



December 2019

- 1** ^{Su} **Psalm 79** The Bible-a-Month Partnership project for this month is **Albania**. The Bible has been translated for the first time into Albanian from the original Hebrew. All denominations worked together with the Albanian Bible Society, setting a new milestone in inter-church relations. Pray that churches will continue to see the potential they have when working together.
- 2** **Luke 20: 20-26** As we prepare to send out the Bible-a-Month Calendars to existing Partners, please give thanks for generous support from so many. Please also pray God's blessing on the twelve countries represented this coming year.
- 3** **Luke 20: 27-40** Remember the Bible Society of **Finland** as they are involved in *Global Translation Advising*. Please pray that the support they give will empower and bless translation teams.
- 4** **Luke 20: 41-47** An *Orthodox Study Bible* will be a valuable tool for developing a deeper understanding of God's Word. Pray for the **Hellenic Bible Society** as they work to provide this resource. Pray that this Bible will bless the lives of Orthodox Christians.
- 5** **Luke 21: 1-4** The **SBS Board** meets today for their final meeting of the year. Give thanks for the time and commitment of our Board members to the Bible cause.
- 6** **Luke 21: 5-28** *Scriptures for School Children* is an initiative of the Haitian Bible Society whose aim is to provide 100,000 New Testaments for children in education in **Haiti**. Pray that young people will be willing to receive the Testaments and discover the message of hope contained within.
- 7** ^{Sa} **Luke 21: 29-38** The Bible Society of **Indonesia** published the New Testament in the *Mori* language in 2012. The Old Testament now needs to be translated in order to complete the Bible. Pray for accuracy and consistency as the team strives for the most meaningful Mori translation.
- 8** ^{Su} **Psalm 80** Domestic violence is a problem faced by every sector of society. The **Caribbean Affinity Group** provides material and training to support those affected. Pray for God's Word to make a lasting difference in situations that are seemingly hopeless.
- 9** **Proverbs 19: 1-29** Final preparations are underway for *Bible 2020*. Please pray that there are no technical problems, and for our global partners as we get set to launch worldwide on January 1st.
- 10** **Proverbs 22: 17 - 23: 9** Please keep the Bible Society in the Gulf in prayer. This year *Trauma Healing* workshops were used to train church leaders to use God's Word with traumatised migrant workers in **Kuwait**. Give thanks that the programme's impact has exceeded expectations!
- 11** **Proverbs 23: 10-28** The Bible Society of **Lithuania** aims to translate the New Testament into *Lithuanian Sign Language*. Pray for the team who have been training in Lisbon this year and are currently working their way through the Gospels.
- 12** **Proverbs 24: 1-22** The Bible Society of **Macedonia** have recently employed a Project Co-ordinator. Give thanks for the increase in new Bible mission work there, and pray for the needed funds to become available to sustain the work in the longer term.
- 13** **Proverbs 25: 1-28** Many people in **Scotland** are struggling with hurt, pain, depression, and loneliness. Pray for our *Bible-based Trauma Healing Groups* that people will find restoration and hope as they share together around God's Word.
- 14** ^{Sa} **Proverbs 27: 1-17** '*Madagascar filled with the knowledge of Christ through the Holy Scriptures*' is the vision of the Malagasy Bible Society. Pray for Bible Society work on that island and for people to get to know God in a deeper way through the Bible.
- 15** ^{Su} **Psalm 81** **Nauru** is a tiny island off the north east coast of Australia. The Bible Society in the South Pacific is working with Nauru church executives on a *Nauru Bible*. Ask God to pour out His blessing on those remote communities.
- 16** **2 Peter 1: 1-11** Pray that as young people attend *Bibleworld Book Groups* to help their reading and literacy skills, they will get excited by the Bible stories they read together.
- 17** **2 Peter 1: 12-21** The publishing of the new *North Sami Bible* was a major event this year in **Norway** during the UN Year of Indigenous Languages. Praise God for His faithfulness and for the successful completion of a work which has spanned 32 years.
- 18** **2 Peter 2: 1-10a** *Faith Comes by Hearing* groups meet regularly to listen to Audio New Testament recordings in areas of Lima, Iquitos, Apurimac, and Huanuco in **Peru**. Pray that the Scripture's message of hope will make a mark on lives.
- 19** **2 Peter 2: 10b-22** The Bible Society in **Russia** is translating the Bible into the Bashkir language – a language with over 1 million speakers. Ask the Lord to guide and bless this project.
- 20** **2 Peter 3: 1-7** *Literacy for Women in Africa* is an initiative of **UBS International Projects**, and focuses on building capacity in literacy for women in Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia and Tanzania. Pray that many will experience the blessing of literacy by the end of 2022 and the touch of God as He ministers through His Word.
- 21** ^{Sa} **2 Peter 3: 8-18** Give thanks for the strong relationship the Bible Society of **Serbia** has with all Christian denominations in their country. The country is facing economic difficulty so pray that God will provide everything the Bible Society needs.
- 22** ^{Su} **Psalm 82** Pray that the *Bibleworld Christmas Books* and PowerPoint presentation will be used during this time to help young people engage with the Christmas message.
- 23** **Matthew 1: 1-17** Church leaders in **Sri Lanka** have recently been training as *Trauma Healing facilitators*. Thank God for the way the Ceylon Bible Society has been used in partnership with church leaders in Sri Lanka to minister to hurting people.
- 24** **Matthew 1: 18-25** Pray that, as many people all over the world sing beautiful Christmas carols together, the wonder of the Son of God coming down to earth will impact lives, and that many will appreciate afresh the Christ Child.
- 25** **Matthew 2: 1-12** Pray for more people in our country and around the world, young and old, to know the meaning of Christmas, and for peace to be spread by the knowledge of God's Word that became flesh today.
- 26** **Matthew 2: 13-23** Ask the Lord to bless the Bible Society of **Sierra Leone** as they conclude the *Penetrating Youth Culture in Sierra Leone* initiative. This promotes God's Word to young people using peer volunteers and reaches out specifically to those who are not in school or employment.
- 27** **Malachi 1: 1-5; 2: 10-16** Remember the Bible Society in the **South Pacific** today, in particular *Kingdom Kids*, an initiative to provide relevant Scriptural materials specifically designed for youth. These will be distributed at youth events throughout islands like **Samoa**, the **Solomon Islands**, and **Fiji**.
- 28** ^{Sa} **Malachi 2: 17 - 3: 5** The *Kids at Risk* programme reaches out to vulnerable children in **Suriname**. A Bible Society representative visits local schools to bring the message of God's love, and new school bags, school supplies and Scriptures are given to every pupil. Pray that God's Word will take root in young lives.
- 29** ^{Su} **Psalm 83** As the **SBS Communications Team** look ahead to 2020, pray for wisdom as we consider ways to reach new audiences and encourage our existing supporters with inspiring updates.
- 30** **Malachi 3: 6-18** Please pray for our 60+ global partners as they roll out *Bible 2020* in their own countries.
- 31** **Malachi 4: 1-6** Many churches in **Scotland** and around the world will bring in the New Year by reading the Bible aloud together at a *Bible 2020 Hogmanay Hootenanny*. Pray for all those launching *Bible 2020* in the next 24 hours.