

Greetings and Blessings to You



It was wonderful to meet the Ambassadors in person at the April meeting. Thank you to all who prayed for me and my heart situation. All seems to be flowing well again! Praise the Lord!

As many of you know, we rebranded our stores from Bibles for Missions Thrift Centers to Legacy Thrift. Why? It's because we are not the chain of stores that represent one ministry as we did 30 years ago. It's now six ministries reaching the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have the same locations, same mission, and the same wonderful volunteers! We are "Supporting Global Missions through Local Thrift." Some of these questions reflect why we needed the change: 'When you say Bibles, what version do you mean?' 'Do you sell new ones, give some out, sell online, mention which mission?' 'Is a Center a store?' All the changes enhance a new appearance, a unified name, and tell a better story of who we support.

We greatly appreciate your support. We love Bible League and want Bibles and materials to go into this hurting world like never before. We continue to ask for your prayers and support—to keep this mission moving forward and for additional volunteers. Enjoy your summer!



John Scafe
National Director, Legacy Thrift



Ghana

Rev. Ahmed Quarshie, Ghana National Director, visited Bible League in Crete last month. Staff enjoyed learning more about his life and ministry, and we gave Ahmed the encouragement cards many of you wrote at our Spring National Ambassador Meeting. Rob Bullock (pictured right) gave the Ambassadors an "inside scoop" on ministry in Ghana at our meeting. He wore a traditional Ghanaian tunic and hat to bring the experience a bit closer to home. It was a blessing to hear how the Lord is touching hearts in Ghana. If you couldn't make it in April, please join us for the fall Ambassador National Meeting.

Volunteer Ambassador National Meetings are open to all Bible League Volunteer Ambassadors—join us October 17-18, 2023!



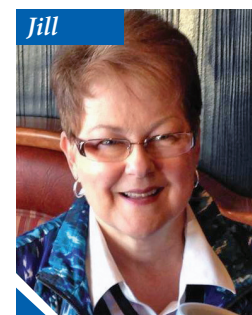
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Rob

Congratulations to the New Officers on the Ambassador Executive Board

We celebrate that on October 1, 2023, Jill Fase will step into the role of AEB Vice President and Dianne Bierma will step into the role of AEB Secretary. We give God glory with a heart of thanksgiving that these women have been led by Him into these leadership roles.



Jill



Dianne

HELP WANTED—Pella, Iowa

Join with others to expand the reach of transformational ministry and be a catalyst to change lives worldwide with God's Word. The Central Iowa Leadership team needs you! Text or call Ruth DeBruin 641-295-2795 today.

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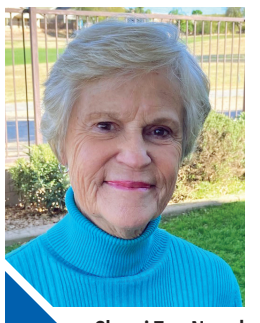
Join us in congratulating our new AEB officers!



Serving Together by Sherri Ten Napel

I recently did an Old Testament Bible study on the kings, judges, and prophets. I was reminded of God's unwavering love for His people, even when they continually resisted God and went their own way, worshipping and offering sacrifices to idols. Even the good kings who did away with most of their idols still left a few of them. It was a vivid reminder for me to take a good look at my heart. What sins am I harboring? What are some things that seem more important to me than spending time with the Lord? My home, my comfortable life, my phone? We know that God is a just God, as seen in the Old Testament, but He is so very patient with us, for which I am grateful.

Colossians 1:9-10 (ESV) "...that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work..." At our National Ambassador Meeting in April, we were reminded that each of us is a light in the darkness. As we work and give to Bible League, may you know that the light you shine here is the light of Jesus being seen in the hearts and lives in people across the world. Bible League has made it convenient to see what is happening around the world. If you are on social media, follow Bible League at facebook.com/BibleLeagueInternational/. For videos, go to youtube.com/@BibleLeagueOrg and hit **subscribe**. I just watched the videos on Zambia and Ghana. They are inspiring! Ask your grandchildren to help you and they can enjoy watching them, also.



Sherri Ten Napel
AEB President
Bible League Volunteers

Garage Sale Season—A great idea to raise awareness and funds!

Our Newaygo County team had a successful garage sale spearheaded by Jessie Rose and her niece. For those of you who know Jessie, you know she loves connecting with people. She ministered to a woman in need of prayer and shared with many others the ways she makes kingdom impact through Bible League. The cherry on top was eliminating unwanted ‘treasures’ while raising funds for ministry!



Spring National Ambassador Meeting

Having only been an Ambassador for a little over a year, I find myself constantly amazed at the many facets of Bible League. From the start of our day together as we celebrated 85 years of God’s faithfulness, God was at the center and was glorified.

A special thanks to those who participated in the volunteer market where more than \$1,800 was raised!

We were enriched by the Word, as we looked at Acts 8 through the lenses of faith, love, and hope, on how to personally be a Philip to those God places in our paths. It was striking to hear Dan Chapman, the grandson of our founder, retell Bible League’s history through his eyes. Oh how the Lord has blessed and grown Bible League!

My favorite part of the day was viewing videos about God’s work around the world through the faithfulness of Bible League. To see our brothers and sisters cherishing God’s Word with so much joy brought tears to my eyes. It is an honor and a joy to be just a small part of God’s work through Bible League.

—Kathy VanderHeyden, Illiana Team



EventsCalendar

June 25 – Ice cream social and concert at Calvary in Pella, Iowa at 2:00pm
July 31 – Christmas-In-July NW Iowa event at Immanuel CRC in Sheldon, Iowa

Fall Retreat/Conferences 2023 –
Their only child is serving a life sentence for murder. How do you come out on the other side when life sends its worst? Join us as **Carol Kent** shares about an enduring faith. Our special guest in Michigan is Dan Chapman, and in Iowa Christopher Thetswe will join us from South Africa.



- **Friday, September 8 – Byron Center, Michigan**
- **Tuesday, September 12 – Sioux Center, Iowa**
- **Thursday, September 14 – Pella, Iowa**

Register online at: bibleleague.org/tickets
or access the registration link using this QR Code:



Bible League celebrates 85 years of ministry!
Join us for celebration dinners at these locations. Look for your dinner invitation to arrive in July. We want you to join us! Call or email Deanna with questions at 708-367-8541.

- **Thursday, September 7 – Byron Center, Michigan**
- **Monday, September 11 – Sioux Center, Iowa**
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Please submit your articles for the next newsletter by 8/4/2023

SpringLuncheons

ILLIANA

Spring is in the air! Flowering pots are hanging above us and all around us. This is the scene of the annual Spring Luncheon of the Illiana Volunteer Ambassadors. Our luncheon this year was held in a greenhouse at Smits Farms. We were a bit apprehensive changing our venue and menu from a restaurant to a greenhouse, but the response was great. We hosted 125 ladies and served a delicious catered hot meal. God is good. We give thanks to all who attended and gave so generously. Our offering totaled \$12,375!



Our program started off with two representatives from Bible League, Andrew Earnshaw and Deanna Van Swol. They had a wonderful and informative question and answer dialogue about Bible League. Easy-to-Read Version Bibles were available after the luncheon.

Then we were entertained by a local comedian, Tracy DeGraaf. We had some good laughs—laughter is good for the soul. So don’t be afraid to take a risk and make some changes. Sometimes it works out for the best.

—Trenice Postema, Illiana Team Treasurer

NORTHWEST IOWA

At the NW Iowa Division’s Spring salad luncheon, nearly 50 women gathered to enjoy fellowship and honor their commitment as Bible League Ambassadors. Some gals who came together made 3 trips: one gal forgot her hearing aids and needed to go back for them. Another forgot her salad and needed to go back for it. After the 3rd attempt, they arrived well ahead of the start time. Your attendance and commitment are so appreciated!

The April National Ambassador meeting was held with Bible League’s Founder’s Day event. There, the Herman Chapman Awards were presented to dedicated volunteers around the world to acknowledge their service to God. This year, the U.S. recipient is Dorothy Vander Wilt. Sherri Ten Napel, AEB president, presented Dorothy with her award. The plaque states, “In recognition of your faithful and dedicated service to the ministry and mission of Bible

League International.” **Congrats, Dorothy!** This award is also a tribute to the NW Iowa Division where over 70 churches participate in our calling of praying, raising awareness, and raising funds. Awards were also presented to Pairat in Thailand, Jean in Haiti, and William in Zimbabwe. *To view their stories, check out the YouTube link in Sherri’s article.*



Legacy Thrift stores are a great source of raising funds for Bible League. Home decor items from the local thrift store were gathered and arranged to show creative ways to freshen our homes. Special music was a beautiful rendition of “Blessings.”



Rhonda Penning, division president, invited everyone to Christmas in July, planned for July 31 at Immanuel CRC, Sheldon, IA. This is where we “Ring the Bells.”

—Carla Kooiman, AEB Treasurer

CENTRAL IOWA

Central Iowa had an amazing March Salad Luncheon! Volunteer Ambassadors from churches in Pella each brought a special salad to share. Great fun came with poise and charm as Pella Christian High students modeled items from the Legacy Thrift Center. Ruth DeBruin and Ruth De Vries led beautiful worship music, and Brian McLemore came from Bible League’s Texas office to talk about Easy-to-Read translations.



From 10/1/2022 to 5/31/2023, God equipped our Ambassador teams to raise about \$215,000 for ministry!