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RIPE FOR HARVEST ...

India has more than one billion people, most of whom worship millions of gods. But the Bibles you give—and the prayers you pray—are a life-transforming impact on men, women, and children across India. In 2007, Bible League placed **1,307,933** Scriptures—just a fraction of a billion! Your \$10 provides not only a Bible, it also helps to train a local Christian how to share the Gospel effectively. Partner with Bible League to transform lives. **Your gift is significant!**



Transformed Lives

Southeast Asia

God heard her cry ... the idols didn't

Teng had been miserable for several years. "I was despair and burdened with much suffering and worry," she said. "I was addicted to gambling and because of this, I never knew peace or happiness, only envy and wrath."

Blind faith

Teng believed in the power of idols, and prayed to them whenever she had problems. "Yet more and more it seemed that when I cried out, nothing heard my cry," she said. "I was just following a faith of darkness and blindness that was bearing no good fruits."

Sometimes at night, Teng tuned to a radio station that broadcasted the Gospel. She heard someone in the radio explain about a man called Jesus who loves sinners.

"Since I have heard the Gospel from the radio, I wanted to know more about Jesus. I heard of Vicheka, a Bible League-trained co-worker who regularly came to our village," she said. "I went to see her and very happy to hear her explain the Good News. I felt peace and I will have eternal life if I accept Jesus as my personal Saviour. So reading God's Word is important."

Drawing close to Him

As Teng studied the Bible with Vicheka, she realized that her suffering and misery came from wanderings far away from God. God's Word transforms her life and she decided to accept Jesus Christ into her heart.

"Since then, my heart is peaceful and joyful," Teng said. "I surely know that Jesus will be with me and be my helper wherever I go. He has set me free from all my sins and bad



habits. He will guide me in the righteous and proper way of life. Amen!"

Stop Press!

WALK4BIBLES 2008 cum CARNIVAL - 19 May, 2008
at Bishan Park 2
8.00AM to 4.00PM

FREE Admission— door gifts, adventure games competition, blessing draws, game stalls, fun adventure games, books, recycled items, foods ...
Come Walk & Have Fun!



Steve Green Concert
27 & 28 May 2008

Venue: LIVING SANCTUARY BRETHREN CHURCH
2 Hougang St 22

Time: 7.30 PM
Booking Call: 68967967
63161767
Ticket Price:

Respond Now

Don't make them wait. Send Bibles to needy Christians in Southeast Asia. Give now!

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Engaging Southeast

Asians for God's Word
Pray for Bible League-trained workers who are engaging more people in Project Philip Bible study.

Volunteer with us

Be a Bible League volunteer - prayer warrior; church advocate; events helper; public relations assistance.

Middle East



Finding Gospel Truth at the barber shop ...

Bashir enjoyed studying philosophy. Often, he enjoyed sharing his big, profound ideas with his customers in his barber shop. In this setting, conversation were equally important to a haircut and Bashir excelled at conducting both. His profession encouraged a “captive audience” who gave him their devoted attention.

Most of the time, his discussions were worldly issues not even on his own religion. Bashir did not believe that a “higher power” could take precedence over his own philosophies.

Bashir had heard about Jesus

and some of Christianity teachings in the past. But all these while, his life was filled with heavy drinking and inappropriate relationships until one day, Ferran a Bible League-trained believer visited his barber shop.

Ferran made friend with Bashir and regularly visited him. Ferran knew his profound philosophical background and Bashir did reject his sharing of giving his life to Christ. But later Ferran had an opportunity to engage Bashir in a lively discussion based on a Bible

Study book and Scripture passages.

Ferran kept praying and visiting Bashir for three months. In the Lord’s timing Bashir accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour. “He came to the Lord with so much hunger for spiritual food in his heart,” said Bible League’s director of Middle East ministry. “Now he shares the Good News with his customers in his barber shop!” Bashir’s personal philosophies have been replaced by the Truth of God’s Word.

Columbia



Never too young to share God’s Word.

A Bible League-trained Colombian pastor living in Pereira provides Bible League training throughout his community. Since his church began holding Bible studies many people had received God’s Word, and his young daughter has been an inspiration to many.

“My daughter Daniela, who is 9 years old, was the first one to contact people in the community to start Bible study class,” said her father.

One day, when Daniela knocked on the door of a neighbour, she was unaware

of the opposition awaiting her. As she invited the woman to her father’s church for Bible study, the husband overheard their conversation. Daniela confidently explained that she would teach them to study the Bible. The husband laughed and interjected, “What else will you teach us!”

Daniela was calm despite his mocking, God eventually moved this man’s heart. Thus, he and his wife did in fact attend the Bible studies—they later became good assistance at her fa-

ther’s church, sharing the Gospel and testified for the Lord.

Despite the great spiritual battle raging in Columbia, Daniela continued setting example of obedience to the Word of God. She courageously invites others to study the Bible and also teaches God’s Word to her schoolmates—even older than she herself. “Daniela is a beautiful example for the church as she accomplishes the commands of God,” said her elated father.

Russia



Immanuel ... God is with me!

Alcoholism had left him without a home, job, his wife, children and friends. As he aimlessly wandered Russia’s cold and desolate streets early one winter morning, Vladimir felt he had reached the point of no return. In his despair, he began looking for a tree from which to hang himself.

But out of the corner of his eye, he saw a plaque on a house that read, “the Church of Immanuel.” It caught his attention—so he did not commit suicide. “I had never

heard the name Immanuel before,” said Vladimir. He walked away and his mind kept wandering back to that house with the strange plaque that he was curious to enter in.

Vladimir returned to the house the next morning and with great fear, he knocked on the door. The door opened and he went in. “When I entered the house I felt peaceful and calm,” said Vladimir.

He was eager to study

God’s Word that was conducted by Bible League-trained worker. He enrolled and finished the Bible study program in 3 months and was given a Bible.

“For the first time in 50 years, I had a Bible,” he said. “As I read the Bible, I learned what Jesus did for the sinners like me. I repented and accepted the Lord.” Today, I truly understood what Immanuel means — ‘God with us.’ God is with me!

From the National Director

Sometime in 1938, a Christian businessman, Bill Chapman who was near death recovered from his sickness. He had a chance to make a difference in the world!

On April 15 2008, Bible League marked its 70th anniversary. Responding to a call which God placed on his heart, our founder, Bill Chapman, went door-to-door in Walkerton, Indiana, with Bibles that Good Friday in 1938. He had no

idea that the ministry he began with a prayer would one day be working in more than 60 countries around the world.

Today, we continue to pray and follow Bill's vision of placing God's Word in the waiting hands of Bible-less people, encouraging them to read and study it.

In 2008, Bible League is taking a significant step of faith, holding fast to our existing mission and cast-

ing a bold new vision:

“In our role of helping people come into fellowship with Christ and His Church, the Bible League will endeavour to train 10 million nationals to engage 100 million people in the study of God's word through the placement of Bibles and New Testaments by the year 2020.”

May I invite you to embrace Vision 2020 as your own. As a partner of Bible League, make this your personal vision to pray and your gifts will make a difference. Thank you for providing Bibles that are transforming lives and leading people to faith in Jesus Christ.

Your Co-worker in Christ,

Morgan Tan

National Director

Prayer for Walk4Bibles cum Carnival 2008 19 May, 2008 Bishan Park 2 - 8.00AM to 4.00PM

- ◆ Good response from Christians to help raise and sponsor 1-container of 51,285 Bibles for needy believers in Asian region.
- ◆ The recruitment of volunteers and helpers— event organizer, road marshal, registration, game officials and stall attendants, etc .
- ◆ Sponsorship for gifts, blessing-draw items, etc.
- ◆ 1,000 participants will come with families, church friends and relatives.
- ◆ Rt Rev Tan Cheng Huat, the Guest of Honour will flag-off the walkathon. Pray for his good health (spiritually and physically).
- ◆ Sunny and breezy weather throughout the event and God's protection upon all present.

Prayer for Steve Green Concert 27 & 28 May, 2008 - 7.30PM Venue : Living Sanctuary Brethren Church

- Steve Green and his team — good health physically and spiritually while preparing for the 2-nights' first time concert in Singapore.
- Steve Green Ministries will grow and have more concert tours in Asia region so that his music and songs will minister to people's hearts.
- Living Sanctuary Brethren Church's newly installed high-tech PA & media systems at the new renovated auditorium will function properly and wisdom to the technicians handling the new system well.
- MC, volunteers & helpers— wisdom and strength to manage the two concert nights smoothly without a hitch.
- Each concert night — 900 seats would be fully occupied with enthusiastic audience.
- Special blessings upon all who come praising and glorifying God on the two concert nights.

Prayer Concerns ...

India

Praise the Lord for the thousands of people in Bible study and as they completed the programme, pray that each one of those will serve the Lord with excitement and dedication. Pray for the staff in each of the offices, the PP and CPI trainers and leaders as they work together to advance the Kingdom.

Sri Lanka

Pray for peace and security as there were escalations of violence and fighting in the country. Pray for God's protection upon the staff and their families, more so in the troubled northern areas. Pray for the Project Philip seminar in town that would train many co-workers to further engage hundreds to the Bible study.

Nepal

Pray for peace in the country. People are facing shortages of gas and food. Pray that Bible League staff are able to travel to visit and encourage the field workers. Pray that the April general election will change the political situation that will open door for God's kingdom in Nepal.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path .”

- Psalm 119:105

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Updates ...

Bible League World Ministry Results - 2007

Scriptures Provided :
17,713,004

Bible Study Completions :
3,271,449

Bible Study Groups :
231,487

New Church Members/Baptisms :
539,154

New Churches Established :
5,766



You can make a difference!

For just \$10.00 you can sponsor one Bible and ministry cost today. Your \$40.00 will provide 4 Bibles and Bible study ministry which will train 4 believers in evangelism. With your continued sponsorship, we will serve our brothers and sisters in Christ with Scriptures and training that they so desperately needed.

For \$10.00 you can transform a life!

Your generous gift of God's Word will transform lives. Sponsor Bibles Now!

Bible League's Vision 2020 :
To train 10 million nationals to engage 100 million people in the study of God's Word through placement of Bibles and New Testaments by the year 2020.

BIBLE LEAGUE'S PURPOSE

- **Connect people to Jesus Christ and His Church through Scripture placement and discipleship**
- **Nurture Christians through Bible study — Project Philip**
- **Train church leaders to start new churches — Church Planting Training**
- **Strengthen and encourage suffering Christians**

2008	Activities
24th February	Bible League's 70th Anniversary— Thanksgiving Dinner— Hilltop Garden Restaurant
19th May	WALK4BIBLES Cum Carnival 2008 Venue : Bishan Park 2 Time : 8.00AM—4.00PM Free Admission — Come and be Refreshed!
27th & 28th May	Steve Green Concert Venue : Living Sanctuary Brethren Church 2 Hougang St 22, Bethesda Ground Time : 7.30 PM Ticket Price : \$30, \$38 & \$46 Booking Call : 68967967 , 63161767 Email : cashcor@yahoo.com info@bibleleague.com.sg
12th July	Project Philip Training — Training the Trainers for using Bible League's unique Bible study programme to reach out to Filipinos & Indonesian foreigner workers. Venue : BETHESDA CHAPEL 27 Lorong Melayu, Singapore 416913 Time : 9.00AM to 4.00PM
1st October	CONCERT4BIBLES 2008 More information to be announced in due course.

Wishing all Parents a blessed and joyful Mother's & Father's Day!

"Children ... Honour your father and mother"

Ephesians 6:1, 2



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