

Saturday 22—Sri Lanka

Pray for the Ceylon BS promotion team as they promote the audio cassette and CD of the Book of Daniel in Sinhala language, and the Book of Esther in Sinhala and Tamil languages, and a2 CD set of Daily Devotions in English. Pray that hearts will be changed and revival will place as a result of these products.

Sunday 23—Psalm 58.11

Everyone will say, "It's true!

Good people are rewarded.

God does rule the earth with justice."

Monday 24—Indonesia

Please pray for the Indonesian BS team as they plan to present the Society's Vision-Mission and new projects at Wonosobo and Temanggung churches in Central Java. Pray that, through this presentation, many people will come to know our Vision-Mission and support the Bible work. Pray also for the inauguration of the Medan Working Group and the Kabanjahe Working Group, and for continuing fundraising for the construction of the Bible Center Building.

Tuesday 25—India

Pray for BS India's ongoing projects. Pray for the early printing of Mirgana (Oriya), Desia (Oriya) and Nokte Naga NTs. Pray for our Bicentenary programs, and seminars and workshops for widows and suffering women that will be held across the nation. Pray for staff involved in preparing the Bible Study Manual for women, with the theme *Meet Me at the Corner, O Lord*. Pray that many lives will be touched by these activities and publications.

Wednesday 26—Taiwan

Praise God that BS Taiwan typesetting staff have been invited to attend Publishing Assistant 3 Training this week, organized by Hong Kong BS. Thank God for this opportunity to improve computer typesetting skills for the Chinese Vertical layout. Pray for God's guidance as we seek further co-operation between Taiwan and the neighboring BSs.

Thursday 27—Indonesia

Pray for the preparation for continuation of the literacy and new reader program in Bintuni, West Papua Province. Pray that this program will help people to read God's Word and deepen their understanding as they read.

Friday 28—Korea

In 2011, it will be the 100th anniversary of the first complete translation of the Korean Bible. Korean BS is working on a special program that will illustrate the impact of the Korean Bible on Korean churches and society as a whole. Pray that this occasion will bring awareness for the importance of the Bibles to Korean churches and society.

Saturday 29—South Pacific

BS South Pacific, in partnership with Dayspring Ministries, plans to sail to villages and communities in the Pacific countries which were affected earlier this year by tsunami and hurricane. We will be distributing Scripture materials. Pray for provision of funds for this project, and its effective and timely implementation.

Sunday 30—Psalm 59.

*...I will sing about your strength, my God,
and I will celebrate because of your love.*

You are my fortress,

My place of protection in times of trouble.

Monday 31—Australia

Pray for the success of BS Australia's Soccer Outreach Project launched this month by all the Bible Societies in Australia, through the National Scriptures Division. A free evangelism DVD, featuring world class soccer players sharing their faith in Jesus, will be sent to 10,000 Australian churches. Churches will be asked to show the DVDs in outreach events from 11th June to 11th July, when the world will be focusing on soccer for the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa.

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Saturday 1—South Australia

Tomorrow is BS South Australia's first *Our Favourite Hymns* afternoon. Thank God for the performers who have generously given their time. Pray that the day will go smoothly and that many more Christians will be made aware of the need to support Scripture work around the world through BS South Australia.

Sunday 2—Psalm 56.4

I praise your promises! I trust you and am not afraid.

No one can harm me.

Monday 3—China

In conjunction with the World Expo in Shanghai from May to October 2010, China Partnership has worked with the Shanghai Christian Council and Catholic Diocese to publish John Gospel diglot portions for outreach. These portions will be made available at churches during the Expo period. Pray for the distribution of these portions, and that many will be blessed through them.

Tuesday 4—Philippines

Pray for blessing and guidance for Philippine BS's new Board of Trustees, who were elected during our Annual Membership Meeting in April. May the Lord use them mightily to lead the Bible Society to achieve more for the Bible cause. This month is the beginning of the action planning and budget season for Philippine BS. Pray that the managers and supervisors will be able to draw up and implement the best plans to achieve our mission and vision. Pray for the Lord's provision for our programs and projects.

Wednesday 5—Indonesia

Pray for the presentation of Indonesian BS's *One in Love Program 2010/2011* to churches throughout Indonesia this month. Pray for the staff who are overseeing this task. Pray for a good response from Christians. Pray that the goal to distribute 31,000 free Bibles this year can be fulfilled.

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Thursday 6—Singapore

All seven levels of BS Singapore's new Bible House have been completed, though some interior work and finishing touches remain to be done. An application for the Temporary Occupation Permit will be submitted to the relevant Authorities for approval this month. Pray that there will be no unnecessary delays. S\$1.6 million is still needed to cover the cost of the development, so pray that this shortfall will be met.

Friday 7—Philippines

Pray that Philippine BS's ecumenical celebration of the UBS World Day of Prayer today will be meaningful. Pray for a fruitful and blessed prayer time with our partners, in particular the intercessors from the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches.

Saturday 8—Indonesia

Thank God for Indonesian BS's planned publication of the Indonesian Study Bible, the Sundanese, Kimyal, Momuna, Balantak and Mori NTs, and the Tonsea and Tontemboan Children's Bibles. Pray for smooth progress on these publications, and for a good response toward these new Scriptures. Pray also for the planned revision projects for the Rejang Lebong and Selayar NTs, Javanese and New Indonesian OTs, and Toba and Today's Indonesian Bibles.

Sunday 9—UBS Day of Prayer

Lord of our past, we thank you for those who, in obedience to your call, have founded and built the Bible Societies of our Fellowship and brought them together into one worldwide Fellowship.

Lord of our present, we thank you for the unifying, healing and restoring effect of the Scriptures, drawing together Christians of every tradition in the single task of making the message of the Bible available, accessible, understood and applied.

Lord of our future, we thank you for the sure and certain hope that, whether we work in barren or fruitful circumstances, our labour is not in vain since you have promised that your Word will not fall short of what you plan for it but will do everything you send it to do.

May we take strength from your blessing and protection in the past days.

May we work together to maintain the unity of the Spirit with one heart and mind in the present days.

And may we renew our vision to strive for a future day when all nations live under the blessing and direction of your Word.

In the name of the Father who sustains us, the Son who heals us and the Spirit who inspires us.

Amen

Monday 10—Philippines

Please pray for peaceful and honest national elections today for Philippines. Pray that the election be free from violence and corruption. Pray that the winners will be those that God has ordained to lead the country toward peace and progress.

Tuesday 11—Cambodia

Pray for BS Cambodia's Annual Board Meeting today. Pray that all board members will be present for the meeting, and that the discussion will be blessed and led by God, and that the meeting will be fruitful. Pray for wisdom and guidance from God.

Wednesday 12—China

UBS Translation Consultant, Dr Simon Wong, has been invited to teach intensive courses at the national seminary of the Protestant Church this month. Pray that God will grant him wisdom, and physical and spiritual health in teaching the seminary students. Pray that the students will grow in their understanding of the Word of God, and in their Bible exegesis and translation skills.

Thursday 13—Tasmania

28 February was an amazing day for BS Tasmania as the "southernmost Bible House in the world" was officially opened and dedicated in Launceston, Tasmania. Praise God for the 250 people who attended the Dedication itself, and the 700+ people who attended the Combined Churches Celebration that followed. Praise God for His hand upon this event, and the events leading up to it. Pray for BS Tasmania staff who, after a gruelling time of renovations, can now get on with their "real work".

Friday 14—South Pacific

To help meet its growing financial needs, BS South Pacific launched its annual fundraising drive in February. Pray for support from churches, organizations, groups and individuals Pacific-wide for the Bible work. We seek to meet a target of FJ\$80,000 by the end of the campaign in July 2010.

Saturday 15—Philippines

As part of our institutional social responsibility to help take care of creation, all Philippine BS staff will be involved in a tree planting activity today. Pray for the success of this and other programs that help mitigate the effects of environmental abuse and global warming.

Sunday 16—Psalm 57.5

*May you, my God, be honoured above the heavens;
may your glory be seen everywhere on earth.*

Monday 17—Taiwan

Praise God that the Pastoral Epistles of the Chinese Union Study Bible project are nearly ready for typesetting. A meeting to work on the rest of the NT books will be held in Taipei this week. Dr Kuo-Wei Peng from American BS, Dr Graham Ogden from Australia, and local scholars will attend. Pray for the translation work, and for the funding of the project.

Tuesday 18—New Zealand

Pray for BS New Zealand's management team as we seek to develop new strategies to increase the number of our supporters. Māori church leaders have agreed that a need exists for a new translation of the Bible into contemporary Māori, to make the Bible more accessible to a generation of young speakers and their families. Pray that we will find a fluent Māori speaker to be project coordinator.

Wednesday 19—India

Praise God for BS India's new Scripture publications: Urdu (Devanagari), Aasmani Kitaben (TAZI Special Edition) and *The Answer* in Urdu (Devanagari), published in March. Praise God also for the Central Council meeting in January, and the Bicentenary Celebration opening event on 21 February. The Government of India has released a 5-rupee postage stamp and first day cover in honour of the Bible Society of India's Bicentenary. Pray that these stamps will build awareness of the Bible ministry in India.

Thursday 20—Singapore

The Annual General Meeting of BS Singapore will be held today. The agenda includes the adoption of the Society's annual report and accounts, and the election of a new executive committee. Members of the Society's advisory panel, comprising mainly national church leaders, will also be meeting today. Pray that many members will be present, and that the proceedings will be spirit-led.

Friday 21—Singapore

BS Singapore has planned a trip to the Chinese province of Jiangsu for Bible distribution this week. Our aim is to provide Bibles to rural folk who are unable to afford their own copy. Pray that the Word of God will be warmly received and that it will impact lives. The team of 22 members will be visiting churches, the Jinling Seminary, Jiangsu Bible School and the Nanjing Amity Printing Company. Pray for safety and good health for the team members. Pray also that the participants will be inspired to have a greater sense of mission.