

*Thank you!* FOR HELPING US  
SHARE GOD'S WORD.

With your vital support, God's Word brought hope, comfort, protection and peace to millions of people in Canada and around the world.

## 2017 IMPACT REPORT



### ■ Refugees in the Middle East thank you for their gift of a Bible:

The conflict in Syria has killed and displaced thousands. A Bible Society staff visiting a Syrian refugee camp to distribute Bibles reports: *"There are 10-year-old children who should be in school, but aren't. They flock around me as I hand out hugs and high-fives. They are eager to see if I bring more Scriptures."*

Many have become Christ-followers as they read the Bibles. Imagine, the simplicity of believing in a true and living God, just because the Bible tells you so.

### ■ In Ghana and Guatemala, your ongoing commitment continues to wrap young girls caught in the sex trade in the arms of God's love:

Young girls aged 7 to 17 who are victims of trafficking in Ghana and Guatemala are experiencing the love of Jesus found in the Bible. Raquel, now 16, suffered physical and psychological abuse at home and became a victim of human trafficking at a tender age. But God's Word helped her to receive healing from her bitter past.



Her favourite Scripture is Psalm 27:10:

*"My father and mother may abandon me, but the LORD will take care of me."*



### ■ In Romania and Nicaragua, your gifts are bringing comfort and smiles to victims of cancer:

Ten-year-old Camilla, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia is so grateful for the Bible she received.

*"I am learning that God loves me so much. My sister and mother go home at the end of the day, but my Bible is always with me."*

### ■ Your gifts of Scripture are reviving the souls of victims of albinism in Swaziland:

Albert, an albino, lives in constant fear, as he is hunted down for his body parts that are considered to bring fortune. His life was brightened when he received a large-print Bible as his disease affects his eyes. *"I like the story of the three boys in the fire, when everyone expected them to burn,"* he said, referring to Daniel chapter 3.

*"But there was a fourth man in there... Jesus. And the boys were unharmed. This tells me that even if I am in trouble, God is always by my side."*



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■ **The victims of conflict in Ukraine thank you for your caring support:**

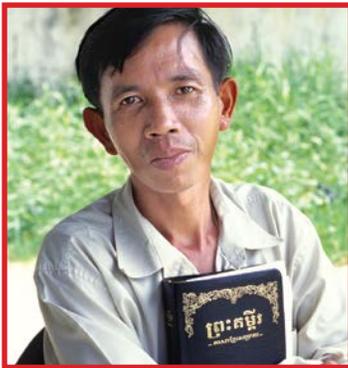
Affected by the violent and flash-like events that have been taking place since 2013, Ukrainian people need God's reconciliatory and comforting Word – the Bible, which is the only true source of peace, hope, freedom and dignity.

*"...But, at this difficult time, the Bible is the gift that is truly precious to us! Thank you for helping us – it is so comforting to feel you are not alone with your grief!"* – MARINA

■ **Finding God's peace in the midst of fear and uncertainties in Egypt:**

The recent bombings in Egypt are an indication of how challenging it is for Christians living in Egypt, who account for about 10% of the 92-million population.

Your generosity helped the Egyptian Bible Society to distribute 30,000 copies of the beautifully illustrated Scripture booklet *"Words that Changed the World"* in Arabic and English.



■ **You helped unlock the message of the Bible through translations:**

Imagine what it must be like to finally be able to read the Word of God in a language you understand! In 2016, Bible Societies around the world assisted in the completion of translations in 61 languages spoken by over 428 million people. This was made possible by the unwavering commitment of supporters like you!

*"If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart."* – NELSON MANDELA

■ **With the help of God and your kind support, over 700,000 Scriptures were distributed in Canada.**

- The first-ever children's Illustrated Bible in Inuktitut.
- Scriptures for the Indigenous communities and various partner organizations.
- *Key to Freedom* Bibles to inmates.
- *Adventure for Life Bibles* for children attending summer camps.
- 8,000 special Military Bibles to cadets training centres across this nation.
- 8,000 *Words of Comfort* booklets to the Caribbean Islands which were badly affected by recent hurricanes.



**WITH YOUR CARING SUPPORT AND KIND PRAYERS, the Canadian Bible Society, along with other Bible Societies around the world, distributed 400 million Scriptures including 34 million Bibles.**

*Thank you for being a valued supporter of the Canadian Bible Society in 2017.*



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