

**OCT 1-7**

**North Korea** The continuing political isolation and economic difficulties have forced people into poverty and disease as well as stopping any religious freedom. Please pray that doors will open so that people can hear the good news of Jesus and receive His Word.

**South Korea** Give thanks for the ongoing ministry here led by Executive Director Ho Yong Kim. Pray for the immense printing works that produces large quantities of Scripture for use all over the world. Ask God to strengthen their church relations and increase their local impact.

**Singapore** Pray that the programme of daily Bible readings and devotionals would be well received. Pray also for the workshops on publishing, engagement and advocacy, to build capacity for Asian Bible Societies. Pray for GS Ezekiel Tan and the team who are also responsible for ministry to Brunei.

**Malaysia** Pray for all Christians in this Muslim country where there are strict laws around sharing faith. Pray for the staff led by GS Mathew Punnoose, for God's help in ongoing translation and for guidance in providing a Translation Consultant to oversee projects in East and West Malaysia.

**OCT 8-14**

**Puerto Rico** Please ask God to bless the work in this country so that his Word would be available to the entire population. Pray that relationships with the different denominations would be strengthened in this Christian majority country. Pray for GS Heriberto Martinez-Rivera.

**Haiti** Pray for the Trauma Healing programme for the victims of hurricane Matthew, which left a trail of destruction and disease a year ago. Pray for GS Magda Victor and team who work to equip the churches and continue translating the Haitian Creole Study Bible.

**Dominican Republic** Thank the Lord for the lives changed through the various projects including *A Bible in Every Backpack, No to Violence and Bibles for Weapons*. Pray for the board, staff and supporters led by GS Carmen Checo de Acosta. May God's Word impact those who need his touch.

**Cuba** Praise God for the ongoing openness to importing and distributing Scripture. Pray for GS Alain Montano and all who partner with him to reach the target of 'One Million Bibles' by the end of next year. Pray that the vision of opening a printing press would be realised.

**OCT 15-21**

**South Sudan** Pray for Scripture distribution in war zones and for peace in this country. Pray for Edward Kajivora who leads the ministry to weary, displaced and terrified people. Pray for translation, literacy work, Trauma Healing ministry and the equipping of staff. May God sustain and bless them.

**Sudan** Pray for the team led by Ismail Abdulrahman Kanani and the many projects they are engaged in. Pray for vital translation and distribution of Scripture as well as the Good Samaritan programmes and the special work to eradicate the use of Child Soldiers.

**Chad** Praise God for the three translation projects, may God bless the work and provide for their needs. Pray too for Trauma Healing and FCBH programmes. Ask for God's guidance in implementing ministry with children, young people and vulnerable women. Pray for GS Roland Djekounlar.

**Mali** Pray for Executive Secretary Jacques Dembélé and team as they run projects such as translating the Word of God, FCBH programmes, and literacy classes to help people read the Bible and become independent. Ask God for a gracious outpouring of provision.

**OCT 22-28**

**Madagascar** Please pray for the GS Hubert Rakotoarivony and team as they have had to implement a three-year recovery process, including reducing the size of the staff team. Pray that God will be glorified and that the ministry will be strengthened in the long-term.

**Mozambique** Ask for God's blessing on health, fundraising and guidance for numerous translation teams. Pray for distribution into different regions and plans to see 'hubs' in areas where there is currently no work. Pray for Trauma Healing programmes also. Valente Tseco leads the team.

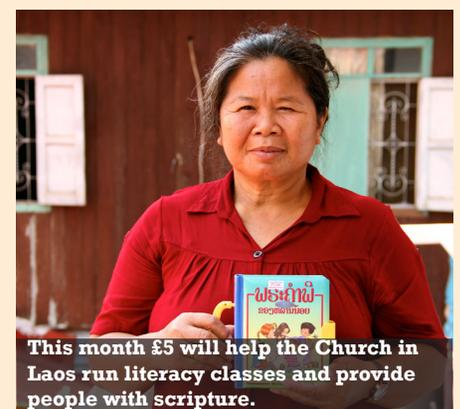
**Mauritius** Made up of four islands to the east of Madagascar. The main language, Morisyen, has a NT. Pray for the ongoing work on the OT. Pray too for the translation of the Gospels into Reunion Creole. GS Marc Etive leads the work here, where many suffer extreme poverty.

**Seychelles** Please pray for the new project against substance abuse - Getting to Them Before They Start. Pray that God will provide necessary funding for ongoing ministry and that many will be impacted. Ask God to clearly guide GS Margaret Maillet and the board as they seek to develop the work here.

## Bible-a-month Project October: Laos

Illiteracy is a problem in Laos, especially in minority ethnic groups in rural areas. Approximately 20% of the population over the age of 15 can't read or write. The Church wants to reach out to these people and help them to gain understanding. Resources and training are being provided so that they will be equipped to run literacy classes, contributing to the growth and development of individuals and communities.

- There can be strict restrictions on church activity in some areas of Laos. Pray that local authorities will allow classes to take place.
- Pray for those in Laos who are working to share the Bible with people. Ask that God would strengthen, protect and equip them to boldly speak out the Word of God.
- Pray that more people would be given Bible-based literacy resources, and that each child or adult who attends the classes would benefit from the teaching they receive.



This month £5 will help the Church in Laos run literacy classes and provide people with scripture.