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A life transformed

Guided by the Holy Spirit, a pastor intervenes in the life of an alcoholic and leads him to a new life in Christ.

Paulous was quarrelsome, neglected his family, and worse of all, addicted to alcohol and marijuana. Neighbours felt that he was beyond help: “Why bother with this man when he is such a burden to us and his family?”

Yet, something drew Pastor Michael, a Bible League-trained Christian, to Paulous’ filthy house in a southern Indian village. Neighbours urged Michael to pass by the house, but he could not. He believed it was a prompting by the Holy Spirit, just as Philip was urged by Him in Acts 8:29 to approach the Ethiopian’s chariot.

‘I was living a dirty life’

When Paulous appeared, he reeked of alcohol. Michael tried to tell him that he wanted to pray for him, but Paulous began to quarrel with him. Recalling that initial meeting, Paulous says, “That is how I was before Pastor Michael shared about Jesus – I was living a dirty life. I was addicted to drinking and smoking marijuana, and I didn’t care for my family.”

‘You are not your own’

Today, Paulous is a new creature. Through the devotion of Pastor Michael and the Bible studies he used, Paulous learned he could be born again and that God’s abundant forgiveness and grace awaited him if he accepted Jesus Christ as his Saviour.

“One lesson deeply touched me when I read that the body is the temple of God who is in me,” recalls Paulous. “The Scripture verse says: ‘You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.’ (1 Cor 6:19-20, NIV) These words challenged me, and I repented of my sins and transgressions.

“After that, my family and neighbours could not believe how my character changed. They told other drink-addicted men that if I can change, they can change. Now I go to all the houses in my village to share about Jesus Christ.”



Help transform lives by making Bible study materials available to new believers. Refer to the next page for details.

A phone call from Jesus

When Rahim's phone rang, the last thing he expected to hear was the Word of God.



Zaid had a new cell phone and was still uncertain about its keypad's functions. When he arrived at his Bible study group meeting, he placed the phone in his shirt pocket. What he didn't realise was that he had accidentally pushed the key to call his friend Rahim.

When Rahim answered, he expected to hear Zaid's voice. Instead, he heard a voice he didn't recognise. He knew Zaid must have called him for a reason, so he continued to listen.

Good News travels

At the time of the call, Zaid was attending a Bible study group lead by a Bible League-trained Christian. He did not realise that he had called Rahim, and was unaware that Rahim was listening to the proceedings of his Bible study group.

As Zaid listened intently to the Good News about Jesus, Rahim listened, too. When Zaid and others asked questions, Rahim heard the answers, too. Rahim continued to listen to the teaching from God's Word. Because of what he heard, he gave his life to Jesus that day.

Jesus on the line

Now the two friends in the Middle East share the same faith in Jesus. They still laugh about the unplanned phone call.

HIGH DEMAND

Bible League-trained workers in the Middle East report a high demand for Bible study materials and Scriptures. Please partner with us to help these dedicated Christians reach others with Christ's love.

Zaid was soon able to introduce Rahim to the Christian who led the Bible studies. "How did you come to know the Lord?" he asked Rahim.

Rahim answered, "Jesus called me personally."

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." - Psalm 119:105

It is very encouraging to know that your prayers and gifts contributed significantly to the growth of God’s kingdom in 2008. Praise the Lord!

Last year, Scriptures provided worldwide 18,332,228 and 282,912 national workers were trained to share God’s Word. Praise God that these trained workers with further engage people in their neighbourhood in the study of His Word. Thank you for all of you who sponsored Bibles to build God’s kingdom on the solid foundation of His Word.

Great news! The Living Legacy Exhibition 2009, a co-sponsored by Bible League Asia’ event will be held in August/September to show case Dead Sea Scroll, Torah, ancient Bibles, clays and coins, etc. for about a month at The Arts House. Don’t miss it! Another event, the 4th Walk4Bibles 2009 will be held at MacRitchie Reservoir Park on 9th May, come make it your family outing day, have fun and fellowship with friends. Please pray for good weather and God will provide our target of 10,000 Bibles.

As you read the testimonies of Paulous and Rahim in this issue, give thanks for bringing God’s people to minister God’s Word to the loss and needy soul. With the economy recession, pray that the Words of God will strengthen the faith of people who read it and give them hope.

Yours partner in God’s Word,

Morgan Tan
National Director


Other Happenings

In Zimbabwe, Bible League-trained workers have accomplished much for God’s kingdom – thanks to partners like you. One such worker, Israel, has led several groups though evangelism, discipleship, and leadership studies. He has also planted two churches.

“I am so glad to have all these people coming to know Christ through this program,” Israel says. “Churches have been started on a solid foundation of the Scriptures. We thank the Bible League for the study of the Scriptures and for the Bibles we receive.”

Prayer Focus

Christians worldwide are severely punished for breaking religious laws or traditions. In some parts of the world, laws prohibit Christians from evangelising, and forbid citizens from choosing Christianity over the religion into which they were born. Christians caught sharing God’s Word are chased out of town, beaten, or worse. Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer for their faith.

 Please cut along the dotted line.

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Join us at MacRitchie Reservoir Park , 8.00am.
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Scriptures Placed ~	18,332,538
Bible Study Graduates **	3,246,228
Bible Study Groups **	210,882
Church Planted **	3,905
Church Members **	479,758
Bible Study Leaders Trained ^	279,544
Church Planters Trained ∞	3,368

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Thanks the Lord that to-date we received sponsorship of 1,398 Bibles. Please pray for another 6,602 gifts of God's Word to make it to 8,000 Bibles for the Bible-less Christians in Myanmar whom have been waiting for many years to have a Bible of their own.

* volunteers to assist in data updating and management
- 2 to 3 days per week

* volunteers to assist in public relation communication with partners and churches
- 2 to 3 days per week

* volunteers to assist in mega-events
- 3 to 4 days per year

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are called by God to provide Scriptures and training worldwide, so that people prepared by the Holy Spirit will be brought into fellowship with Christ and His church.

VISION 2020

In our role of helping people come into fellowship with Christ and His church, Bible League will endeavor to train 10 million nationals to engage 100 million people in the study of God's Word through the placement of Bibles and New Testament by the year 2020.



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