

LIVING STREAMS

Committed giving to persecuted Christians

Strengthen suffering Christians through the gift of a Bible



Rachel, a 61-year-old grandmother, receives strength from reading her Bible in a displaced people camp.

“Strengthen me according to your word” (Psalm 119:28)

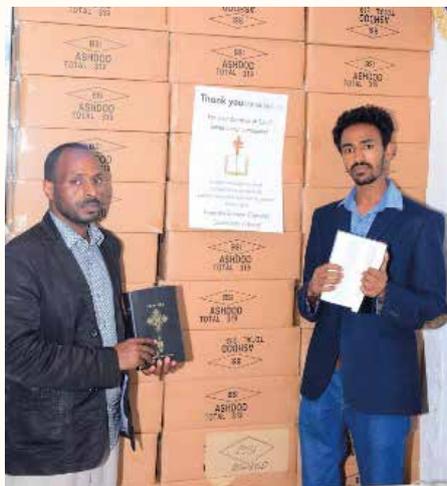
“Two of my neighbours were shot and killed ... We had to leave everything we owned and run for our lives,” said “Rachel”, describing the moment she was forced to flee her home village in South-East Asia, when it was bombed by the military. Since then Rachel has lived in a camp for displaced people, where she cares for her ten grandchildren.

Barnabas Fund provided Bibles for Rachel and many other believers in the camp. Now they find it easier to build themselves up in their faith and **strengthen** one another to cope with daily pressures and continuing dangers.

You can **strengthen** the faith of persecuted Christians like Rachel through the gift of a Bible. **“I am very happy,” she says. “Through this Bible, my life will change again.”**

Nearly 30,000 Eritrean Christians fled severe persecution in their homeland, and now struggle to survive in a country where they sought refuge. Poor housing, low pay, hunger and sickness are the norm. Their future is uncertain. Many of the men have been interned for periods, which they believe is an attempt to “break their

spirits”. But the gift of a Bible in their language, Tigrinya, will bring comfort and hope. “I am writing with deep joy and gratitude,” wrote one Eritrean to Barnabas Fund after a consignment of Bibles arrived, “Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”



The Bibles in these boxes will bring strength and joy to persecuted Eritrean Christians

In times of affliction, pressure or persecution, how much **strength** a believer can gain by reading the Word of God! But many suffering Christians do not have a copy of the Bible. Some are too poor. Some escaped danger

or violence, and could not take their Bibles with them when they fled. Some live in countries where the authorities seize and confiscate the Christian Scriptures whenever they find them.



A delivery of Bibles for South Sudanese refugee pastors in Uganda. Previously they were ministering to thousands of fellow-refugees in Uganda without even a copy of God’s Word

There are Christians – even pastors – who have nothing but hand-written copies of certain Bible passages. There are others who share one copy of the Bible between a whole congregation or village.


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“Streams of living water will flow from deep within the person who believes in me” (John 7:38)

By joining Living Streams you can become part of a continuous life-flow helping Christians living with pressure and persecution. You can help to strengthen the faith of suffering Christians by investing in the gift of a Bible every month. Whether they are enduring severe poverty, discrimination, upheaval or victimisation, when persecuted Christians receive God’s Word in their own language it is like “living water” restoring parched souls.

The typical cost of one Bible is **\$10**. But you can help **strengthen** Christians by the precious gift of Scriptures for any regular donation, large or small.

If you commit to regular monthly giving for Bibles and Scriptures, you will receive a twice-yearly newsletter telling how your gifts are changing lives.

To **strengthen** Christians with the gift of God’s Word you can visit our website **barnabasfund.org/livingstreams**

For further information about Living Streams contact the Barnabas Fund Sponsorship Team at: P.O. Box 276018, Manukau City, Auckland, 2241, email sponsorship@barnabasfund.org, phone 09 280 4385.

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In the last three years Barnabas helped provide over **200,000** Bibles and Scriptures in **12** languages in **9** countries across the world



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