

Vision Beyond Borders
Prayer and Praise – January 5, 2018

“Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.”
Psalm 106:1

Greetings!

One month ago, Vision Beyond Borders began a project we knew could only be completed through the Lord's provision. Our goal was to raise \$60,000 in 31 days to bring 10,000 Urdu Bibles to Pakistan. For years, we have seen a great need for the Word of God among believers and unbelievers alike. Over the last month, we had the opportunity to share stories of change in Pakistan. As more and more people in Pakistan hear the Truth of Jesus, we are hearing incredible stories of faith in Christ, and also stories of immense persecution. We are so grateful for your response to these testimonies and to the call of Jesus. Because of your prayers and support, we not only met our goal of \$60,000, but we exceeded it. Within the last month, you helped raise almost \$80,000 to bring Bibles to Pakistan!

We are overjoyed by your gracious help and cannot wait to hear the powerful testimonies of those who receive Bibles. We have a vision for the Gospel to spread and form deep roots in this oppressive country. We believe the Lord will strengthen believers in their faith and touch the lives of thousands of unreached Muslims. Thanks to your incredible support, we now have the privilege to reach even more Pakistani people with the Word of God, and plan to bring 12,000 Bibles into the country.

From all of us here at Vision Beyond Borders and on behalf of those who will receive a Bible, we want to thank you for all you've done to see this goal accomplished. We are honored to be working with partners so passionate about sharing the message of Jesus, and we truly could not have completed this project without you. Thank you and praise be to God!

Prayer Requests

- This February, we need YOUR help to bring hundreds of Bibles into closed Southeast Asian countries! We invite you to prayerfully consider signing up for a trip that will truly change lives forever. Your work will plant a seed as you share the good news of Christ. To take your first step, please visit visionbeyondborders.org/trip-schedule.
- According to a BBC article, many refugees are returning to their homes in the Middle East. As the refugees travel back, please pray the Lord will give them strength and peace. Millions have lost everything and thousands will return to destroyed homes. Thank you for lifting up refugees around the world!

Praise Reports

- In a closed Southeast Asian country, one VBB pastor ministers to people through coffee! He opened a café that offers free English classes to all ages. He told one of our contacts,

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“We focus on developing a relationship with the people, which then leads to trust. It is then that we have the opportunity to evangelize to the people and tell them about Jesus.” Praise the Lord for the opportunity to share the Gospel!

- Our contact in the red-light district in India recently shared that many trafficked girls have asked to worship in the Hindi and Marathi languages. Praise the Lord! Over the next three months, our contact will organize services so these women can worship in their own language. What a joy it is to bring His light to this dark place!
- Thank you to all our partners whose prayers and generous giving are bringing the Romania safe house to fruition! You are helping to protect vulnerable girls and share the message of Jesus Christ. Thank you! To learn more about the Romania safe house, please visit [visionbeyondborders.org/romania-halfway-house](http://www.visionbeyondborders.org/romania-halfway-house).
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-40460126>
- Our contacts in Southeast Asia smuggled hundreds of Bibles into closed countries. They’ve shared the Gospel with contacts, pastors, unbelievers, and witnessed a true hunger for Jesus. Please pray the Lord guides them safely through borders as they continue carrying Bibles into these areas.

Current Needs **Child Sponsorship**

Looking for a new way to serve this year? Support a child! With your help, Vision Beyond Borders shares the Gospel and provides food, school supplies, and a home to hundreds of children in closed Southeast Asian countries. Want to learn more? Visit visionbeyondborders.org/children or email maureen@visionbeyondborders.org. Thank you for your prayer and support!