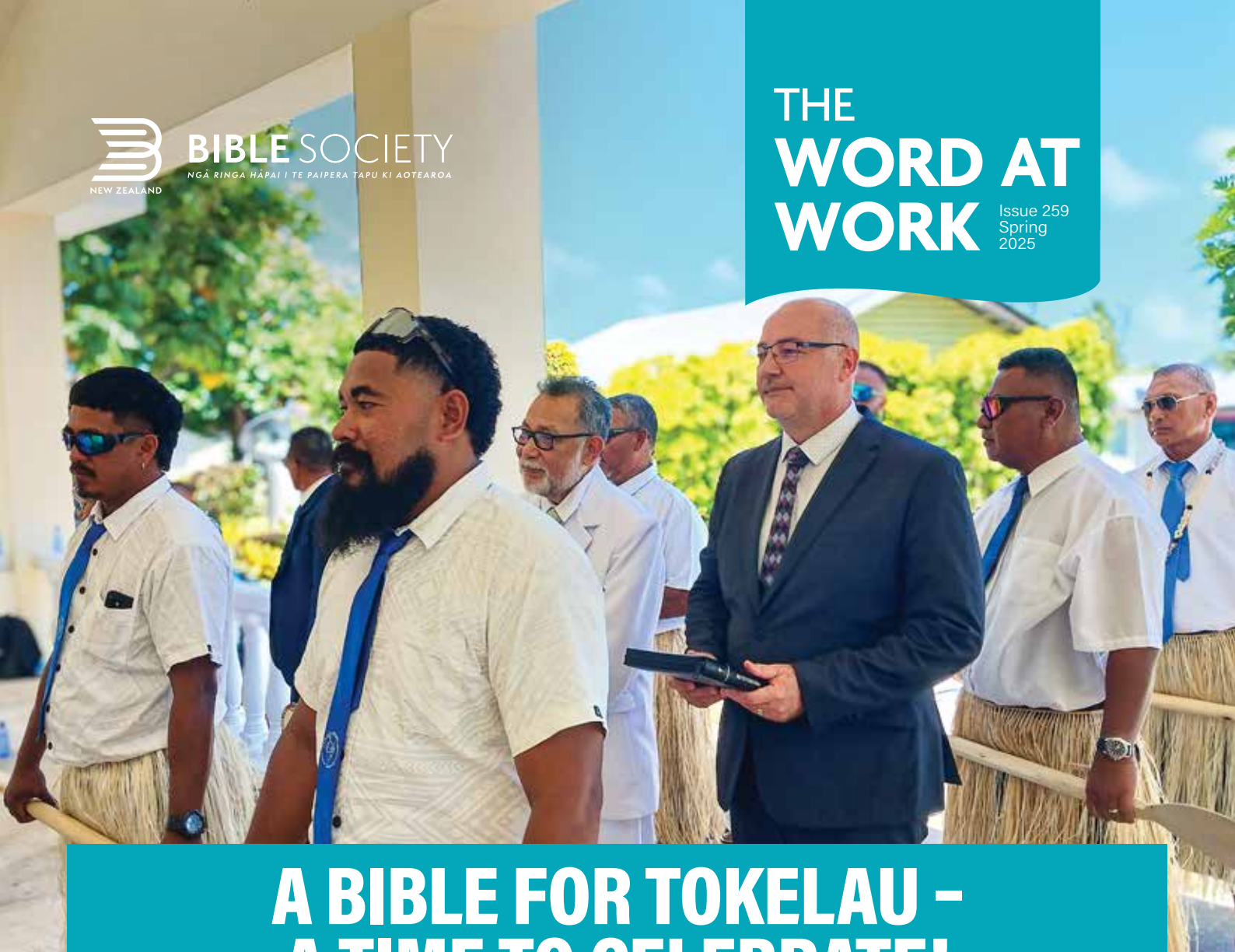




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A BIBLE FOR TOKELAU – A TIME TO CELEBRATE!

A dream 26 years in the making has finally come true!

For the first time in history, the people of Tokelau can read the full Bible in their heart language.

The celebration took place on Fakaofu Atoll and was filled with joy, song, and dance. The Bible Society team was even honoured at a special parliamentary sitting, a recognition of the translation's deep cultural and spiritual significance.

Former Ulu-o-Tokelau, Kelihiano Kalolo, described the Tokelauan Bible as “a very big event” and “a powerful reminder to preserve and strengthen our language.”

Others spoke of the Bible as a canoe

keeping their faith and culture afloat in an ever-changing world.

The gift of a Toluma, a wooden sea vessel that protects what's precious, was presented to Bible Society New Zealand, symbolising how God's Word will continue to carry Tokelau's faith safely into the future.

From early meetings in the 1990s to final verse checks in 2019, this Bible has been a labour of love, uniting translators, linguists, and believers across generations and oceans.

“This achievement is a testament to the power of partnership and the perseverance of God's people,” says BSNZ CEO Neels Janse van Rensburg.

Dear Friends of Bible Mission,

As Christmas approaches, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year. Because of generous friends like you, the Bible Society New Zealand continues to share God's Word with people in every corner of the world, especially those still waiting to receive Scripture in their own heart language.

This quarter, we celebrate an extraordinary milestone close to home. Our team recently travelled to Tokelau, a small Pacific Island nation, to help launch the first complete Bible in the Tokelauan language.

The people greeted us with such joy and gratitude, many holding a Bible in their mother tongue for the very first time. It was a deeply moving moment, made possible through decades of partnership between local translators, churches, and Bible Society supporters like you.

The dream of a Tokelauan Bible originated in the late 1960s, as families migrated to New Zealand. While earlier generations worshipped with the Samoan Bible, younger Tokelauans longed to hear God's Word in their own language. After years of prayer, perseverance, and community collaboration, that dream has finally become a reality, preserving both faith and language for future generations.

Across the world, God's Word continues to bring light into dark places. In Guatemala, where many cannot read or write, our oral Bible projects are helping people hear Scripture and discover hope. In Cambodia, a Sunday School teacher recently shared how presenting the Bible in an engaging, easy-to-understand way has opened the door for parents to learn alongside their children, transforming families through God's love.

This Christmas, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Living Word, please know how grateful we are for you. Your prayers, generosity, and compassion make all these stories possible.

Thank you for walking with us in this mission to bring the Bible to life for every person, everywhere. May God bless you richly this Christmas and, in the year ahead.

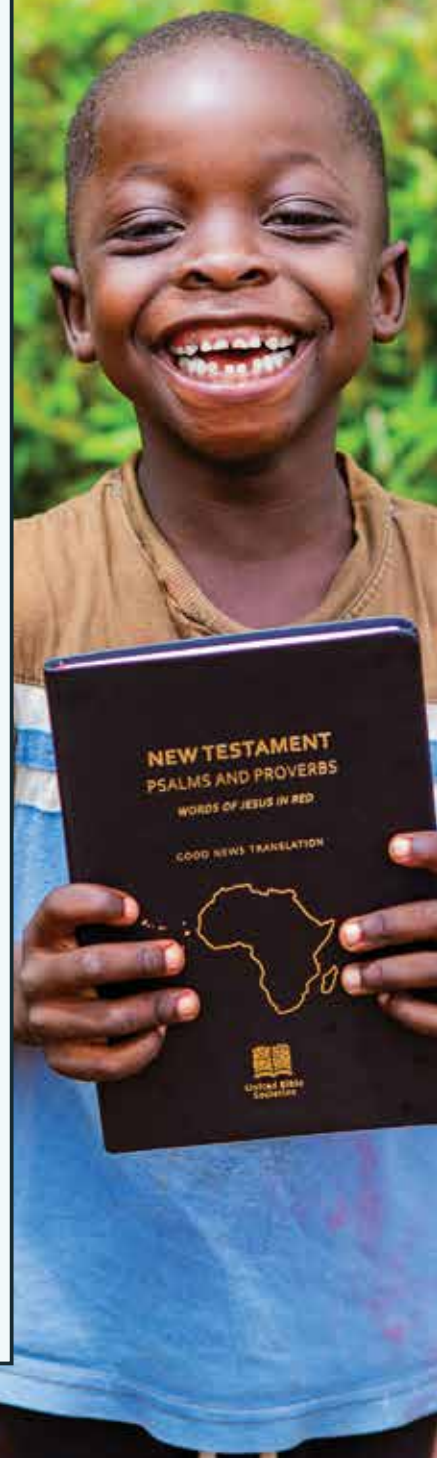
In Christ

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Neels Janse van Rensburg".

Neels Janse van Rensburg
CEO

**A smiling child
from the Liberia
trauma healing &
Bible translation
projects.**

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"It shows what can happen when translation, community, and faith come together."

Today, we celebrate and give thanks to God for the Tokelauan Bible, a precious bridge between language, faith, and future generations.

TRANSFORMING HOMES AND HEARTS

Bringing God's Word "The Family Bible - 100 Steps" to Honduras

In Honduras, where poverty and violence touch so many lives, the Family Bible 100 Steps is making a life-changing difference. Each week, thousands of families come together to read, reflect, and grow through Scripture. With 100 illustrated Bible stories

and family-friendly activities, the Bible strengthens bonds, instills values, and guides children and adolescents toward lives shaped by God's purpose.

The need is urgent. Over two million Hondurans face unemployment, and many live below the poverty line (\$3.30nzd per day). Violence and hardship leave families vulnerable, making access to Scripture essential. The Family Bible 100 Steps reaches families, youth, and communities affected by trauma, as well as those in the police, military, judicial, and correctional systems, ensuring God's Word touches every corner of society.

Your Impact:

- + 56,000 families reached
- + 224,000 people served with Scripture
- + 2,500 Evangelical churches equipped to share God's Word

10-year-old, Jeshua Osorio, shares:

"This Bible is perfect... At church, I share the stories with my teacher and classmates. I enjoy learning about God's creation and spending time with my family."



Honduran Families flourish with the Family Bible 100 Steps.

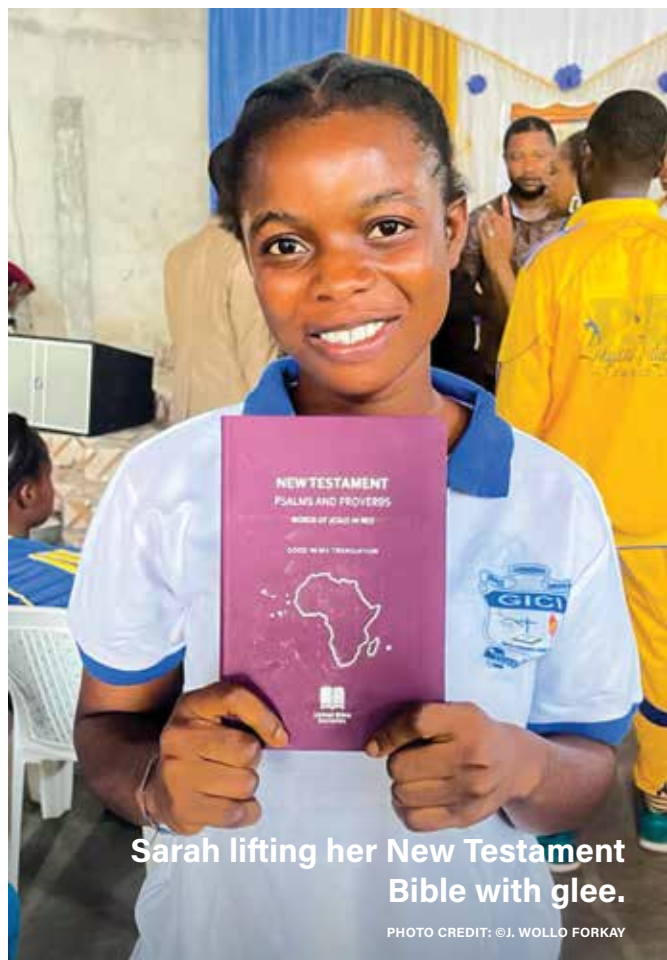
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Thanks to supporters like you, Honduran families are experiencing the joy of Scripture, learning biblical values, and seeing God's Word bring hope, faith, and transformation to their homes.

SHAPING LIBERIA'S FUTURE

Empowering Youth Through God's Word

Liberia's youth make up 65% of the population, yet many face crime, substance abuse, exploitation, and neglect. Recognising this urgent need, the Bible Society has launched Scriptures for Youth, a strategic initiative to reach young Liberians with



Sarah lifting her New Testament Bible with glee.

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God's Word and foster spiritual growth, moral development, and positive community engagement.

Through this project, 5,000 Bibles will be distributed across Monrovia and its suburbs, including 2,000 full English Bibles, 3,000 Testaments, and 3,500 portions reaching 8,000 youth in schools, churches, and communities. The program also includes two youth camps, 20 Bible reading clubs in junior and senior high schools, and 25 quarterly Bible study groups, where participants learn biblical lessons and Christian values.

The goal is clear: cultivate minds for Christ, strengthen Christian networks, and inspire responsible leadership rooted in biblical principles. By equipping Liberia's youth with Scripture, the Bible Society envisions a future in which young people actively participate in their communities, demonstrate Christian morals, and build a nation guided by faith, hope, and love.

TRANSFORMING CLASSROOMS, INSPIRING HEARTS

Helping Sunday School Teachers Bring God's Word to Life for Thousands of Students

Imagine a church without a Bible — where children never get to hear the Good News of Jesus. In parts of Cambodia, for some, this is their reality. But thanks to the Bible Society, that's changing.

Through the Family Bible program, 5,000 children are being guided by dedicated volunteers to read, learn, and experience God's Word for themselves — while also developing vital literacy skills.

Sunday school teacher Thy Chanraksmeay shares:

"Before I started using the Family Bible, I struggled to keep my students engaged. But now, my classroom is transformed! The stories, visuals, and questions make learning exciting, and the children remember what they learn. Most importantly, they are growing in their love for God's Word. I can't imagine teaching without it."

Your Impact:

- ✦ **The Family Bible is a child-friendly adaptation of the Samenleesbijbel — a Dutch phrase meaning "Together Reading the Bible." It contains 100 engaging Bible stories with discussion**

questions and visuals that make learning interactive and memorable.

- ✦ **Originally developed in the Netherlands and Flanders (the northern region of Belgium), the Family Bible has now been translated into 16 languages and is being used in 39 countries around the world.**
- ✦ **In Cambodia, the Khmer version has been widely adopted in schools and churches, helping thousands of children and teachers grow in their knowledge of Scripture and their faith.**
- ✦ **By equipping teachers and students with the Family Bible, you are helping empower a new generation to understand God's Word, strengthen their faith, and build lives rooted in His truth.**

Literacy programme operating in Cambodia.

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WRITE YOUR WILL FOR FREE, IN JUST 10 MINUTES

By leaving a gift in your Will, you are sowing seeds of faith that will grow far beyond your lifetime. Your legacy can help children like Nancy in rural Kenya.

Nancy, 12, walks five kilometres to school each day. She loves counting, science, and reading the Bible. Until recently, she had to borrow a Bible, but now she has her very own. She reads it at school and home, sharing God's Word with her family. For Nancy, her Bible teaches honesty, forgiveness, and hope for the future.

Through gifts in Wills, the Bible Society can provide thousands of Bibles to disadvantaged children, giving them the same opportunity to grow in faith and wisdom.

We've partnered with Gathered Here, a trusted, free online Will-writing service. It's simple, secure, and legally valid, and you can create your Will in as little as 10 minutes, at no cost to you.

Scan here to start writing your
FREE Online Will today:



GET INVOLVED, BE PART OF THE STORY!

There are so many ways you can help share God's Word and bring hope to others



Pray with us – join in prayer for lives to be changed through Scripture.



Volunteer with us – use your time and talents to make a difference.



Donate – help place Bibles in the hands of those who need them most.



Work with us – become part of a mission that transforms lives.

Visit our website to learn more – we'd love you to join us on this journey.



IN MEMORIAM

Bible Society has learned of the passing of the following friends. Gifts towards the work of Bible Society's mission have been made in their memory. Their work of love goes on.

Rev David Norman Hastings
Marian Smith
Jean Cox

CLOSING WITH GOD'S WORD

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'
Acts 20:35 NIV



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