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# Stand

Despite India's constitution guaranteeing freedom of religion, persecution of Christians is increasing due to Hindu extremists seeking to cleanse the country of Christian presence and influence. Yet Christians are strengthened in the Word to stand for Christ despite the opposition.

The extremists, often concentrated in states where the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is a major influence, believe in the Hindutva ideology, meaning they believe that any non-Hindu Indian is not a true Indian and must be purged from the country.

This leads to the targeting of Christians and other minorities with violence, hatred, and various pressures. Added to this, more and more states are implementing anti-conversion laws which are often abused to intimidate Christians with false accusations.

The strategy of the enemy is to accuse and paralyse God's people with fear. This manifests with church leaders and their families being targeted in order to breed fear in the local Christian community. False accusation can lead to interrogation, jail, torture and threats. The women and girls are vulnerable to sexual violence, particularly if they are family of the pastor. Hindu families of Christian converts disown them and count them as infidels.

But against the Word of God nothing can stand, and in Christian warfare, "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." (2 Cor.10:4) Despite the pressure and fear, believers are resolutely standing for Christ, grounded in the Word of God.

Pastor S. was transformed by the truth and received Christ as his Saviour, after reading a Bible someone had given him. The Word strengthened and sustained him during persuction for his faith. Reading Matthew 10 of Jesus telling his disciples that persecution would come but that the Holy Spirit would help them, gave him courage to stand when he and a gathering of believers were arrested and brutally tortured. Sister S. and her family were threatened, attacked and forced to leave their home because they are Christians. Regardless, her husband kept sharing Jesus with great joy and fervency. He was tragically shot by Hindu extremist, yet Sister S. continues to treasure her Bible and remains completely devoted to Jesus and continuing her husband's ministry.

We encourage you to support Pearl 22 for the equipping of God's army to stand in the face of trouble.

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# The Life-Changing Word of God

What wonderful news that Holy Spirit Himself is teaching the poor and illiterate of central India to read the Bible! What a powerful reminder that the Word of God is living and active!

This is happening more and more. The Holy Spirit is teaching people to read. So there is no need to put a limitation on whom to give a Bible to because God will use the Bible in their hand to teach and grow them.

For Nosa, being given a Bible was life changing. When first given a bible, she couldn't read but now she can - slowly, word by word. How can she understand? She has learned by reading the Bible. God Himself has opened her mind to read.

Whole families are using the Bible as their reading textbook. They are learning together, sometimes children are teaching and helping their parents too.

To the poor, from remote tribes who cannot afford a Bible, these Bibles are very special. They love to carry them, read every day, and highlight scriptures. Since their phones cannot support a Bible app, the hard copy Bibles are ideal.

As part of Pearl 22, MO is privileged and excited to

partner with a courageous lady, Pastor E in central India, to distribute the Bibles.

The Lord has given them special strategies for distributing the bibles. As she does, she is so encouraged by the joy and gratitude they show.

The Word of God is accomplishing its purposes for pastors and leaders, young believers,

and the poor and those who have no hope. She knows that the God of miracles is bigger than illiteracy!

To those in darkness she brings the Light and God does His work and with Bible in hand, the ministry extends farther. Now also through the Bible distribution, Pastor E is also seeing churches working together in unity as pastors and their wives join her to help with the distribution.

Central India houses significant Hindu and Muslim religions, a prophetic word has been spoken of the coming revival to a city in this region. As the illiterate are



taught to read the Word, could this be the beginning of a Reformation in India?

Pastor E is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Christian. Her parents were very poor, so she was raised in an orphanage, which is

where she met the man whom she would marry.

Her husband became a senior pastor and international translator for foreigners. They remained faithful workers for the Kingdom of God for 47 years until her husband went to be with the Lord after suffering a heart attack a few years ago.

Pastor E was now faced with the question of who would look after the ministry. She had supported her husband in working behind the scenes and, being shy, was not confident in public speaking. Yet by the grace of God she took a step and began operating as senior pastor of the church, which now numbers more than 400 people. She now also oversees seven other churches, ministers to widows and may have been the only woman ministering the gospel in prisons up until the Covid lockdown.

The orphanage building where she grew up is now where she bases the ministry, and it is also used as a place where people can go and stay.

Pastor E is so grateful and excited to have Bibles to give away and to carry light into the darkness, and to see God's Word accomplish His purposes.

Pray for Pastor E and her team that their mission stays covered from eyes of opposition and that nothing will hinder this wonderful work.

Join with us in Pearl 22 to partner with Pastor E to equip the nation of India with the Word of God.

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## PEARL 22

## **Uganda Bibles**

The need for Bibles in Uganda is greater than ever to bring encouragement, give instruction, direction and transformation for individuals, couples, families and communities. What an honour to be able to meet this need. Price per bible is currently \$8.00.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 25,000 Balance: 23,600

## **Chinese Bibles**

Project Pearl in 1981 was significant for Eddie and the many others who helped with this epic delivery of Chinese bibles. In recent times the Communist Party has significantly reduced the quota of Bibles printed and has also shut down Bible websites and apps. However God is making a way where there is no way to get Bibles to the believers. Help us do the impossible! Price per bible is \$4.50.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 100,000 Balance: 93,000

## **Telugu & Hindi Bibles for India**

We have several contacts for India who all have a need for bibles in the churches they work with. The church in this nation is growing rapidly, as fear and persecution have opened the door for the Lord's people to reach out and share the gospel of Jesus. The cost per bible is \$3.50.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 50,000 Balance: 45,600

## **Bibles for Pakistan & Afghanistan**

We are excited about what the Lord is doing and will do in these nations through the provision of P22 bibles, and are able to purchase them for \$5.30 each.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 10,000 Balance: 8,100

#### **Bibles for Iran**

Despite Government efforts to ban bibles in Iran, their actions made the people more eager to have one. Demand for New Testaments also soared and many say they have been searching for years for a copy. Help us help our brethren in Iran to have their own New Testament. Cost per bible is \$7.60

Pearl22 Project Goal: 5,000 Balance: 4,200

## **New Testaments with Q&A for Nepal**

As part of our Pearl 22 One Million bibles, MO has committed to help supply 10,000 Nepali New Testaments with Psalms, Proverbs with approximately 240 Questions & Answers. These are common questions and biblical answers with references. This is extremely valuable for the young people and those who have converted from Hinduism. Cost per New Testament is \$3.80

Pearl22 Project Goal: 10,000 Balance: 5,400

## **Ukrainian New Testaments**

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has forced millions of people to flee the country. In cooperation with other ministries, we are helping to feed these hungry souls with the Word of God. Cost of these is \$4.80 each.

Pearl22 Project Goal: 10,000 Balance: 5,900

## **BBC Training Materials, Nepal (COMPLETED)**

A very big thank you to all who have so generously given to this project which has been completed so very quickly. We are confident that the Lord is going to use this material to help those who complete the Body Builders Training in October, to grow the Kingdom of God in the nation of Nepal. We pray abundant blessings on them and you.

## RESPONSE COUPON

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		Pakistan/Afghanistan Bibles (PKAFPRL22)	\$
Name:		Ukrainian Bibles (UKPRL22)	\$
Address:		Bibles for Iran (IRNPRL22)	\$
Post Code:		Pearl 22 Where Most Needed (WMNPRL22)	\$
Email:		Nepal Radio Programme (NEPRAD)	\$
Phone or Mobile:		Nepal CMTC Bible College (NPBC)	\$
Pearl 22:		Tibetan Leaders Support (TIBLDRAH)	\$
Chinese Bibles (CHPRL22)	\$	China Pastors (CHPSTR)	\$
Uganda Bibles (UGPRL22)	\$		
Nepal NT with Q&A (NPNTPRL22)	\$	Where Most Needed: (WMN)	\$
India Bibles (INDPRL22)	\$		

Payments can be made from our website at: nzmo.org or via online banking to our BNZ bank Account number: 02 0466 0034018 00. Please specify your preferred project or funds will be allocated to 'Where Most Needed'.



## **PRAYER CALENDAR**

## OCTOBER 2022

#### **INDIA**

- **1 & 2** Praise God for 100's of Hindi Bibles distributed in a strongly Hindu area in India. Thank the Lord for the amazing connections and that these will only increase so the bibles are distributed far and wide.
- **3** Pray for those distributing them, that they are kept safe and under God's covering from all hindrances. Pray that the recipients will grow in the knowledge of God through the Word, and for older, mature believers to disciple them.
- **4** Pray for a breaking down of the grip of Hinduism in India, as people hear God's Word.

#### **VIETNAM**

**5** Pray against the implementation of two new draft decrees which, if implemented, will result in tighter restrictions and punishments than the current Law on Religion. Pray for the church to stand united and not give in to fear, but operate in Holy Spirit wisdom and power.

#### PEARL 22

**6** Thank the Lord for His faithfulness to this project and for stirring peoples hearts to give. Thank Him for the nearly 30,000 bibles already funded.

**7** Pray for the multiplication of souls into the Kingdom of God as a result of the provision of bibles in all nations.

## **NEPAL**

- **8 & 9** Pray for the NZ and USA team arriving for Body Builders for Christ (BBC) training for health, energy and Holy Spirit lead teaching. Pray that all those God has called will get there safely. Pray their hearts would be hungry and expectant.
- **10** Pray for many lives to be changed, people set free. Pray for release of another dimension of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church in Nepal.
- 11 Seal the equipping work of the Holy Spirit in people's hearts, that the Word of God sown would not be lost, but bear much fruit, and multiply the church in Nepal.

### **GLOBAL CHURCH**

**12** Ask God to ignite the fires of intercession across the earth and specifically in South East Asia where

the Holy Spirit is hovering as many prayer movements are gathering.

**13** Pray that the kindness and love of God will touch and transform the unrepentant hearts. Pray the church would know divine strategy, prepared to rebuild and to stand our ground.

#### **RUSSIA/UKRAINE**

14 Pray that as God shakes His Church, He would arrest the proud and bring conviction of the Holy Spirit. Pray that the Church rises with a greater awareness of God's Presence, which brings about His purpose.

**15 & 16** Bless refugee camp workers, bring stability, peace, harmony, and a hunger to know God. Declare God's mercy over these nations, that destruction, blackmail, violence, and death would cease, and that God's Peace would be established.

#### **CHINA**

17 In communist China, pray for God's purposes to prevail. Pray for a great visitation to this nation, that both leaders and believers will receive dreams and visions of Jesus bringing conviction and encouragement.

- 18 Pray for a Christian man in prison, and many like him, for comfort as he serves his sentence, for peace, strength, and to know God's Presence! Bless his wife and children.
- 19 Pray that the needs of the believers would be met, and their minds guarded from the daily onslaught. Bless the church without leaders, to stand strong and know freedom in Holy Spirit.

#### **PAKISTAN**

20 Pray for those affected by record flooding where 30 million have lost their homes, thousands drowned and crop producing land has been wiped out. Pray for God's mercy and grace and that aid from churches would demonstrate the love of God, and that lives would be transformed.

## **AFGHANISTAN**

21 As in the early Church, pray that the scattering of Afghanis would work for good, that refugees can now be reached. Pray that camps will be soaked with the Love of God and that those transformed will bring Life back to their nation.

#### **IRAN**

**22 & 23** Amidst tremendous restrictions, pray that the foundation of the church is strengthened. Pray for great wisdom, sensitivity, open doors to share the gospel far and wide.

24 Tear down godless government systems and declare the government of Iran to be on the shoulders of Jesus Christ. Pray for revelation to Muslims of the living God, that they would be restored to the Father, and all their emptiness satisfied in Him.

#### **MUSLIM WORLD**

25 Pray for women to be prepared and equipped by the Holy Spirit, as Esthers for their appointed times. Pray for their release for Kingdom purposes, that words of truth and wisdom would fill their mouths and change the course of events for God's glory.

**26** As Muslims begin a month of commemorating the birth and life of Mohammad, pray for revelation of Jesus Christ in dreams and visions as the express fullness of God.

#### PACIFIC ISLANDS MISSION TRIP

- **27** Pray for LP, Marianda and family as they continue to minister in Vanuatu. Pray for the people of Vanuatu to continue to grow deeper in their relationship with God.
- 28 Pray for Celeste who has sailed from Vanuatu to the Philippines to work in an orphanage. Pray for smooth transitions and praise God for the precious ministering Presence of God Celeste will bring to the children and families.

#### NZ

**29 & 30** Pray for Lifetalk Radio Ministry to Hindu people, that they will find the frequencies and will be captivated by the music and teaching and have open and receptive hearts to the truth.

**31** Pray for Robinson and Esther as they work towards increasing the stations and for the equipment and expertise needed for these to be effective.



#### Weekly Prayer Meeting:

Join us on Monday nights to pray for the nations at 'The Sanctuary' 159 Durham St, Tauranga at 7:30pm or via ZOOM. Email: <u>alan@nzmo.org</u> for an invite. Legacy Giving:

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