

# Pray with the Bible Societies



## 1-8 Jan

**Guinea:** Praise God for all that we have been able to achieve in difficult circumstances and pray that He will continue to equip us to meet Bible needs. Pray for the completion of the Bible into Toma and that efforts to stamp out illiteracy will become increasingly successful.

**Mali:** Thank God for the privilege of serving in our country. Please pray for the project to translate the Word into Malinke so that the people will be able to hear God speaking to them in their own language. Commit our efforts to improve literacy to prayer as well as the revision of the Protestant Bambara Bible.

**Senegal:** Pray for our Bible work in a country where 65% of the population is illiterate. Please pray for our project to translate the New Testament into Mandjak and in this way helping the Mandjak people to come to a deeper understanding of the Word of God.

## 9-15 Jan

**The Gambia:** Praise God for the opportunities afforded to reach communities through our various projects. Pray that God will continue to bless us and help us to identify ways of making a difference in the country.

**Liberia:** We request continued

prayer for the first complete Bible in Dan (Gio). The Dan-speaking people are eagerly awaiting this Bible, especially those who are unable to speak English. Pray for the completion of the project to translate the Old Testament into Mann as well as the revision of the New Testament.

**Sierra Leone:** The people of Sierra Leone are still rebuilding their lives after a number of tragic events in recent years. Therefore, we request prayer for our trauma-healing projects. Also, pray for the translation of the first New Testament in Sherbro.

16-22 Jan

**Burkina Faso:** Thank God that the New Testaments in Lyélé and Bissa had been so well received. Now we request prayer for the translation of the Old Testament, the Deuterocanonical Books as well as the revision of the New Testament in both languages.

**Ghana:** Thank God for the privilege of serving our people and making an eternal difference. Please pray for our work, especially our project to provide Scripture materials to children between the ages of six and 12 years old.

23-29 Jan

**Benin:** Pray for the speakers of Gun in our country who are eagerly awaiting the complete Bible in this language. Also, commit our literacy project to prayer. Illiteracy is a stumbling block to so many people before they can even start to read and engage with God's Word in their own language.

**Niger:** This country is known for its problems with regard to education and illiteracy. Please pray for the literacy rates to improve so that the people are able to read and truly learn about the truth in the treasure of the Word of God.

**Nigeria:** Pray for our populous nation, that they may live in peace and have a knowledge of the true God. We ask for prayer in order to serve ministers and leaders alike as they have such an influence on our people one way or the other.

**Togo:** We praise God for the progress already made on our

ongoing project to translate the Old Testament into the Lama language. Please pray for the translators working on other translation projects as well as for God's blessing on our literacy projects.

30 Jan-5 Feb

**Chad:** For years, the people of Chad have been beset by a number of socio-economic problems. Pray that the Word of God will be a solace in difficult times and that many will get to know the Word of God through our projects.

**Gabon:** People in Gabon are desperate to hear God speaking to them in their own language. Please pray for our project to translate the Old Testament into Yinzebi as well as for our translation of new Bibles in the Fang and Omyéné languages.

**Sahel Project:** Pray for the co-ordinated efforts of various organisations working together to realise the dream of reaching the people of this region with the Bible. Also, pray for Bible work in **Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau and Mauritania.**

6-12 Feb

**Cameroon:** Please pray for our endeavours as we continue with the long-awaited revision of the Mungaka Bible. Also, commit our project to translate the Bible into Gude to prayer, it will be the first complete Bible in this language.

**Central African Republic:** People here are grappling with a number of issues including illiteracy, poverty and lack of infrastructure. Please pray for

efforts to make a difference in these people's lives through the Word of God. Pray, too, for Bible work in **Equatorial Guinea and São Tomé and Príncipe.**

**South Sudan:** The armed conflict has negatively impacted literacy in this country, please pray for the promotion of literacy so that the Word of God may be revealed to them in a new way. Pray for the translation project to produce the first Bible in Jur Modo.

13-19 Feb

**Eritrea:** Eritreans have long been exposed to situations that have fostered hopelessness and disappointment. It remains largely underdeveloped and lags behind most countries in this regard. Pray for the youth of this country – that the Word of God will restore hope and bring tremendous joy.

**Ethiopia:** Our country is mired in a civil war, please pray for peace in this very volatile region. Continue to pray for the completion of the Amharic Study Bible that should help Ethiopians to unlock the truth of the Word and deepen their knowledge of God.

**Sudan:** The country has been ravaged by war for years and the Sudanese people desperately need the Word of God to shine light on their lives. Please pray that Bible work will become a reality in the midst of much suffering.

20-26 Feb

**Congo (Brazzaville):** We praise God for the opportunity



to translate the Old Testament into Beembe, a language used for worship throughout the country. Please pray for our other translation projects to help Téké and Yaka-speaking people to read the Word of God in their own heart languages.

**Congo (Democratic Republic):** Pray for our people and all the significant difficulties they are experiencing. Also, pray for our strategic planning and translation of the Bible in order to meet their Bible needs.

**Tanzania:** The blight of our nation is the pervasive violence against women and children.

Please pray for programmes to address this and that these will have a lasting impact. Also, pray that the visually impaired will get to know the Word of God better through the provision of the Bible in braille.

27 Feb-5 Mar

**Burundi:** Please pray that the *Faith Comes By Hearing* programme will have a huge impact among the people here who are numbered among the poorest in the world with the accompanying illiteracy. Pray that listening groups will help many people to be introduced to the Word.

**Kenya:** Pray for the next

generation of Kenyans, specifically that the school-going children will be equipped with the Word of God including Bible distribution to those children who are visually impaired. Also, pray for the Kenyan Sign Language Bible for the Deaf.

**Rwanda:** Pray that we will be able to move forward into a new era in our country with the hope of God's Word deeply embedded in our hearts. Pray that the audio programme for trauma healing will have its desired effect and that through the Word, many will be set free from the hurt of the past.

**Uganda:** By God's grace, we have made progress with the New Testament in Rufumbira. Pray that we will be able to continue and help these people to hear God speaking to them in their heart language. Furthermore, pray for our translation projects to meet the needs of other population groups as well.

6- 12 Mar

**Angola:** Thank God for the new translation of the Umbundu New Testament that was launched a while ago. The old translation of the Bible used outdated language while the new version, envisaged for all Umbundu speakers, uses the new official and unified orthography.

**Malawi:** The family as a unit is so important. Pray that we will be able to make available Children's Bibles and material to help the youth and families engage with Bible in a meaningful way and help to instil biblical values.

**Zambia:** We humbly request prayer for our translation projects. Please pray that the Nyanja translation project will be completed so that the Bible will be available in an easy-to-read format. Similarly, we pray for the project to revise the Tumbuka New Testament.

13-19 Mar

**Madagascar:** The work here has not been without challenges and we have experienced delays in the publication of the Malagasy Study Bible. Please pray that through our projects, we will

be able to help to make a difference in society here. Pray for Bible work on the islands of **Comoros** and **Mayotte**.

**Mauritius:** Surprisingly, there has been an upswing in violence here. Please pray for our programmes to help Mauritians in this regard as well as with their spiritual well-being. Pray for Bible work on **Réunion** and **Rodrigues**.

**Seychelles:** The country is heavily dependent on tourism and the pandemic has thus had a profound effect on the economy and the funds available for Bible work. Please pray that God's hand will be evident as alternative funding for Bible work is sought.

20-26 Mar

**Botswana:** In order to adhere to our vision of providing access to the Bible in the language and medium of choice, the translation of the Bible into Botswana Sign Language has become a priority. Please pray for us to make steady progress to serve the Batswana Deaf who need this.

**Mozambique:** The country is often subject to tropical cyclones and has other socio-economic problems, please pray that we will continue our work in faith and spread hope among the people. Specifically pray for our projects to revise the Citshwa Bible and to translate the Bible into Cibalke, Ciwute and Echuwabo.

**Zimbabwe:** Pray for us as

we continue with the work of translating the Bible into the heart languages of the people of our country. Pray specifically for our work to produce the Chikunda first complete Bible and the planned first Bible in Zimbabwean Sign Language.

27 Mar-2 Apr

**Eswatini (Swaziland):** Our country has the highest prevalence of HIV/Aids in the world and we request prayer for our work to serve young people and children affected by this scourge. Please pray for our project to produce a Study Bible in Siswati in order to foster understanding.

**Lesotho:** Pray that we will meet all the Scripture needs of the people of our country. Pray specifically for our efforts to produce oral Bible stories in the SiPhuthi language to meet the need of these people as it remains the best way to make God's Word available to them.

**Namibia:** We have a number of focus areas and would appreciate prayer. The Bible Society plans to meet the need for Children's Bibles in the local languages of our country as well as new translations of the Bible into modern Oshikwanyama and Oshindonga.

**South Africa:** Praise God for the continued support we have received from our donors during the trying times experienced of late. Pray that our fundraising projects will go from strength to strength as well as for our translation projects, new and revisions, that are being undertaken. 