



Dear supporters of Mission Without Borders,

As 2012 begins, and we reflect on the last year, instability and uncertainty are definitely the most apt ways to characterise Europe. Western Europe is faltering and our field countries in Eastern Europe are trembling and looking on with dread as they see this instability further destabilise their lives. It would be easy to lose hope, to look at the instability and forget we have an Almighty God who was, is and will always be in control. I know our field countries are coming across tremendous need everywhere they turn, but they are also treasuring the privilege and opportunity to share the Gospel, the promise of salvation and an eternity without the instability that is currently overwhelming Europe. Thank you for your partnership in this wonderful ministry. Your care, concern, prayer, practical and financial support are so much appreciated. We simply could not undertake this ministry without your support. As we begin this new year, I would like to say never feel burdened to contribute if you are unable to or feel the Lord wants you to use your resources in other ways. Be encouraged by the stories and support where you can.



Receiving their own Bibles

This month I would like to once again share about the Jubilee Bible Project. Although this project was first launched in 2010 to celebrate our 50th anniversary, our Jubilee year, we want one last push to raise the much needed funds to provide the last of the 1,000,000 Bibles we have promised to our field countries.



Members of the Poiana Church

They have their plans in place, and the churches, schools and universities are waiting with eager expectation and we don't want to let them down. We have a worldwide target of close to 200,000 Bibles to go to reach our ultimate goal of 1,000,000 - can you help us?

We received many stories over the last 18 months of lives changed by this great project. Many new church partnerships have developed and the lives of children, families and the elderly are being transformed by God's Word. God's Word is always needed but at this time of instability in Europe, many are seeking assurance that there is more to life than the one they are going through, which continues to tremble and falter. It is now more than 20 years since communism's fall, but for many they actually preferred and would still prefer the stability of communism. They are now seeing this new democracy, this free market system very much falter, which is leading to great despair. People are more than ever asking the whys about life and seeking hope - can you help us provide that hope through the Jubilee Bible Project?

In choosing a story to share about this great project, I think the following sums up beautifully what can be achieved through partnerships, and how God is using people like you to answer the prayers of believers crying out to the Lord for His Word. Be encouraged!

Poiana village in Moldova has a population of 300 and the local Baptist Church was formed 17 years ago. Since 1995, regular church services and evangelical campaigns have been held. In 2000, the members of the church started to carry out evangelism activities in the neighbouring village of Rujnita. People in Rujnita village were happy to receive Christian literature. Every meeting ended with the same question: *"Do you have any Bibles? We want to read and study the Bible at home, too."* The missionaries from the local church in Poiana understood that people needed not only to hear God's Word, but also to read and reflect on it. They encouraged people in Rujnita village to pray for Bibles. So, every meeting included a special time when the need for Bibles was brought before God in prayer. In their faithfulness, these simple and sincere people did as the Bible taught them. They presented their requests to God by prayer and petition. (Philippians 4:6) Their desire to have their own Bibles was so great that they never grew tired in their requests for Bibles.

Bibles are expensive and their small church could not afford to supply Bibles. The members of the local church also prayed for the chance to spread and share the Good News of the Gospel at the state school in Rujnita village, where there are 290 pupils and 45 teachers.

We have an Almighty God! He heard the sincere and fervent prayers of His children in Rujnita village. He answered their prayers through Mission Without Border's Jubilee Bible Project. In January 2011, Mission Without Borders offered free Bibles to those who had prayed for such a long time for their own personal Bibles. Both Standard and Children's Bibles were delivered to children and adults in Rujnita village. These distributions were also carried out throughout the entire country of Moldova. Giving thanks to God could be heard in so many churches, fellowship



Pupils from Rujnita school

groups and homes as people brought their very own copies of God's Word home. Family devotions are now becoming a central part to many families lives, and we are so thankful we have been able to undertake this project, thanks to your support.

Today, Moldovan people are confused as they witness political and economical instability and things are going from bad to worse. Countries they once admired and hoped to emulate are now crumbling. This European Union they hope to one day join is in strife... So now more than ever, people need to have support and hope for tomorrow.

The Bible Jubilee Project opened a door for the local church in Rujnita village. They had the chance to organise evangelistic outreach to the state school in their village. Many of the children were very interested to hear the Good News about Jesus and about His salvation for the first time. *"I have never had a Children's Bible. I really like it. It is so nice and brightly illustrated. I will read it together with my family. Thank you for such a nice gift,"* said Ira, a first form pupil. Ira was so proud to hold her own Bible in her hands and couldn't wait to read it as soon as it was presented.

All the pupils and teachers were very happy to receive their very own, personal Bibles. Mrs. Rodica Cucer is a geography and biology teacher. She was very happy to receive her own Bible. *"I feel so ashamed, but I recognise that at 40 years of age, I have never read the Bible. I have never held one in my hands before now. Now, I have a Bible for myself. I want to ask you if it is possible to get a Children's Bible for my son. I want him to know about God from a young age. The Communist system drew us far away from God. Now that I have a Bible, I will read it with my*

family. I know that God exists. I know that He watches over our every path and over my family, too. How great He is! I want to read the Bible and to obey everything in it. Thank you very much for this great and precious gift," shared Mrs. Rodica Cucer, with a trembling voice.

Mrs. Svetlana Racila is the vice principal of the school. She really appreciated the delivery of Bibles, warmly thanked Mission Without Borders and the church members responsible for the great meeting and shared, *"On behalf of our school's staff and pupils, I would like to thank you for giving us such a great gift; the Bible. I want to bring sincere words of gratitude to Mission Without Borders for remembering us and for offering us Bibles. I want to thank the church in Poiana for the care they have shown us. Thank you for coming, encouraging us and for feeding and warming our souls. We have received many gifts during our lives, but nobody has given us such a precious gift as this. This is a very precious book for both adults and children. It is an investment in our children. I am sure that this book will change them for the better,"* expressed Mrs. Svetlana Racila.

Alexandru Aftinescu is one of Mission Without Border's CRI coordinators and he is also a member of the local church in Poiana village. He was the representative from Mission Without Borders responsible for organising evangelism in Rujnita village, in partnership with the church in Poiana village. He was very excited by everything that happened there. *"I thank God and Mission Without Borders' supporters for such a great chance to deliver Bibles to children and adults in the village of Rujnita. The Bible Jubilee Project gave us the chance to work with both staff and pupils. After the campaign in Rujnita village, one teacher approached us and asked us to teach*



MWB Coordinator sharing the Gospel





Ira Lesnik reading her own Bible

the pupils some lessons about the Bible and to share the real truths of the Bible with them. It is an encouragement for us to have feedback like this from the school's administration. Mission Without Borders Jubilee Project opened a new door to the local church in Poiana. It also drew them closer to the pupils and teachers. I believe that God's Word will change many lives. May God bless all MWB supporters who

thought about the Moldovan people and offered them the chance to have their own, personal Bibles!" - Alexandru Aftinescu

We are so thankful for the power of God's Word to save and revolutionise lives. It is a privilege to work with Bible-believing, passionate churches and fellowships in all six field countries in ensuring their church members each have copies of God's Word and also have ample copies to hand out to their communities. We have stories from all field countries, but I hope this story of transformation in Moldova encourages you that your generous donations to our Jubilee Bible Project are literally changing lives!

If you can afford to give to this wonderful project, it costs \$8 to put a Bible into the hands of someone who needs to hear

that God exists, cares, loves them and has a plan of salvation for all who put their trust in Him. Our field countries were excited about this Jubilee Bible Project at its outset and are now passionate to see every last one of the 1,000,000 Bibles promised, delivered into the hands of those who need hope. Can you help us?

If you can make the time, pray for this great project. God's Word is being distributed in its thousands. Pray for receptive hearts, ready to accept the message of salvation that they are discovering for the first time and for children, families, the elderly and disabled to change their lives to one of worshipping the Lord, trusting Him with each day and for eternity.

Dates for your Diary

- Please note the Sydney Office/Warehouse will be closed from Friday 23 December and will re-open on Wednesday 11th January, 2012
- The Melbourne 'Workshop' in Dandenong will have their last packing day on Friday 16th December and will reopen each Friday from Friday 3rd February

Upcoming Events in 2012

Melbourne - Sunday 5th February

Working Together - An Invitation from Mission Without Borders In Melbourne

Church Service – Light Lunch – Open Afternoon at The Workshop

Church Service hosted by Mulgrave Church of Christ - 44-60 Jacksons Rd. Mulgrave. (Mel. 80K3)

10am at Stirling College (formerly CCTC)

Give God thanks for 2011, seek His blessing on 2012 and hear about the work of MWB

A light lunch will be served following the service.

Open Afternoon at The Workshop, 1.30 – 3.30 pm - 8 Birch Avenue, Dandenong Nth.

We would really love your company on this day.

Further information: - Jenny Grainger ph 03 9795 6141

Canberra - Saturday 11 February

Mission Without Borders lunch starting 12:30pm

St James Uniting Church,

40 Gillies Street, Curtin

RSVP by February 3 to our Sydney Office on

02 9647 2022 or via email: australia@mwbi.org

2012 Supporter Tour – Romania & Moldova

This sponsor tour has been postponed.

It may go ahead later in 2012 or be delayed until early 2013

– we will keep you posted.

'Gift in Kind – Operation Cover Up' Update



As 2012 gets underway, it is wonderful to reflect on all that was achieved last year and look on with great expectation to what will hopefully be achieved in 2012. We ask for your prayers as the transport company we have been using has been sold and downsized, so we are having trouble getting the goods to us in Sydney and Melbourne. Please pray suitable, inexpensive solutions can be found quickly. Please keep the following things in mind as 2012 begins:

We love your contributions, but there are some important things to keep in mind:

- Our containers go all year round and therefore there is no urgency to get your knitted items to us.
- Many of our Collection Points will take a well-deserved break over Christmas/January.
- Our 'Workshop' in Dandenong does not reopen until February 3.

Therefore:

- Please hold onto your knitted items until the beginning of February if at all possible.
- If you can help us out by being a Collection Point and are especially able to help collect items from the less mobile, we would love to hear from you!

Knitted, Crocheted and handmade items:

• **Blankets – the minimum size of blankets requested is 1.6m x 1.4m**

- These can be knitted by: Size 8 needles, 8 ply yarn, 40 stitches x 80 rows to make 56 squares.
- If you can only contribute a few squares, please send in the squares or talk with a friend about sewing together enough squares for a large blanket.
- If your blankets are smaller than this new size, do not finish them off with an edging, they may be able to be joined with other small blankets or knitted squares.
- If you are able, sewing a backing (using only new material) onto the blankets will provide added warmth.

- **Jumpers** – the older children, teenagers and adults are in greatest need and crew neck patterns are best.
- **We do not send the 'AIDS jumpers'**. These are not suitable for Eastern Europe.
- **Scarves, beanies, and bed socks**
- **Knitted Teddy Bears**
- **Patchwork quilts**
- **All items for sewing, embroidery, knitting and craft activities** - material, wool, needles etc.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW (CUSTOMS REGULATIONS WE MUST ADHERE TO)!

COORDINATORS AND COLLECTION POINTS

Please contact our office, or the nearest collection point listed below, to organise getting your donated goods to us in Sydney or Melbourne.

God bless,

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(Yasmin requests that items be delivered in boxes
wherever possible)

Please Note: You are no longer able to just drop off your donations to Debbi's home!! Please contact her to arrange a time for drop off (now only possible weekends or weekday evenings).



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