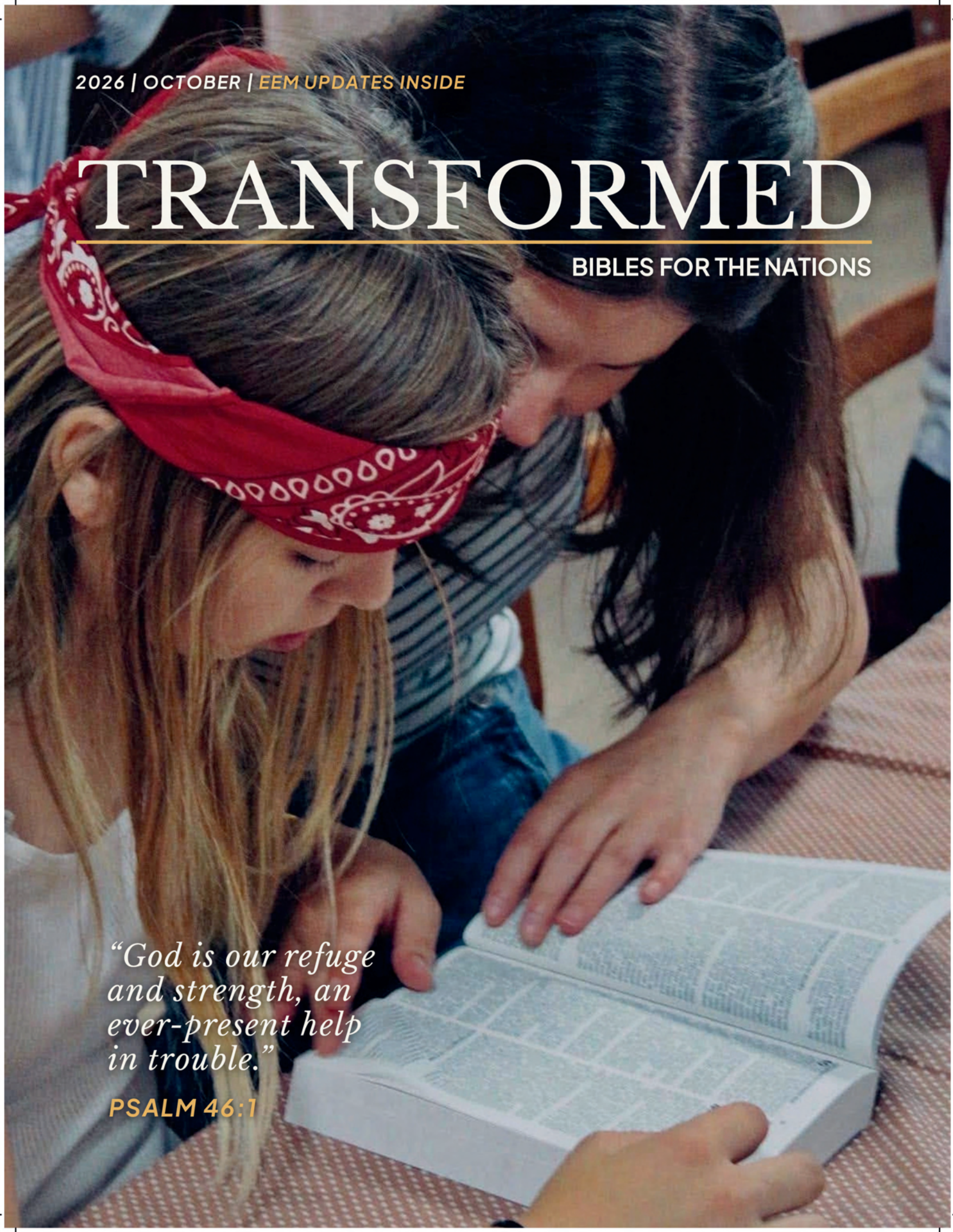

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"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
PSALM 46:1

RUSSIA

One "Small" Gift

How can one Bible make an impact?

*Names changed to protect identity of Bible recipients.





ALEXSANDR'S + ANASTASIA'S BAPTISM
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> *"Back then we didn't yet understand how much this small gift turned out to be big because it changed our entire lives!*
>
> ANASTASIA • RUSSIA

How does one Bible change lives forever? Read this incredible testimony from a woman named Anastasia.* See how a single Bible changes everything.

"Our journey to the faith was very much thanks to the opportunity to get the Bible!

"Unexpectedly, we received a 'small' gift that at the time didn't seem 'big' to us. In 2023, we were traveling around the Elbrus mountain region. Alexsandr was climbing Mount Elbrus, and I went with him to enjoy the beauty of the mountains, breathe in the clean air, and support him.*

"One evening, as we were returning after dinner, we met two young people. They stopped us and asked a simple question: 'Do you believe in God?' We replied that we did, but honestly admitted that we had never studied this topic in depth and had never read the Bible. Then they gave us a book called the New Testament. We thanked them, and each of us went our own way.

"When we got home, we put the book on the bookshelf for almost two years. In 2025, Alexsandr began to have questions about the meaning of life, faith, and God. He started looking for answers, took the New Testament from the shelf. He contacted the address in it and received a free EEM Bible. He started reading it and we discussed it together. Gradually, the desire to get to know God grew stronger. We started looking for a community of people who believed in God and found a church in our city.

***"On May 1, 2025, we were baptized.** For us, this became a conscious decision to dedicate our lives to God and follow Christ. Today, we continue to study the Scriptures, grow spiritually, and thank God for the fact that one day we encountered people who gave us the New Testament and full Bible! Back then, we didn't yet understand how much this small gift turned out to be big because it changed our entire lives! We can clearly see now that it was how the Lord led us to Himself."*



CLOWNS WITH A MISSION PASSING OUT EEM BIBLES
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CLOWNS FOR CHRIST

MULTIPLE CITIES, UKRAINE



HOSPITAL PROGRAM · UKRAINE
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> *"The memories of the children's joyful eyes and the sight of adults walking away holding Bibles in their hands are the best proof that this mission had deep spiritual meaning.*
>
> CLOWNS WITH A MISSION · UKRAINE

For children growing up amid the challenges of life in Ukraine, a day filled with laughter, games, and encouragement can be a gift. This summer, a team of eight volunteers from *Clowns with a Mission* traveled across western Ukraine with a simple but powerful message: **You Are Special.**

Over two weeks, the team visited eight cities and towns, hosting 11 *Festivals of Joy* and bringing special programs to children in two hospitals. Through clown performances, giant soap bubbles, inflatable castles, archery, and bracelet making, nearly **1,500 children experienced a day of joy and connection.** Woven throughout each event was the message of Jesus Christ and the reminder that every child is uniquely loved by their Creator. Thanks to EEM, that message could travel home with them. Each child received a gift pack containing Christian coloring books and beautifully illustrated children's Bibles. Adults who attended the festivals also had the opportunity to receive Bibles, allowing parents, grandparents, and guardians to take God's Word home with them, too.

The festivals ended, and the volunteers continued to the next town, but the seeds planted that day remained. Through the partnership of *Clowns with a Mission* and EEM, children and families across western Ukraine received the opportunity to discover God's love through His Word.

Thank you for helping put God's Word into the hands of children and families who need its hope.

NOVOVORONEZH, RUSSIA

The Book that Unites

A camp for children with special needs.

20
children received their first Bible during the first trip

24
more children received personal copies on the second trip

25
additional children were reached at the final camp



CAMP ATTENDEES · NOVOVORONEZH, RUSSIA
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This summer, something beautiful happened at a series of sports camps for children with special needs.

Because of your support, every single child left with something they had never owned before: **their very own Bible.**

There were no overlooked moments. No child left unseen. Each Bible was placed into their hands personally—turning a simple gift into something deeply meaningful.

At the *Yezhi* (hedgehogs) camp, what began as a partnership became something more. These illustrated Bibles for Young Readers brought a sense of peace, joy, and spiritual warmth into the lives of children who needed it most. For many of them—especially the young swimmers—this wasn't just a book. It was encouragement. It was light. It was something they could carry home and hold onto.

Sixty-nine children received God's Word—each one a reminder that they are seen, known, and loved.

This is what your generosity does. It doesn't sit on shelves. It reaches hands, hearts, and homes—bringing faith, hope, and love to families who will carry it forward every day.



> *"Thanks to [EEM's] generosity, our sports camps for children with special needs at the Yezhi (hedgehogs) camp in Ramoni were filled with a special spiritual warmth.*
>
> GOOD WORKS FOUNDATION · NOVOVORONEZH, RUSSIA

TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA

Books kept Moving

Bibles beyond Romania

All across Romania, EEM books are finding their way into places we might not expect, thanks to your support.

In a Romanian marketplace, someone stops at a stand displaying Bibles. They browse the books, find one in a language they can understand, and discover they can take it home completely free of charge. It's a simple encounter, but one that opens the door for God's Word to reach another person.

Over the past few months, EEM partners have been carrying Christian books into schools, orphanages, festivals, and communities, sharing them with people in need throughout Romania. In Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Târgu Mureș, Mediaș, and surrounding communities, Bible stands are in parks, marketplaces, fairs, and even at the entrance to the Târgu Mureș Zoo.

There is something beautiful about watching these books move: from a printing press, to a partner, to a table in a Romanian park, and finally into someone's hands.

Now, they are traveling throughout Moldova, Transylvania, and the historic region of Regat, offering hope during a difficult and uncertain time.

But there are still people waiting. Our partners continue to receive requests for Bibles in both Romanian and Hungarian—people seeking Scripture in a language they can understand.

You can help us answer those requests.



CHILD WITH THE BIBLE · TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA
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The books are traveling throughout the regions of Moldova, Transylvania, and the Old Kingdom (Regat), spreading light during this dark and seemingly hopeless period of history.

EEM CHURCH PARTNER · TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA



MARTA · POŽEGA, CROATIA
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JAKOV · CROATIAN–BOSNIAN BORDER
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POŽEGA, CROATIA

Crossing Borders in Faith

An unexpected miracle

This story is not from 1961. It happened weeks ago.

Whenever Marta* and Jakov* visit Croatia, they meet with EEM partners to receive Bibles and Christian materials to carry back across the Croatian–Bosnian border. But transporting large quantities of literature across the border can be challenging: customs officials often flag Bibles.

On their most recent trip, Marta and Jakov approached the border with a trunk full of Bibles. They had experienced confiscations before, so when a customs officer approached their vehicle, their hearts sank. They prepared for the possibility that the Bibles might not make it through.

Then, unexpectedly, the officer turned to his colleagues and said, "*Everything is fine, let them pass!*"

And they did. For Marta and Jakov, it was another reminder that God was making a way.

They continued into Bosnia carrying the very Word people had been waiting to receive. By the end of the journey, **55 Bibles, 35 Teen Bibles, 90 Children's Bibles, and 50 Coloring Books** had crossed the border and found their way into waiting hands.

Each one represents an opportunity for someone to encounter God through His Word—in a language they can understand and in a place where Scripture is needed.

Stories like this are a reminder that the work of getting Bibles into people's hands often involves uncertainty, obstacles, and doors that only God can open.

Please pray for Marta, Jakov, and the other partners serving in Bosnia and Croatia. Pray for boldness, wisdom, and safe passage as they continue carrying God's Word to those who are waiting for it.

*Names changed to protect identity of Bible recipients.

CHIȘINĂU, MOLDOVA

HOPE FOR THE BROKENHEARTED

The Bible for the suffering



CHRISTINA · CHIȘINĂU, MOLDOVA
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JULIA · CHIȘINĂU, MOLDOVA
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> *"Many of these people come seeking help and encouragement. They have experienced deep loss and suffering. Many are without hope and struggle with depression. Some have lost their husbands, children, or other family members because of the war in Ukraine.*
>
> EEM CHURCH PARTNER · MOLDOVA

How can one women's ministry bring eternal hope? Every Friday, more than 85 Ukrainian women gather at a youth center in Moldova. As they paint pictures and enjoy fellowship, they also hear the Gospel. For women carrying grief, loneliness, and uncertainty, these gatherings offer a place to find community and encounter the hope of Christ.

Among them are Julia and Christina, two mothers who each lost their husbands in the war and are now raising two young children alone.

But through this ministry, **both women came to faith in Jesus and began attending church.** They have both been baptized as of August!

Their stories are a powerful reminder that even amid heartbreak, lives can be transformed.

Beyond the weekly gatherings, more than 400 Ukrainian refugee families continue to receive care and encouragement. And each Easter, churches join in public outreach across Moldova, reading Scripture aloud, talking with passersby about Jesus, and placing Bibles into waiting hands.

In a country where so many are searching for comfort and meaning, God's Word is opening doors for people to hear the Gospel and discover His promises for themselves.

Please pray for Julia, Christina, and the families rebuilding their lives after loss, that they find lasting comfort in Christ and hope in the pages of His Word.





200

Bibles provided through your support for children who didn't already have one.

CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA

GLORIA CHURCH COMMUNITY EVENT · CLUJ-NAPOCA, ROMANIA
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Bibles Just in Time

When God answers prayers

When Gloria Church in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, planned a community event for children and their parents, they wanted to do more than offer a fun afternoon. They wanted their neighbors to hear about Jesus.

Around 300 children and 300 adults attended, enjoying games, crafts, and activities before gathering for a performance that shared the Gospel. But one question remained: **What should the children take home?**

They considered sweets and small prizes, but wanted to give them something that could make a lasting difference. Then came the idea: **What if every child could take home God's Word?**

There was just one problem. The event was only days away, and the church couldn't find children's Bibles in time. After reaching out to EEM, they received wonderful news: **200 Bibles could be provided. Within half an hour, a driver was found who could bring them.**

Thanks to your support, all 200 Bibles went to children who didn't already have one. The church kept the remaining copies to share with other kids from families who might not otherwise have access to Scripture.

Sweets would soon be gone, but a Bible could remain in a home for years, ready to be opened by a child, parent, or sibling.

The event lasted one day. But God's Word went home with 200 children, opening the door for entire families to encounter Scripture.

Please pray that these Bibles will take root in the hearts of the children who received them and that their families will discover the lasting hope found in Jesus.



VEĽKÉ KAPUŠANY, SLOVAKIA
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VEĽKÉ KAPUŠANY, SLOVAKIA

Light in Great Darkness

The reality of the work we accomplish

When we picture ministry, we might imagine a church building, a Sunday school class, or a smiling child receiving a Bible. But sometimes, ministry looks very different.

In Veľké Kapušany, Slovakia, Marek Gombar and his team from church partners in Pavlovce serve among Roma families facing extreme poverty and heartbreaking circumstances. In some neighborhoods, **even young children are turning to dangerous substances to cope with the reality around them.** For Marek, ministry means stepping into that darkness.

Recently, Marek's team delivered EEM's Bible-based literature to children and families in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Veľké Kapušany. Because the community speaks both Hungarian and Roma-Slovak, the materials were provided in both languages.

For some of these children, Bible stories are entirely new. Through coloring books and Scripture, they are discovering Jesus, and learning that they are seen, known, and loved by God.

Marek says the ministry is growing. More children and adults are encountering Jesus and engaging with God's Word for the first time. As new believers grow in their faith, the need for full Bibles in Slovak and Hungarian is growing, too.

The challenges facing these communities will not disappear overnight. But neither is the light of the Gospel absent.

Sometimes ministry looks like a Bible placed into a smiling child's hands. Other times, it looks like entering a neighborhood marked by poverty and darkness and simply showing up: bringing food, building relationships, opening a coloring book, and telling a child that they are loved by God.

That is what Marek and his team are doing in Slovakia. And through EEM's partners, God's Word is finding its way into places where hope is desperately needed.

Please pray for Marek, his team, and the Roma communities they serve—that His Word will continue to bring light even into the darkest places.

500 years ago...

This was a crime.

William Tyndale gave everything so that ordinary people could read God's Word for themselves, in their own language. Today, 500 years later, we honor his legacy and pay it forward.

Visit eem.org/hopemagazine to answer a request for Bibles.



Five hundred years ago, William Tyndale translated the New Testament into English.

Tyndale believed that every person should have access to and be able to read God's Word for themselves. Not just priests or scholars. Everyone. He gave his life to make that possible. He was hunted, exiled, and ultimately martyred for it.

But the mission he carried did not die with him.

Today, five centuries later, **millions of people around the world are still waiting for a Bible in their own language.** Across Europe and Asia, entire generations are searching for something true.

These aren't Bibles waiting on people. These are people waiting on Bibles.

EEM has been responding to these requests for over sixty years, through a trusted network of international partners who know exactly where Scripture is needed.

Right now, **1.1 million of those requests are still waiting for an answer.**

That's why we are delighted to be launching EEM's 2026 Hope Campaign, where **for just under five dollars, you can place a Bible into the hands of someone who has already asked for it.**

Each one will be delivered to a specific person, in their own language, at the moment they are ready for it.

William Tyndale gave everything he had so people could access Scripture in their own language.

Today, someone in a country you may never visit, is still waiting for God's Word.

You can answer that request. Help us reach 1.1 million people who are still waiting to receive the Bible.

EEM

A gift that keeps giving



Each story you've read is a reminder of what happens when God's Word reaches someone who is waiting for it. You can help make more stories like these possible, today and for generations to come. By remembering EEM in your estate plans, you can help ensure that people and families continue to encounter the Bible.

Planning for the future brings questions, but you don't have to navigate the process alone. Through EEM's relationship with PhilanthroCorp, you can receive personalized guidance to explore your options with confidence.

Whether you're just beginning to consider your plans or ready to take the next step, we're here to help you find an approach that honors your faith, provides for your loved ones, and reflects what matters most to you.

> *"Every story in these pages represents someone who has encountered the hope of God's Word. Thank you for being part of this mission. Together, we can help ensure that this hope reaches generations to come.*

DIRK SMITH, PRESIDENT USA, EEM

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Beautiful New Bibles



BRAND NEW HUNGARIAN BIBLE
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Stay tuned for our next issue

Your generosity has placed new Hungarian Bibles into the hands of our partners in Romania! Read his letter of thanks, **written just for you.**

"I would like to sincerely thank you for the Bibles. The Hungarian copies have arrived, and they are truly beautiful. The hardcover, the quality craftsmanship, and the overall presentation are all excellent.

***"I am sure they will bring great joy to everyone who receives them as a gift.** I also keep a copy on my desk, and whenever I look at it, this beautiful edition brings me joy.*

"Please also convey our sincere gratitude and thanks to EEM's leadership for their support and assistance. We are very much looking forward to continuing our partnership next year, and we will soon complete the spreadsheet for our next order.

"Once again, thank you so much for all your help!"

With gratitude, from a Bible recipient in Romania.