

# *the* Bulletin

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**THE WORD  
IS ALIVE**

**In UK sport clubs  
and schools**



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# Welcome

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## About Biblica

The mission of Biblica is to provide the Bible in accurate, contemporary translations and formats so that more people around the world will have the opportunity to be transformed by Jesus Christ.

## We are Biblica Europe

We are part of the worldwide Biblica family. Biblica Europe's task is to reach people with God's Word throughout Europe, Central Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

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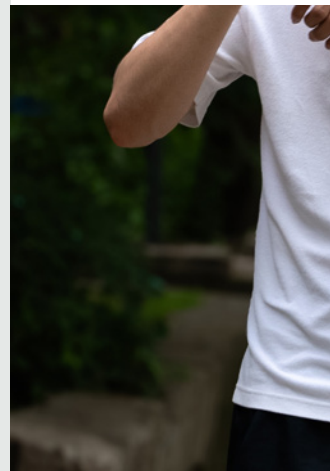
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Dear friends,

**I'm very pleased to introduce our summer Bulletin for 2025.**

We're all living in increasingly turbulent and challenging times. But thanks to your compassionate prayers and generous support, we've seen God's Word bless the nations in so many ways since our last update.

In the following pages, you'll find powerful testimonies of God's goodness that you helped make possible.

He is reaching into sports clubs and schools across the UK (p.4-5). He's healing trauma in MENA women through His Gospel of love (p.6-7). He's captivating youth in tightly restricted Central Asia (p.8-9). And He's giving hope to more of the soldiers fighting in the trenches of eastern Ukraine (p.10).

We're humbled by the ways God is using our ministry to serve people most in need across the world.

And we can't do any of it without your faithful prayers and generous giving – thank you! I hope this issue inspires you in your continued partnership with Biblica.

Yours in Christ,

*Geof Morin*

President/CEO, Biblica

Young people (identities protected) in Kazakhstan holding their printed Bibles





# The Word is alive in UK sports clubs and schools!

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## Hope is being shared in community spaces in England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland

Through the creative endeavours of a long-standing Biblica partner, people across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are receiving God's powerful message of love in key civic spaces.

Good News For Everyone, formerly Gideons UK, has distributed 500,000 free NIV New Testaments over the last year, licensed through Biblica, in public spaces like hotels, hospitals, schools, clubs, and public services.

Messages of hope are even reaching behind bars in prisons, facilitated by a motivated national team of 500 volunteers. And special efforts to reach school children and sports clubs in new ways are also bearing incredible fruit.

## Badged for Jesus

With 160,000 registered sporting organisations and clubs across the UK and 30 million men, women and children as members, Good News For Everyone is seizing an exciting opportunity to reach new audiences with the Word.

In partnership with Sports Chaplaincy, many sports clubs have given permission for their badges to be printed on the cover of New Testament editions, making them more attractive to their players, members, and staff.

Ben Worth, Support Services lead at Good News For Everyone said:

*"We've produced New Testaments with football club badges on the front. Working with Sports Chaplaincy, we've managed to work with hundreds of clubs now, which is great news".*

## Reaching youth

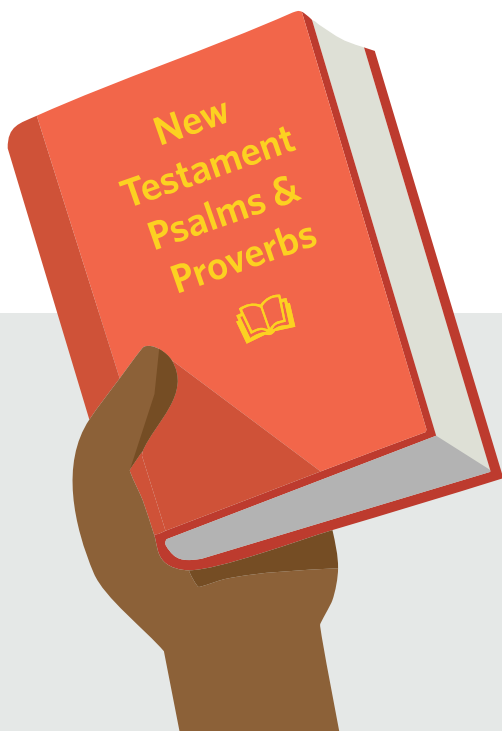
By partnering with Biblica to use our NIV translation, Good News For Everyone is reading the times and creatively supplying a growing hunger for the Word among young people, using a Youth Testament designed for children and teens to read.

The growing secularisation of UK schools and new policies limiting the distribution of faith resources has presented a challenge to Christian charities looking to share the Gospel with young people in education.

But what we might see as a closed door, God often considers an opportunity. And there's a 'Quiet Revival' stirring in the UK...

With all Church of England schools holding a cathedral presentation to celebrate their students completing Year 6, rather than go into schools directly, Good News For Everyone has been able to attend these gatherings and give out free copies, circumventing the red tape.

As these young people prepare to go into Secondary School and experience the next step in their education journey and early life – they'll go with God's Word in their hands.



## *Impacting culture through Scripture*

Through your giving, we create and deploy Bibles in accessible formats which have the most impact in the communities and spaces our partners work in. Biblica is passionate about partnering with ministries which make a real difference on the ground.



Please consider supporting Biblica with a regular donation so we can continue producing life-changing Bible translations, formats, and resources. Your gift will be used to spread God's Word in our streets, schools, and communities.

# Trauma healing through Scripture

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## Gospel-focused therapy is providing powerful healing

With your help, lives are being radically transformed in the Middle East and North Africa thanks to unique Biblical trauma counselling and treatment.

Operating in 13 MENA countries including Algeria, Sudan and Iraq, with a special focus on women, teams of trained trauma therapist's from Biblica partner **MENA Trauma Healing and Resource Centre (THRC)** are ministering to the victims of extreme abuse and neglect – offering a new hope, in the name of Jesus.

### More than just forgiveness

Conflict and cultural and social injustices in the region have led to hundreds of thousands of women experiencing extreme violence and domestic abuse.

For many, healing is far more complex than a brave decision to forgive past hurts. Trauma runs deep, leaving psychological scars and emotional damage.

The Trauma Healing and Resource Centre is familiar with seeing many women left struggling with debilitating mental health conditions, including anxiety, depression, and hopelessness.

*“We believe healing belongs to all”*

By your powerful partnership with Biblica, the Trauma Healing team is being resourced to provide strategic, culturally-appropriate Bible-focused trauma healing workshops and online content, alongside practical distribution of food and shelter, to minister to displaced women and their families.

Importantly, they are addressing the invisible wounds of the mind and spirit by sharing the love of Christ and His promises through his Word.



## From Syria to Sweden – Mona's\* testimony

Mona\*, a young Syrian Kurdish woman and a Muslim Background Believer (MBB), endured a challenging childhood with significant domestic conflict.

Fleeing the cultural threat of violence, Mona's family was constantly on the move in the Middle East before eventually coming to Europe. Early life trauma and displacement led to significant psychological distress for Mona, and she first experienced a depressive episode at age 12.

Some years later and living in Sweden, Mona's chronic depression led her to fall behind in her studies. She struggled to find a job.

But your support made it possible for Mona to receive the help she desperately needed.

Through Trauma Healings' online therapy sessions, counsellors diagnosed Mona with PTSD and sensitively began to unpack her story. They found that she held distorted beliefs about herself and God, shaped by her poor mental health.

By enabling trauma-informed Christian counselling, you have helped start Mona's healing journey. She is now smiling again, encouraged by the truth of God's love through his Word.

## AT A GLANCE

### THRC IMPACT Q1, 2025

THRC is reaching millions of people through specially-created Biblical media content, online training, and 1:1 therapy. They are seeing incredible growth and engagement with their services, both online and in-person.

**4M** individuals reached with social media and podcast content

**66K**  
content interactions

**32K**  
new followers

**1,230**  
messages received  
and responded to

**123**  
trained  
facilitators

**320** in-person Christian counselling sessions, with 70 people receiving online sessions

### Please pray for ...

- THRC's lay counsellors in high-risk areas
- participants discovering God's healing
- open doors in new regions
- God's wisdom and safety for THRC leaders, counsellors, and trainers.

# Young people in Central Asia want printed Bibles!

## Teens are being filled with a passion for physical copies of Scripture

With your support, Biblica's outreach teams are sharing the Gospel with spiritually hungry young people in the restrictive nations of Central Asia.

### Strategic ministry to reach the unreachable

Bibles are extremely difficult to obtain in Central Asian nations, out of reach for most people.

And life is tough for the 60 million people who live across the rugged, 4 million square kilometers of open plains and spectacular mountain ranges.

### Hope is desperately needed.

Just 0.1% of the population is thought to know Jesus due to state faith restrictions, and daily life in the five 'Stans' – Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan – is tightly controlled.

*"We have so few Christian resources. If a person wants to have a Bible, even if he has the money, there is no chance for him to buy a Bible. If you brought 10,000 Bibles to our country tomorrow, they would be gone". (Damir\*, Biblica missionary partner)*

Spurred on by the promise of God's provision, and a heart to see His Kingdom come in all nations, our partners on the ground are using tactical evangelism to reach people and share the love of Christ.



## Young people have a passion for the Word

But against this difficult, repressive backdrop, as they encounter our missionary partners, hope is stirring through a growing spiritual curiosity among youth communities for Scripture.

Thousands of young people are encountering the Word of God for the first time, at specially planned meetings and conferences. Thanks to your support, Biblica is printing contemporary translations with a youth-focused design which are being placed into eager hands at these events.

A generation typically more used to scrolling on their mobile phones are showing a real eagerness and hunger for physical copies of the Word.

Damir, a passionate evangelist from our mission partners on the ground in Central Asia explains:

*"For some reason in Central Asia, all these young people, they want to have a printed Bible and read it. There is a myth that young people only want to read the bible on mobile devices, but our young people want printed Bibles. We are really grateful to Biblica for partnering with us".*

## Thousands of Bibles gladly received

At one recent youth conference, held in a safe location where young people from the region could attend without repercussions, Spirit-filled teens took 10,000 Bibles in a matter of days. At another gathering, 3,000 Bibles were quickly put in more eager hands.

One zealous teen earnestly asked for a water baptism, even though he is forced to study the Scriptures in secret from his Muslim parents.

The teenagers mostly come from communities where the Christian church is underground. They were overjoyed to connect with so many other Jesus followers in one place at the same time.

Damir shares his excitement about the youth response:

*"When we started our partnership with Biblica, I was kind of underestimating the power of the Bible in youth ministry. But when we brought the first 10,000 Bibles, with a youth design and this contemporary translation, to a youth conference, within the few days all 10,000 were gone."*

Pray for the young people of Central Asia, who are hearing about Jesus through their own precious new Bibles.

\*Names have been changed to protect identities

**Will you help us print more contemporary Bibles to reach these spiritually hungry young people? Please consider making a gift to enable this important Kingdom work.**

# Waterproof Bibles for soldiers

## Update

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### Waterproof Bibles

In our last Bulletin we mentioned that, thanks to your support, tired but resolute Ukrainian soldiers fighting in trenches have had their spirits lifted after receiving special, new waterproof Bibles.

Made possible by clever designs and the latest printing technology, 20,000 pocket-sized, resilient Bibles were produced and the last copies of this batch have now been delivered by road to Ukraine.

We're pleased to share good news, which is the result of both your generosity and the courage of our partners, Bridges of Hope and Steiger International, on the ground in war-torn Donetsk and Kharkiv.

### First Bibles received!

The first copies reached Ukrainian soldiers earlier this year, but the remainder of the shipment took place in May.

Arriving first in Medias, Romania, a small crew from Bridges of Hope travelled into Ukraine by lorry. On arrival they met with key faith and political leaders, and distributed Bibles to military personnel and volunteer chaplains.

Local churches are being encouraged and emboldened, and military chaplains strengthened and equipped, with spirits stirred by the fruit they are seeing. Over the past month, approximately 600 soldiers have heard the Gospel for the first time, and 200 have accepted Jesus Christ into their hearts.

Thank God for this incredible resource and the spiritual harvest being witnessed!

### More work to do

Many more soldiers have not yet received the Good News. Battle still rages and young men and women need hope now more than ever.

We are standing with Steiger as they seek funding to print 10,000 more combat Bibles, which are planned to be delivered in the next phase of this important mission.

### Pray for this mission

Lift up Steiger and Bridges of Hope in your prayers, particularly for funding for more waterproof Bibles, the military personnel who receive them, and safety for our partner's teams.

# Your place in the mission

If you share our passion to bring God's Word to everyone, everywhere, there are lots of ways you can help make it happen!



## Keep informed

Each month we share a short story by email about the life-changing impact God's Word is having around the world. We'd love you to be included.

Email [europa@biblica.com](mailto:europa@biblica.com), sign up on our website, or send back the enclosed form, and we'll make sure you receive the latest news.

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## Pray

Praying for this work makes you a partner in everything God's doing to reach and speak to people through His Word.

Please pray for our translation teams and our partners who help people access and use new Bible materials. Pray that every day many are freed and transformed through encountering Jesus in Scripture.



## Give a gift

We can't do anything without funding, so giving a gift is a great way to invest in this mission. Your gift will help to translate and take God's Word to people in hard-to-reach places.

If you'd like to help, please fill in the enclosed form and send it back to us, or give a gift online at [www.biblicaeurope.com/donate](http://www.biblicaeurope.com/donate)



## Help to break new ground with a regular gift

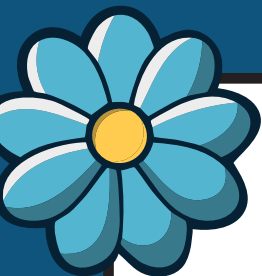
To really invest in the mission, you can set up a regular gift. Reliable monthly income allows us to plan new innovations, translations and much-needed resources. Even £15 per month would make a big difference to our progress.

You can set up a standing order easily through your own internet banking – our account details are: Biblica Europe Ministries Trust, Danske Bank, Sort code: 95-01-21, Account no: 80552763. Choose the amount and frequency that suits you.

Please call us on +44 (0)28 9073 5875 to let us know you've done this.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING IN...  
**SO ALL WILL KNOW.**

For the first time, we've included something for our younger readers! Here you'll find a word search packed with words and phrases from across this Bulletin. See how many you can find!



# Wordsearch

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