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[The LORD says,] “In the same way, my words leave my mouth, and they don’t come back without results. My words make the things happen that I want to happen. They succeed in doing what I send them to do.”

Isaiah 55:11 ERV

Stories of hope

God’s Word is changing millions of lives—and you’re part of it

Thank you for your desire to spread Christ’s hope around the globe. By supporting Bible League International, you are helping to equip under-resourced churches to transform lives and personally take part in Christ’s call to make disciples. Just one gift reaches far more than you could ever imagine.

We believe that lasting change begins with a Bible—and someone who cares enough to share it. Each day around the globe, people like you are helping to equip believers to bring the hope, healing, and truth of God’s Word to those who need it most.

In 2025, more than 2 million people studied God’s Word through Bible League’s ministry programs. Each of those people has a story of how the Lord touched their hearts. You’ll read about a few of them from Zambia and Mexico in this edition.

Most of these stories are of women who, in some of the darkest moments of their lives, found a loving Savior who is all they needed and more. Each of their stories shows what your generosity has made possible.

A teen mom and recovering addict found her way back to God after years of searching. A woman gets her nails done and hears the Gospel. A 10-year-old forced into child marriage learns to read through a Bible-based Literacy class 29 years later. A mom of three rebuilt her life after a divorce and started a business. A pastor plants eight churches across rural Zambia.

Thank you for being part of these stories. Thank you for your partnership in spreading God’s Word to those who are hungry for it. Today, many are walking with Jesus and sharing His hope with others because of your generosity.

In Christ,



Jos Snoep, President



Married at 10, reading at 39

How Victoria found the meaning of life while learning to read and write

At age 10, most girls are thinking about school and friends. Not Victoria. She was married.

She had already endured so much. Her father died. She moved in with her aunt. Neither her mom nor aunt could afford school fees. “The situation was so difficult, I had no books or school shoes to wear. At the age of 10, I stopped.”

A life-changing invitation

Over the next 29 years, Victoria raised seven children while her husband worked as a fisherman in Mukonchi, Zambia. But she still couldn’t read or write.

Everything changed when a local church leader invited her to join a Bible League Bible-based Literacy class. “What pushed me to join was that I struggled to read texts on my phone. I could not teach my children homework, and that made me feel so miserable.”

The joy of Jesus

Attending that Bible-based Literacy class brought the hope of Jesus and His Word into her life. Victoria beams, “What is special about Bible-based Literacy class is that I get to learn more about God. As I speak, I have seen the power of God in my life. A lot has changed. The Lord provides for my family in ways that I never knew possible. There is no day that my family goes to sleep with no food at the table.”

On graduation day, Victoria was thrilled. “It gives me so much joy that I can read and write. Most importantly, I have found Jesus Christ and the meaning of life.” She now spreads the Word in her village—letting everyone know about this life-changing opportunity.



Child marriage is still happening



650 million women and girls alive today were married before their 18th birthday (*UNICEF*).

19%

Nearly 19% of young women worldwide are married by age 18 (*CIA Factbook*).



Nearly 3 in 10 women in Zambia were married before adulthood.

“Thank you for the Bible-based Literacy materials. I am now a literate person, and the classes reminded me of how important it is to walk with God.”

Finding hope at rock bottom

How addiction and despair led Tania to her heavenly Father

Tania grew up without knowing her biological father. At 16, she became pregnant and married the father of her child. Their marriage was one of control, jealousy, and violence.

She spiraled into addiction—first alcohol, then cocaine. She recalls, “Alcohol didn’t do anything to me anymore.”

Hitting rock bottom

Overcome by addiction and her marriage in ruins, Tania hit rock bottom in her mid-20s. Fed up, she accepted her cousin’s invitation to church.

Last spring, Tania arrived at church in her village of San Francisco Magú, Mexico, hungover. She felt much like the Samaritan woman may have felt: ashamed and guilty. She walked in convinced that even if God was real, He would judge her. Instead, she found the healing power of a heavenly Father who loved her deeply.

Reaching other women

Soon, she joined a Bible League Bible study. As she grew in her understanding of God’s Word, it healed the wounds she’d carried for so long. She says, “Thanks to the Bible study, I understood who I am in Christ. God transformed



me and made me His daughter. It built my faith on solid ground.”

She looked like a little girl on Christmas morning as she received her Bible. Tania recently completed the second part of the Bible study. She sees herself in the women Jesus forgave and restored. Now she wants other struggling women like her—women like Jacqueline (*story on page 7*)—to know they can experience God’s healing, too.



Mexico ministry in 2025



85,688 People reached with God’s Word



3,201 Local believers trained to lead



225,634 Bibles and study materials shared



145 Churches planted

“All the people who make Bible League Bible studies possible in our lives, I thank you with all my heart. Thank you for investing in this ministry. Thank you for your generosity that allowed me to know Christ, to have a Bible, and to find a purpose. May God bless you and multiply everything you do for us.”

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Father who is full of mercy, the God of all comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble so that when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ERV

Reading her way to healing

Your gift empowers people with literacy and God's Word

Today, Cynthia wears a bright smile as she holds her first Bible. She isn't smiling just because she has a Bible—she's smiling because now she can read it. For a long time, the 33-year-old didn't smile much at all.

She grew up in poverty in rural Zambia. Her family couldn't pay for school fees, so Cynthia never learned to read or write.

Joy in Christ

She married and had three children. But after 10 years of marriage, her husband divorced her. This was the darkest moment of her life, and it began to rock the faith she had in Jesus since childhood. She recalls, "I stopped praying and going to church. Life became meaningless. I lost hope. But because of the encouragement I got from my pastor, I went back to God to seek His face. I realized that there is joy in knowing Christ."

Not long after, she met a Bible League-trained Christian who invited her to join a Bible-based Literacy class. Cynthia was one of more than 50—mostly women—who eagerly signed up.

A new life

Cynthia completed the class and received a Bible. After years of not knowing how to read or write, she can read it herself. She beams, "I thank God that through Bible-based Literacy, I have known Jesus Christ to be the true Savior and Lord of my life."

Now Cynthia can help her children with homework—instead of the other way around. She has also started a baking business, creating a more stable life for her children and new husband.

The power of reading and writing in Zambia

LITERACY IN ZAMBIA

40%

About 40% of women in Zambia can't read or write

70

Zambia has **over 70 languages**—many of these are considered dialects—English is the official language

BIBLE-BASED LITERACY IN ZAMBIA FROM 2022-2025

54K

More than 54,000 people used God's Word to learn to read and write in English

4K

Nearly 4,000 Christians received training to teach literacy classes in their communities



Discovering Jesus at the nail salon

A manicure changed Jacqueline's life forever



You wouldn't think giving someone a manicure could be life-changing. But for Jacqueline (*above, right*), it was.

From a young age, Jacqueline searched for peace, healing, and a loving father. "I always wanted a father who loved me, but I grew up in a house filled with yelling, hitting, and crying," she recalls. Her alcoholic father's violence dominated her childhood.

Searching for hope

Like many young girls in her situation, she sought love in relationships—but found only pain and abuse. Partying, drugs, folk healers, and other religions offered no answers. "I felt like an empty being, without direction or purpose."

Everything changed when Tania (*pictured above left, see her story on pages 4-5*), who had recently become a Christian, came to her nail shop in San Francisco Magú, Mexico. She shared Jesus' love with Jacqueline and invited her to church.

Discovering her Father

Jacqueline felt Tania's words were a direct message from God. She attended church, then joined a Bible League Bible study. In God's Word, she discovered a loving Father who didn't judge or forsake her. "I always wanted a father who loved me. Today I discovered that I do have a Father: God."

"Thanks to you, the Gospel reached me. Thanks to God and His Word, I am no longer the broken woman I once was. Now I know who I am—a beloved daughter of God."

Jacqueline completed Bible League's entire Bible study program. Much like the Samaritan woman that Tania identified with and Tania's witness, Jacqueline now shares the Gospel with women at her nail shop. "Without God in my life, my life would still be just empty and full of pain."

Pastor Bernard's big dreams

One man's vision becomes eight churches—and counting

At 53, Pastor Bernard lives in rural Zambia with a vision to plant churches. Through Bible League's Church Planter Training, he gained the tools to multiply ministry. He was part of one of the country's first Church Planter Training classes.

"The training became a useful tool to plant and establish more churches," Bernard says. He planted eight churches across remote villages spanning multiple provinces and trained Bible League Bible study leaders in each location.

Now he's building a permanent 500-seat structure and plans to plant 15 more churches in 5 years. Each church Bernard plants helps train new believers who will lead more people to Jesus.

"I'm grateful I was invited to Bible League's training," he reflects. "Otherwise, I would have still been figuring out how to grow the ministry. The biblical materials you've provided for communities such as ours—you're transforming communities."



Around the world, passionate leaders like Bernard are waiting right now.

They are waiting for the training and materials they need to walk alongside people who are reading God's Word for the first time.

Your gift will provide them with the Bibles and other tools they need to help people understand them.

Will you help them today? For more information and to donate, please visit bibleleague.org/mm or scan the QR code to the right.



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transforming lives through God's Word.