



## ***Stand with Them: Bibles for the Persecuted Church*** **Spring 2019 Radio Campaign Overview for Participating Stations**

### **Why are we holding this radio promotion?**

Today's headlines reveal extremist violence against Christians, believers jailed on false accusations, churches closed by the government, and followers of Christ facing discrimination simply because of their faith. They experience threats, acts of violence, imprisonment and rejection by their own families and communities. Because of this, one would think that persecuted Christians are powerless, ineffective and retreating. Instead, these believers are boldly living out their faith, but they need our support.

- In our modern era, 2018 was the most violent year for Christians worldwide (*Christianity Today*)
- Millions of believers in the world suffer for following Jesus Christ. Some face physical violence, while others are denied basic services, such as water, electricity, education and employment.
- Many new Christians begin their new spiritual life without the Bible because it is unavailable, inaccessible or unaffordable in areas where persecution is high
- The influence of Islam exists on nearly every continent, especially in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Relational evangelism has been a key to explosive Church growth among Muslims.
- Christians need God's Word to resist the pull of traditional religious beliefs, occult practices, secularism, materialism and other influences
- In countries with anti-conversion laws, Christians can be fined and jailed for evangelizing
- Bible League International is serving in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East and the U.S. The year 2019 marks our 81st year in ministry.

### **What is the cost to provide Bibles?**

The average cost of placing one Bible worldwide is \$5.00. This includes evangelism and discipleship resources for local churches to use in placing the Bibles. To reach your station's goal, we recommend (urge) using larger ask amounts, based on the cost of providing multiple Bibles:

- A gift of \$35, for a new giver, sends 7 Bibles for a Bible study group in Africa
- A gift of \$100 sends 20 Bibles for a newly planted church in Latin America
- A gift of \$500 sends 100 Bibles for a community of believers in Asia

Gifts can also be given monthly at any amount that donors wish. The suggested monthly gift amount is \$30.00, which will provide 72 Bibles over the course of twelve months. Your station's fundraising goal will be expressed in sending Bibles at \$5.00 per Bible.

### **Special Offer – Limited Time Match**

Limited-time matching funds, provided by friends of Bible League International, are available to encourage listeners' generosity. These matching funds are in place so that every gift given will be

matched, dollar-for-dollar. This multiplies the power of each gift by two, so that twice as many Bibles are sent while the match is available. With the matching funds applied:

- A gift of \$35 sends 14 Bibles
- A gift of \$100 sends 40 Bibles
- A gift of \$500 sends 200 Bibles, and so forth

Matching funds are limited, and they can be fulfilled at any time by your station and/or other stations participating in the campaign. If listeners want their gifts doubled to send twice as many Bibles, they need to act quickly. Please note that matching funds will **not** be added to your station's results. They are an incentive only to help boost response and to help you reach your goal faster.

### **How will the money be collected?**

Listeners will be encouraged to call a new toll-free number, 1-800-YES-WORD (1-800-937-9673), available 24 hours a day. Operators will accept gifts via credit/debit card and bank transfer, or either send donors a mail-in form or direct them to the form online, so that they can mail a check for their gift amount. Alternately, listeners can go to your station's website, click on the Bible League International banner provided to you with our campaign resources, and give their gift securely and quickly online at a special campaign landing page. Online gifts can be made using credit/debit cards or bank transfer.

### **How will we monitor our campaign progress?**

Every day during the campaign, the results from giving by phone, online and postal mail will be processed. The totals will be emailed to you in a report each weekday, except major holidays. Single gifts are reported immediately. Monthly pledges will be credited at 80% of full year's total. Any single pledges will not be counted until they are fulfilled.

You will also receive log-in instructions, provided to you with our campaign resources, to access online reporting from the call center, as well as online gifts credited to your station. Please note that these reports may include gifts made by credit/debit card or bank transfer that are declined by the donor's bank. The daily report emailed from us is the **best** way to gauge your campaign progress.

### **How will the campaign be conducted and how long will it last?**

Campaign resources will include pre-recorded 60-second spots, live liners and talking points, long form radio program, interviews, live push/radio-thon, web banners, pre-roll video, and regular updates and guidance provided by Bible League International staff.

The campaign will be held according to the terms of the contract agreed upon by your station and Bible League International. The length is typically over multiple weeks and may be extended if your station fails to meet the goals by the formal ending date in the contract (please refer to contract). The "Stand with Them: Bibles for the Persecuted Church" campaign officially ends at midnight, August 26, 2019.

### **What if I have additional questions?**

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