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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2017 Bible Sunday material from the Bible Society in Northern Ireland.

'Reaching everyone with God's Word' still remains our mission statement as we partner with Bible Societies around the world. Together we are involved in Bible translation, publication and distribution as well as projects to improve literacy levels using the Bible and increase Bible engagement and advocacy.

This year we are bringing the challenge closer to home by asking you, and others, to 'twin' your Bible so that we can provide someone else with a Bible to help them grow in their faith and understanding of God. Many of us in Northern Ireland have more than one Bible, yet for millions of people around the world having a Bible is something they only dream of.

As you use this resource we hope that you find ways to connect your congregation, church or small group to be 'clothed, equipped and active' as you think about the reading from Colossians 3:12-17 and reflect on our stories of Bible need from China, Cuba and Togo. Our brothers and sisters in Christ in these countries need us to respond so that they too can be blessed by having access to Scripture in their own language.

It is our hope that you find this resource helpful and informative. We are available to answer any questions in relation to the material presented and are also happy to come and speak about our work to your congregation, church or group.

Do let us know what you think about this material, we appreciate your feedback.

Every blessing



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DATES FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

Thank you for downloading the Bible Sunday resources for 2017. We hope you are planning to set a Sunday aside to make the best use of the material.

You can use this material at any time of the year to fit your church calendar, however, some denominations have specified dates if you wish to follow them:

29th October - Church of Ireland

10th December – Presbyterian & Methodist Churches