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Leaders like Arevik in Armenia, trained through your support, pray for the children under their care. *Story on the next page.*



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Thanks to your generous response in January, 5,800 Bibles were placed where they were most needed, in the hands of waiting believers. This is an amazing number of Bibles, a bit short of the goal, but each Bible is so gratefully received! Please see the back cover if you would like to help meet the shortfall.

In February, you made it possible to share the life-changing message of Jesus Christ with 375 Indigenous Canadians in prison with Bible curriculum that honours their cultural and literacy needs in the language of their heart.

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A Celebration and a Calling

Excitement filled the air as the youth who had attended last summer's day camp in Sevan, Armenia, reunited for a Christmas event. Many had invited their friends, wanting to share the joy and fellowship they had experienced.

Leading the event was Arevik, a dedicated volunteer group leader who had been trained through your support. She had prepared an engaging quiz about Jesus, focusing on the lessons they had learned at camp. The youth competed enthusiastically, answering questions with confidence. Laughter, friendly rivalry, and the joy of recalling God's Word together made for a lively competition.

The celebration continued with worship, singing, and a touching Christmas drama. A small gift exchange added to the festive spirit and made the time fly by. Beyond the fun and festivities, God was at work in young hearts.

As the gathering ended, Arevik invited the group to share any prayer requests. A moment of silence followed before 13-year-old Alvard bravely stood up.

"Please pray for me," she said with determination. "I want to serve in the church!"

Alvard's journey to this moment had begun two years earlier when she first attended the camp. Despite growing up the youngest in a household of nine, she often felt alone. With her parents and

family members constantly busy, she longed for connection. Even at school, she struggled to build close friendships.

Everything changed when she experienced the love and warmth of the church community. At camp, she was deeply moved by Arevik's kindness and the genuine care of the other

children. For the first time, she felt seen, valued, and truly welcomed. From that moment on, Alvard kept returning to church, drawn by the love of Christ.

Now, she is an active part of the teen ministry and often volunteers to help with younger children's programs. The loneliness that once weighed on her has lifted, and

she has found a place where she belongs. Even at home, she carries a newfound joy, no longer feeling isolated but filled with purpose. Most importantly, her heart longs for her family to know Jesus as she does, and she is committed to sharing the Good News with them.

What a beautiful reminder that the seeds of faith, once planted, take root and grow strong! Praise God for the Living Word transforming young lives!



"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God"

JOHN 1:12 NIV

From Despair to Redemption

For over 18 years, Johann has faithfully led a Bible study ministry inside the prison walls of Poland. The prison authorities allow him to continue because they have witnessed firsthand the transformation in the lives of the inmates. Among them is Pavel — one of the 1,200 prisoners who have encountered Jesus behind bars.

Pavel's early life was ordinary. He attended school, played soccer with friends, and even went to church with his family. But as he grew older, he drifted away from God. After high school, he started working and fell in love. However, his world crumbled when he discovered his girlfriend was seeing someone else. Heartbroken and hopeless, he attempted to end his life by consuming a deadly mix of drugs and vodka.

"I wanted to leave this world," Pavel recalls. "But God had a different plan."

For four days, he lay in a daze until a friend found him and rushed him to the hospital. That moment changed everything.

While recovering, Pavel met Johann, who encouraged him to read the Bible during difficult times. "He gave me a Bible, and I read it until the end of my hospital stay. That's when I realized — if God had given me life, who was I to take it away?"

With renewed faith, Pavel started over. He found work, met a woman, and together they built a family. But as life grew busy, he drifted from God once again. When his relationship fell apart, he turned to alcohol for comfort — until his reckless choices led him to prison.

There, a fellow inmate invited him to a Bible study. To his astonishment, it was led by Johann — the same man who had once given him a Bible in the hospital!

“That was no coincidence,” Pavel says.

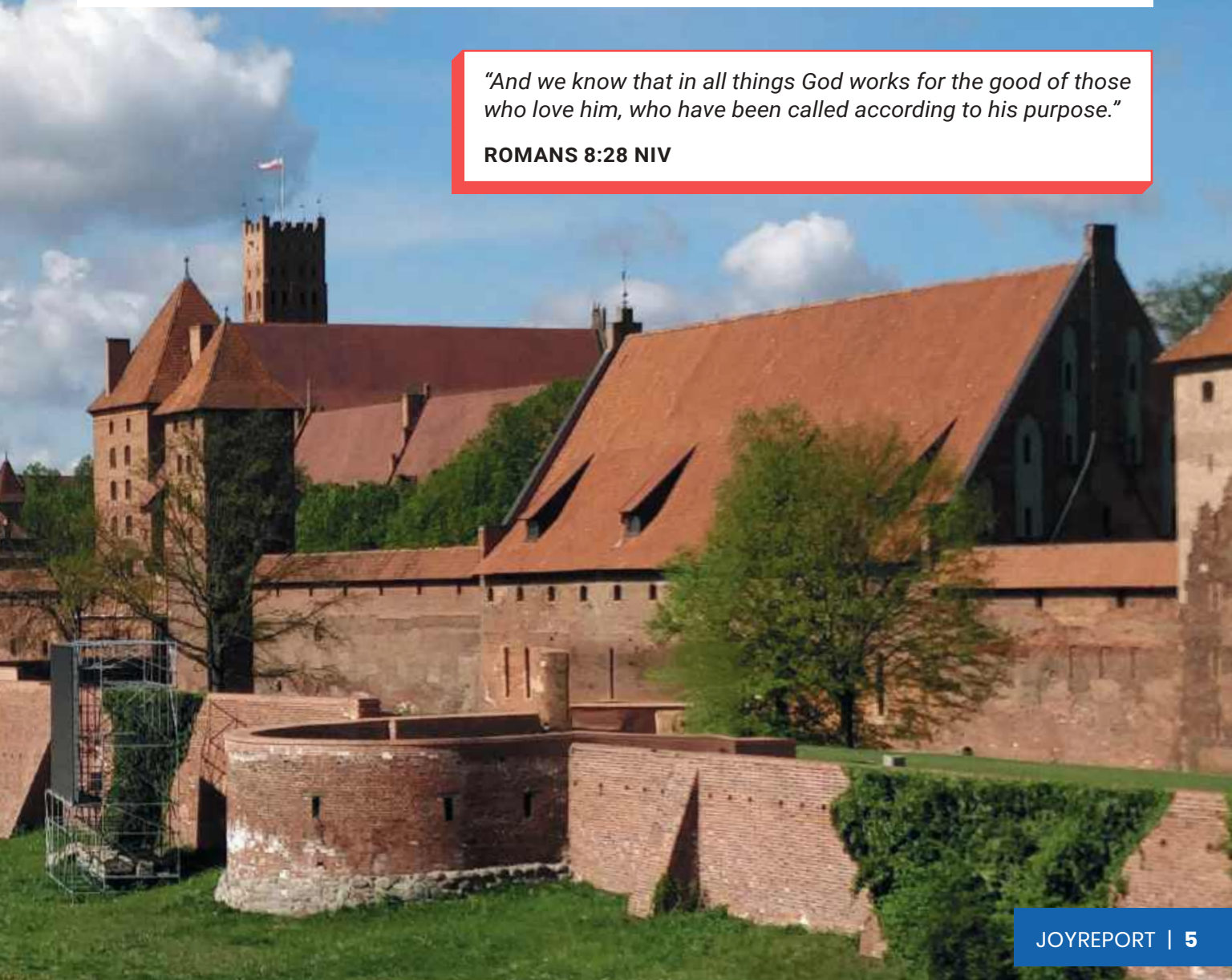
He began studying Scripture again, and as the Word took root in his heart, he fully surrendered his life to Jesus. Johann organized a baptism ceremony inside the prison. Pavel and another inmate publicly declared their faith through baptism.

“Peace, joy, and hope returned to me that day,” Pavel shares. “Now, with Jesus in my heart, I trust God to guide my life. I will study, pray, and never leave Him. I will follow the Lord until the end of my days.”

Thanks to your support in January, Bibles are reaching those who need them most. Johann received a supply of Bibles for his prison ministry in Poland — equipping more inmates like Pavel with the truth of God’s Word. The Living Word transforming lives!

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

ROMANS 8:28 NIV



Faith that Heals

Fauzia grew up in a small rural village. The expectation for her was to care for the home and raise children. Instead of attending school, she spent her childhood tending to her younger siblings while her parents worked, never imagining that life could be any different.

When Fauzia married Baldeep, she embraced her role as a wife and mother with joy. Soon, she had three beautiful children, and her days were filled with the simple pleasures of watching them grow and thrive. But in the blink of an eye, her happiness turned to heartbreak.

Her eldest son fell ill, and before long, the sickness spread to the other two children. They became weak. Their once-bright faces turned pale, unable to eat or drink. Eventually, they struggled to move on their own.

Desperate, Fauzia and Baldeep sought help from healers, offering sacrifices and following rituals, while clinging to any hope of a cure. They watched in despair as their children's condition remained unchanged.

Even as hopelessness pressed down on her, Fauzia joined an Adult Literacy Class that had recently started in the village. The lessons were a good distraction from her worry, but gradually, something began to shift. She learned to read, write, and do basic math — opening doors she had never known existed. Everyday tasks like buying groceries and navigating public transport became easier, and for the first time in her life, she felt a sense of confidence and independence.

One evening, Omaja, the Literacy Class teacher, shared how her faith in Jesus had carried her through difficult times. Her words stirred something in Fauzia, and she found herself confiding in Omaja about her children's battle



"And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

JOHN 14:13 NIV

with illness. Gently, Omaja placed a hand on her shoulder and prayed for healing. Then, thanks to your support, she was able to give Fauzia a Bible, encouraging her to read it and seek God's comfort.

Together, they continued to pray. Almost immediately, something remarkable happened — her children began to recover. Their strength returned, their energy revived, and before long, they were completely healed!

Fauzia and Baldeep were in awe. They could not deny that Jesus had done what no healer or offering could. They began seeking Him, praying earnestly, and attending church. Though they had been raised to distrust Christianity, their fears faded as they experienced God's power firsthand. They knew they needed Jesus as their Lord and Saviour!

Fauzia continued her literacy studies. She attended a health training that introduced her to essential vitamins that could boost immunity and improve digestion to keep her children strong and healthy. It was a stark contrast to the superstitions she had once followed, and she was grateful for the knowledge she had gained.

Today, Fauzia's family is thriving — happier, healthier, and filled with hope. Following Jesus has brought them immense peace and joy, and they are deeply grateful for the change He has brought into their lives.

Breaking Barriers

Narcisa, a dedicated pastor in Guatemala, has witnessed firsthand how her ministry has transformed not only the lives of those in her community but also her own perspective on reaching the lost. Through years of serving, she has come to deeply understand the daily struggles and spiritual needs of the people around her. More than ever, she recognizes the urgency of sharing the message of salvation with truth, compassion, and love.

The training and equipping Narcisa received, made possible through your generosity, strengthened her ministry. She has learned how to implement outreach programs with intention, engage with people in a meaningful way, and identify the unique needs of her community. She serves with a heart focused on love and service, ensuring that each interaction reflects the love of Christ.

When she first stepped into leadership, Narcisa faced a daunting challenge—restoring trust and unity between the church leaders. She knew that true leadership was not about control but about service, and through patience and humility, she worked to demonstrate guidance rooted in love, respect, and Christ-centered wisdom.



For Narcisa, starting a new church is not just a task; it's a calling. She believes every community should have the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

One of the most powerful aspects of her ministry is the number of children who attend church services. Many of these children come alone, sent by parents who remain hesitant to engage with the church. But Narcisa sees this as an opportunity—by equipping and investing in the kids in her congregation, she is slowly transforming how their parents view the church. She firmly believes that through the faith of these young ones, entire families will come to know Jesus!

Narcisa stands firm in her faith, trusting that God is at work in her community. She prays with confidence that hearts will continue to be softened, lives will be changed, and His message of hope will spread further than she could ever imagine.

"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be..."

1 PETER 5:2a NIV

"I have no Bible."

A new believer confessed her sins and received Jesus as her Saviour! She asked the pastor, **"Is there a Bible for me?"**

He sadly shook his head; he did not have one to give her. "Hopefully, soon."

Her extended family, and other people in the village, mocked her newfound faith and harassed her for turning away from their ancestral traditions. Her employer fired her from her job. But the more hostility she faced, the stronger she grew in her faith. "I am living for the Lord and I will not turn back."

This new believer is at the beginning of her spiritual journey, in a hostile place, with no Bible.

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