE

Gift as a group! You can team up as a small group, friends or family. Instead of swapping Secret Santa gifts, give the Greatest Gift together and make a real difference this Christmas to people all over the world.

THE IMPACT OF GIVING THE

# Greatest Gift

We wanted to take some time to share with you about the impact of Greatest Gift on the projects we supported last year. We want to thank each and every person who choose to make a difference through their Christmas presents in 2022. Because of your support we were able to provide Bibles, Bible resources, translators, illustrators and literacy classes. These resources have had a major impact on Christians and communities around the world.

Here's a snapshot of the impact Greatest Gift had last year:

### ★ ALBANIA

We were able to provide 827 Bibles to children across the county.

### ★ ISRAEL

We were able to provide 828 Bible studies to groups and churches.

### ★ LITHUANIA

We were able to help facilitate the completion of the translation of Luke in the Modern Lithuanian translation.

### ★ EGYPT

We were able to provide 6,200 Bible activity books for children who attend Kingo Festivals.

### ★ ETHIOPIA

We were able to help employ artists to complete illustrations for 30 Bible stories for the Amharic Children's Bible.

### ★ PAKISTAN

We were able to facilitate 36 women attending a Beacon in the Darkness of Illiteracy programme.



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ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS 2023



## Palestine



The "Child of Bethlehem" project in Palestine engages children and young people with God's Word. This Bible-based programme includes trips, camps, conferences and special events, all teaching the Bible and Christian values to the young people who attend. This project aims to empower Christian children in their communities, teaching them firm Biblical values to give them a foundation for living their faith out in their life.

This project has been running for 17 years. During this time over 50,000 Bibles, tracts, and booklets have been distributed, impacting 40,000 children through 50 summer camps

A gift of £12 will help to provide two children with a Bible each through this programme.

## China

The Church in China is growing; yet there is simply not enough Bibles available to Christians and seekers alike. The lack of Scripture is so great that Christians physically divide their Bibles, distributing them among themselves, while others copy whole books by hand, just so that they can have their own copy of God's Word. The Bibles for China's Millions project strives to meet the need for free and affordable Bibles across the country. This project provides Bibles to those who are waiting for their own copy of God's Word.



A gift of £30 will provide six people each with a Bible.

## Lebanon

This project focuses on supporting the Christian community in Lebanon. It can be hard to be a Christian here - believers often face persecution and discrimination. The Bible Society here want to make the Word of God available to all and advocate for its importance in society and individual's lives. This project aims to support churches and Christians, aiding in endurance and strengthening relationships within the local Christian community.

Events and workshops are run through this project, providing pastoral support to leaders of churches. There are also Bibles and Scripture calendars distributed to the local community. Overall, over 100 churches benefit from this project across Lebanon.



A gift of £60 will help to provide 10 people with a Bible of their own.

## Uruguay

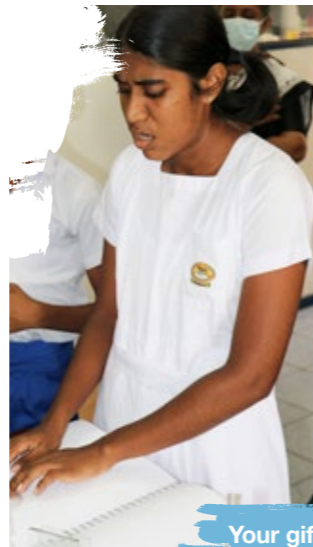


A gift of £20 will provide a child in this programme with a Bible and breakfasts over three months.

The Covid-19 pandemic has had huge social and economic impacts on society in Uruguay. As a result, many vulnerable children are struggling as their families live below the poverty line. It is estimated that 11% of families cannot afford to cover food needs. Through this project these at-risk children are given nutritious meals and attend Bible classes at local churches.

Their goal is to provide over 2,000 children in 2024 with a nutritional breakfast and Bible class every week, showing Jesus's love through practical aid.

## Sri Lanka



This project provides Braille and audio Bibles to those with visual impairments in Sri Lanka. Often it is very hard for those with a visual disability to access the Bible for themselves; they must rely on another to read it to them if they do not have a Braille or audio Bible.

While Braille Bibles provide these people with a way to read God's Word, it is the small devices that hold a version of the audio Bible which really make an impact. These devices are low-cost, compact and easily transportable, making them the perfect way for those with visual impairments to access the Bible for themselves.

Your gift of £40 could provide 2 audio Bible devices in Sri Lanka.

## Liberia



A gift of £90 will provide five pastors in Liberia each with a Study Bible.

In response to the rapid growth of churches in Liberia's rural communities, this project focuses on empowering pastors and evangelists who may have limited Biblical training. Many lack the resources to utilise regular Study Bibles effectively. To address this, the Bible Society in Liberia provide training in sermon preparation, church administration, and a mini-study Bible tailored to their educational level. Additionally, they distribute local language Bibles to enable effective Gospel preaching. The Bible Society's goal is to build the capacity of 525 pastors and evangelists across five counties, fostering spiritual growth and impactful ministry.