



April 2023

Dear Co-laborer and Prayer Warrior in Christ,

Greetings from Bibles International. It was British author and theologian, C.S. Lewis, who said “You are never too old to set another goal or dream a new dream.” Goals and dreams come in many packages. This becomes particularly true when we think of a new year or even the newness of springtime. It is during this time of year that we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. Easter, or Resurrection Day, is a time of celebration. First Cor. 15:3-4 tells us that “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.” He also “rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.” How do we know this? It says “according to the Scriptures.” Suppose you do not have a copy of the Scriptures in your language so that you can read this incredible truth? Yet it is this truth that can give hope to a lost soul or strengthen the faith of a discouraged believer.

For the soul who comes to understand this message of resurrection in a personal way and responds by faith to its message, he becomes a new creature in Christ. Second Cor. 5:17 proclaims the following truth. “Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” Newness of life brings new goals and new dreams. It is especially relevant when God’s goals and dreams become our goals and dreams. Being part of God’s plan on earth brings purpose, delight, hope, excitement, passion, and transformational change.

***Thank You for Your Eternal Investments –***

Many of you have prayed fervently for those who do not have a copy of the Scriptures in their mother tongue. Many of you have invested your resources because you passionately believe that there is nothing more important than to have the Scriptures available so one can read about the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. You sought to do your part so that this life-giving message can be read or heard clearly. You saw the need for the churches of any particular target language to grow by God’s grace as they are transformed by the Word of God. We thank God for each of you who have sacrificially and generously invested God’s provisions for this purpose. Your gifts have borne fruit that will remain, both on the earth and for all of eternity in heaven. Souls have been saved, believers have been discipled, churches have been planted, and whole communities have been transformed by the power of the translated Word of God. Thank you!

***God Provides the Scriptures for His People –***

In the past few months we have seen God provide through you so that the following projects have been fully funded: the Zomi Bible in Myanmar; the Sara Madjingay Bible in Chad, Africa; the Asho Chin New Testament in Myanmar, and the Chad Translation Center in Chad, Africa. We thank you with all of our hearts for understanding these great needs. God’s people have responded to the needs of the church worldwide. The Lord is indeed answering the prayers of His people.

### ***Post-COVID Inflation Challenges Bible Translation –***

In spite of these accomplishments, we have seen post-COVID inflation multiply our expenses overnight. This has affected printing, shipping, travel, housing and food, computers, and other translation expenses. This should not be surprising since everyone is feeling this financial crunch. Our Projects manager tells us that the expense of shipping any publication has reached a minimum of \$20,000. The price goes up from there as the needs increase. We are not discouraged. We know that the Lord is in complete control. But we also know that in order to meet these higher financial demands, we need to seek the Lord and His people. We serve the all-powerful Creator of the universe. Is there anything too hard for Him? Certainly not. Nothing is beyond His control.

### ***Lifeline Partners Program with Bibles International –***

It is clear that we need to promote our Lifeline Fund again. The Lifeline Partners Program forms a network of individual supporters and churches who demonstrate their personal commitment to the critical mission of Bible translation through regular and systematic financial and prayer investment for long-term global impact. Our translators live and serve our Savior in some of the most challenging nations on earth. A host of formidable oppositions, such as, political upheavals, civil wars, diseases of various kinds, military conflicts, religious persecutions, and great financial reversals challenge them daily. Let's encourage them as they tenaciously persevere for their people by providing the financial supplies they need in order to do the job God has entrusted to them.

Lifeline Partners will designate their regular gifts to the Lifeline Fund, which is dedicated to Bible translation and literacy projects with the most urgent need at the time of the gift – whether in Africa, Asia, Eurasia, or the Americas. ***Will you help us?*** Although special one-time gifts are invaluable to the completion of many BI projects, it is the sustaining gifts of Lifeline Partners that keep these projects moving forward through the long process of a complete translation. We are praying for ***50 new Lifeline Partners*** to invest any amount on a monthly or quarterly basis. We are also praying for an additional total of ***\$100,000 in one-time gifts*** to sustain our Lifeline Fund.

If the Lord lays this need upon your heart, you may use the enclosed envelope to send your donation, or go to [www.biblesint.org](http://www.biblesint.org). Click the “GIVE” button to designate your gift. Choose “BI General” from the dropdown menu and then scroll to the “BI Lifeline Fund.”

***Would you become a Lifeline Partner this year? Thank you!***

For the Glory of God and the Millions Who Still Wait,



Timothy L. Fink  
Director – Bibles International  
[tfink@biblesint.org](mailto:tfink@biblesint.org)  
616-942-7712