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Bibles for Africa

In Africa, local champions have been discipling new believers, but without Bibles. During the Spring, **you made it possible to place 94,000 Bibles in the hands of new believers** excited for their very own copy of God's Word! Local champions are able to disciple new believers in the Word; new believers are able to grow in their faith and share the Good News with others. *Read Geda's story on page 6.*

Reaching Kids in Canada

This summer, local churches ran STEM Bible Clubs (STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) which uniquely integrated STEM activities with biblical teachings, providing an exciting and impactful experience for children aged 4 to 13. Children explored and appreciated the physical aspects of the world God has created while discovering more about Jesus. **Your support made it possible to train volunteers to share the Gospel with 2,100 children, and give them a Bible!**

Reaching Kids Around the World

This past summer, kids all over the world attended Summer Camps, Values Education Programs, Bible Clubs, and VBS programs. Each program was unique, but they all have two things in common: Kids and Jesus. Starting them off with Jesus, on the way they should go, is life-changing. **Through your support, 2,280 children were able to attend a program and receive a Bible.**



You are sharing the love of God with the next generation in the Philippines. Story on page 4.



Connecting Canadian donor champions like you with global champions to see maximum impact and multiplying transformation.

Bible League Canada is committed to doing missions differently. How? Through extraordinary international partnerships in almost 50 countries. Local believers, equipped through Bible-centric discipleship programs to become champions for the Gospel, are reaching their own communities with the Living Word of God.

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PERSECUTED CHURCH MINISTRY

One Body

No one knew Wang's* story.

What they did know, and experienced, was her critical nature. One member of Wang's house church shares, "When we first met, she would always talk about how others were not good—their speech, actions, preaching, praising, or praying. She would point out flaws in everything others did, and she believed that only what she did was right. If someone mentioned that perhaps her words were inappropriate or harsh, she would become angry."

As a member of a small church that meets in secret, it can be dangerous to be at odds with each other. No one knew why Wang was so critical, but it had to stop. The need for unity in this church body was vital.

Her fellow church members did not give up on her. She was their sister in Christ. Relying on God and His Word, they chose to love her through it.

"Thank the Lord for His leading. We began to speak to her about the merits and positive aspects of others. We read the Bible together to guide her (and ourselves) on how to put others before self, what humility and pride were, and how to recognize issues and accept correction and guidance from others. It took patience, but we started to see a change in her. She began to praise others when speaking and started using words of encouragement and appreciation. We are so blessed that we have access to the Bible to guide us."

This small church continues to meet together and praise God. They know that through His Word people's hearts are changed!

**Name changed for security*

"For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

ROMANS 12:3–5 NIV



Your support for persecuted Christians gives them access to Bibles to teach, to grow, and even to admonish each other for unity in Christ.

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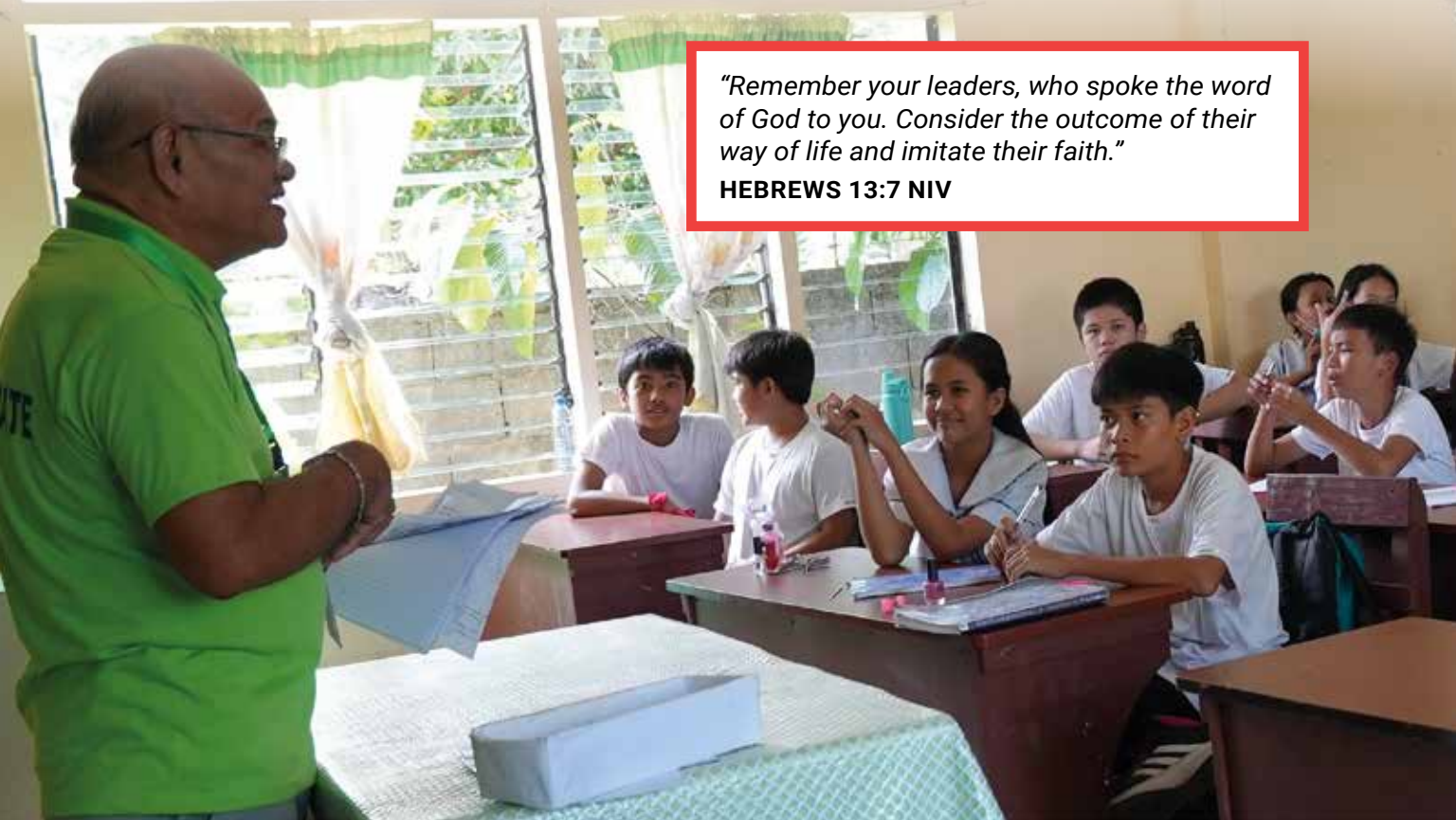


Feeling the Love of God

Juan volunteers as a Values Education Program leader in the Philippines. His training and the Bibles he is able to give to students are because of your support. He loves sharing his experience, and how the Spirit of God is moving in these classrooms.

"Yeah, the students. At first, when they are getting to know us, it's mostly about classroom management, and how to deal with the students. But as we share the Gospel, and the Values lessons students can relate to, we begin to see changes. Sure, some of the students shrug us off and say, 'You're just teaching us a lesson,' but some of them are crying, some of them are feeling the love of God. And some of them are wanting prayer."

Sharing Jesus with these students and teaching them how to apply lessons from the Bible to their lives is so important to Juan. "By sharing the Word of God, I believe we are seeing a powerful effect on them. Even in the schools where they give us the last hour of the day,



"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."

HEBREWS 13:7 NIV

we still teach with energy and enthusiasm, and they see our passion for Jesus and respond to it. But it is not just us, we know it is the touch of God. The students are asking, 'Can you teach again tomorrow?' They want to hear this Good News every day!

"For students, the Bible is very important, because it will impact them so much. It has the power to change your life. For example, me! I became a Christian when I was young, and I was taught from the Bible. When I was a little older, and a bully, the Lord reminded me, 'My son, I love you. Do you know that I also love those you are bullying? The love I have for you is the same love I have for them.'

"I stood up to my friends when they wondered why I'm not the bully anymore. I was shy to share, but I had to. The impact of the Bible is life-changing. And that's why, even as a bully, the Lord gave me wisdom to challenge the status quo, and change.

"So, if my students hear the Word of God, they can be transformed, too.

"Children are our future. They will be the next leaders, the next mayors, the next president! If we give them this core foundation of biblical values as the basis for their life, they will be good leaders. They will be the future of the Philippines!"



**You made a difference
for kids in the Philippines
and in other countries
around the world.**

An Answer to Prayer

Four years ago, Geda became a Christian, and for all of that time he has waited for a Bible. Then, through your support, 250 Oromo Bibles were received at his church in the Oromia Region!

Geda sat on a bench in the church, holding his precious new Bible in his hands. He explained that a Christian cannot live without a Bible to grow their faith and share it with others.

He loves hearing the Word preached by his pastor, but being able to reference the Bible and read for himself what the pastor is reading is so important. And being able to reflect on this again at home is priceless. "The Bible helps me to grow spiritually," Geda said.

Geda is growing in his knowledge of Jesus Christ and has begun daily Scripture readings with his



"I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches. I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways."

PSALM 119:14–15 NIV

family of seven children. When they have questions, he can answer with specific verses. "So, following me, my whole family has become followers of Jesus!" he exclaims.

Geda's light hasn't only spread to his family. He witnesses to anyone who crosses his path. As a farmer, Geda had a young man named Gemu working with him as an assistant farmer. Gemu came to Christ because of the change he saw in Geda. Today in the church, Gemu sits nearby, delighted that he too has received a Bible of his own.

"I was praying that God would give me an Oromo Bible one day, and that day was a blessed and special day."

Having his own Bible has empowered Geda. How many more lives will be touched through his testimony?

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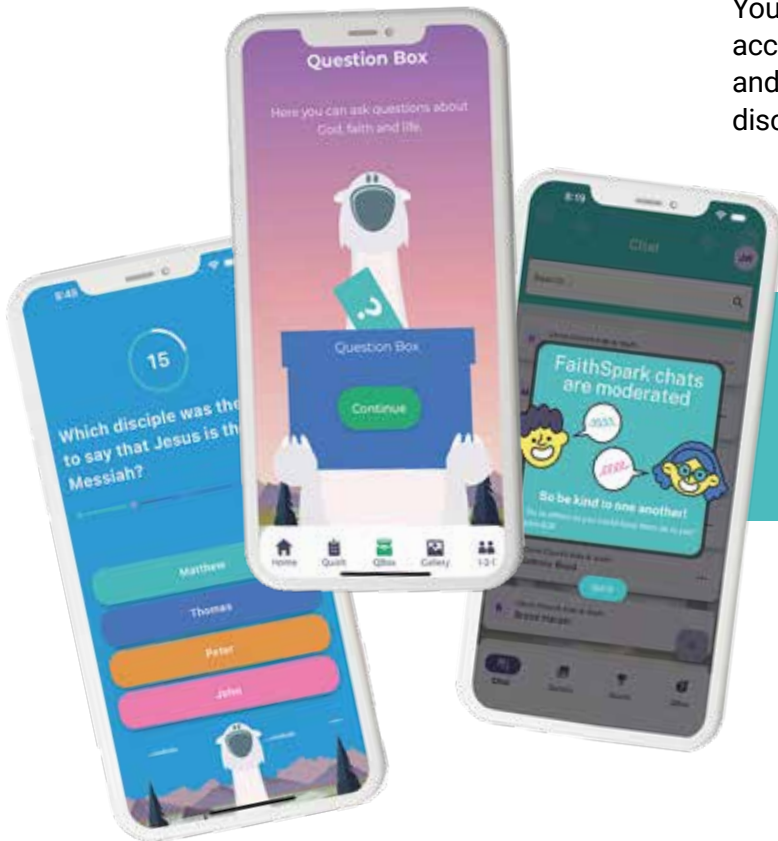
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Staying Connected

Thanks in part to your support, FaithSpark has evolved into an online application that provides a safe and effective space for digital discipleship to thousands of kids and youth across Canada every year. Camps now have a greater opportunity to safely and effectively reach campers than ever before.

Kids download the FaithSpark app and use it to stay connected to leaders and fellow campers while at camp and after. It creates a safe place to chat, ask questions to help them understand the Bible, post photo memories, and create quizzes that reinforce lessons.



"Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. 'Do you understand what you are reading?' Philip asked. 'How can I,' he said, 'unless someone explains it to me?'"

ACTS 8:30–31a NIV

Trusted by over 200 camps and ministries across North America, and safely connecting over 7,000 kids, youth, and leaders, the FaithSpark app has received over 600 questions in the Question Box.

FaithSpark is growing exponentially with more than 35,000 conversations: more this past year than the previous three years combined! This past summer, they were expecting to reach more Canadian campers than ever before!

Your support means Canadian kids have a safe and accountable place to ask questions about God, life, and the Bible. Leaders have an effective means of discipling "their kids" long after camp ends.

FaithSpark Testimonials

"FaithSpark is a game-changer. In all my years being involved in ministry, I've never encountered such an innovative and practical tool. It should be a staple in every ministry"

- Jared C, Pastor & Past Camp Director

"FaithSpark offers the perfect solution to connect with the current generation! It provides a safe place for us to chat with campers and answer their questions. With this app, we can continue sharing the Gospel year-round."

- Amy K, Program Manager

Kids need Jesus!

After-School Bible Clubs in India, Kids Camps in Armenia and Canada, Philippines Values Education Programs, Vacation Bible Schools in Kenya. They all have two things in common: Kids and Jesus.

Throughout the year, committed volunteer leaders provide kids with a safe and welcoming environment filled with fun activities and learning. Many of these kids will hear about Jesus for the very first time and receive their very first Bible through these programs. Local churches exclaim at how many of them come regularly to the worship services and bring their families!

For just \$5, you can give a Bible to a child through a Christ-centred program.

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