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In one night, Adela lost almost everything

Today, through
your support,
she's sheltering
others with
the hope of Jesus



**"The Lord is close to the
broken-hearted and saves those
who are crushed in spirit."**

Psalm 34:18

Bringing real hope into a new year

Hunger, poverty, war. There's no denying the weight many people around the world are carrying right now. Yet every time I read the encouraging stories coming back from our partners in the field, I'm reminded that God is at work in the hardest places – and you're right there with Him.

Your support in 2025 made a real difference. People in rural communities, overcrowded prisons, and church outreach programmes where children are learning about Jesus received God's Word. New leaders were trained. Churches grew stronger. Lives changed. All because you chose to put faith, hope, and love into action.

I often think of Mary's quiet courage in Luke 1 – a young woman carrying the weight of the unknown, yet trusting God completely. Her story feels especially close right now. Across the nations where we serve, there are equally humble, faithful people choosing obedience, choosing joy, and choosing to share God's Word no matter the cost. And you're helping them stand firm.

As we step into this new year, there's so much ahead. New leaders being equipped. New doors opening in communities we couldn't reach before. And the demand for Bibles and training continues to grow.

One story that encouraged me recently came from a woman named Menedor in Burundi, East Africa. After receiving Bible Network training, her church became a place of real spiritual growth – friendships deepened, believers learned the Bible for the first time, and the whole fellowship came alive. She told us, ***"This transformation came as the Bible study took root. We are so grateful for the support that made it possible."***

So as we begin this new year, thank you. Thank you for standing with The Bible Network. Thank you for praying. Thank you for making sure God's Word continues to reach places where it's needed most.



Your partner in sharing God's Word,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John".

John Savage
Director, The Bible Network

Transport appeal update

Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, almost £45,000 was raised through last year's Transport Appeal – an extraordinary response that is strengthening front-line ministry in hard-to-reach places across East Africa, giving pastors the transport they need to ease long journeys and expand their ministry as they share God's Word in remote communities.



Cover image: Adela holds the Bible made possible by your support. Read her story on page 6.



Pastor Garawat passes the torch

Thanks to you, the faith of Bario's next generation is being strengthened

High in the Kelabit Highlands of northern Sarawak in East Malaysia lies Bario – a remote community of around 7,000 people. It can only be reached by a small plane or a long, difficult journey by road through the mountains. The Kelabit people call this place home. Many families plant wet paddy to produce the well-known Bario Rice, while others fish, hunt, or travel to larger towns for work.

In 1973, God moved powerfully among the Kelabit people. A revival swept through the villages and many came to faith – including a young student named Garawat (inset photo). ***"I experienced a peace nobody can describe,"*** he remembers. ***"And a deep love for the Bible. I would spend hours reading into the night."***

A legacy carried forward

More than fifty years later, that legacy continues. Today, Pastor Garawat serves the churches in Bario and is committed to passing the torch of faith to the next generation. ***"Many young people leave Bario for work or study,"*** he explains. ***"Before they go, they need to be grounded in God's Word. If they receive proper teaching and Bible study, they will grow – and when they leave the community, they are not easily influenced."***

He has seen young believers grow in confidence and deepen their faith as they study the Bible together. Your support is helping him equip the next generation. Using Bible Network training and study materials, he shares God's Word in local churches and schools. ***"Thank you for helping provide proper Biblical teaching,"*** he says.

At the 50th anniversary of the revival, the Kelabit community gathered to give thanks for all God has done and to pray that a fresh wave of faith would take deeper root in the next generation.

Pastor Garawat shares his gratitude: ***"People in Bario are hungry for God's Word. I am thankful for The Bible Network's support here. More Bibles are still needed in the most remote areas. My hope is for the ministry in Bario to blossom and bear fruit, and for God's Word to flow like clear streams of water."***

Did you know?

Bario is one of the hardest-to-reach places in East Malaysia, but your support is helping equip local leaders and strengthen churches even here.



Across the rope bridge they come, eager to hear God's Word.

Walking for Jesus

Your compassion helps bring God's love to Nicaragua – one child at a time

In the remote forested mountain communities of Nicaragua, love can be as scarce as food. Many youngsters grow up without a birthday party or even a hug from their mum.

But married couple Álvaro and Miriam know that God's perfect love can change this.

A long walk for God's Word

For these children, it's an adventure just to travel the four miles from their homes to the Bible Network Bible study.

Álvaro meets the first group of children by a suspension bridge over the river – the start of their two-hour walk to study God's Word.

He leads the children from the river up a slope so steep it would leave most adults huffing and puffing. But the children are little balls of endless energy. At the top, more children are waiting to join the troop.

The hike isn't over yet. The sun is out. The heat is scorching. Despite the tough terrain, they press on, adding more and more children to their convoy.

Eventually, about 100 children arrive at Álvaro and Miriam's corrugated-metal shelter – the simple space where they hold their Bible study. Now, their church can begin.

Inside the Bible study you make possible

The children start by singing worship songs at the top of their lungs.

Álvaro leads the older ones through a lesson in the youth Bible study booklets you provide, while Miriam teaches the little ones.

The group has finished all three of The Bible Network's children's booklets you made possible and received a Children's Bible. For many, it's not only their first Bible but likely their first-ever gift.

They treasure them so much that the covers look tattered and the pages warped from constant use.

After the Bible study, Miriam serves a simple home-cooked meal before the long walk home.

“They spend more time walking than they do with us,” Álvaro says. “But they always come.”

Miriam adds, ***“These children range from five to fifteen years old. In rainy season they have to cross rivers and arrive drenched. I think they feel that when they arrive, they are filled.”***

A mission from God

Several years ago, the couple felt God calling them to support struggling churches in remote villages. They quickly discovered communities where believers longed for Bibles and training, and where parents had to choose between feeding their families or buying a Bible.

When they heard about The Bible Network’s training programme, they knew it was the answer. Through your support, they received the materials and training needed to lead Bible studies grounded in Scripture.

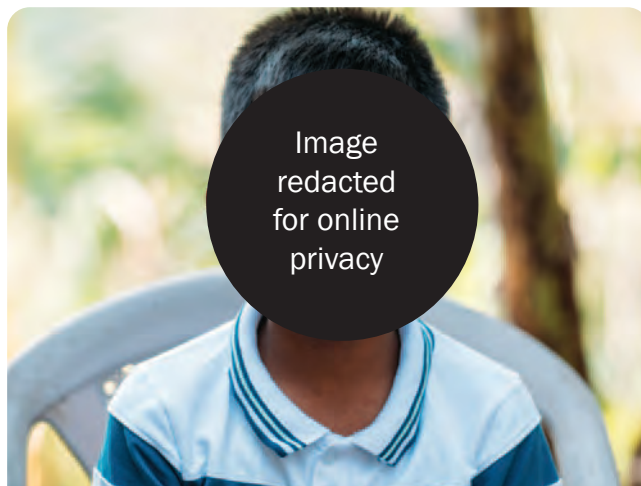
By March 2022, they were sharing Jesus’ love with children in nearby remote communities who desperately craved it.

It all started with a birthday party for Álvaro’s mum and a week-long event with Christian movies and snacks. ***“Those activities helped introduce families and children to what we were doing,”*** Miriam says.

The children kept coming. Today, this couple shares the Gospel with dozens of children from these struggling communities.



Miriam and Álvaro welcome children who walk miles each week to hear God’s Word.



“I like to come here because I want to learn more about God. I like the discipleship that Pastor Miriam and Pastor Álvaro give me. For me, Jesus is the King of my heart. He is with me all the time.” Juan, 12

Breaking a chain that has persisted for generations

Miriam and Álvaro see the spiritual hunger clearly. ***“These children are starving for love,”*** Miriam says. ***“We not only attend to them – we show them love where it has so often been missing.”***

Rural life in Nicaragua is full of hardship. Young people have few opportunities. Many marry far too young. Alcohol and drug abuse are common. Domestic violence is widespread. Parents themselves often grew up without love, continuing a pattern of generational trauma.

But thanks to you, that cycle is being broken.

Week after week, the children are learning that they are loved by God. They are growing in confidence as they hear Scripture taught in a way they can understand.

“When you ask the children why they come, they never mention the food,” Álvaro says. ***“They say, ‘We come because we want to hear more Bible stories!’”***

Your support helps Miriam and Álvaro share God’s love in places where it has been missing for generations. As Miriam puts it, ***“We have a big task, but we have the Lord. With love and God’s Word, these children can grow, and the chain that has persisted for generations can finally be broken.”***



“He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.”

Psalm 91:4

Covered by His wings

Your support is helping Adela heal – and lead other widows to Christ

The attackers came under cover of darkness. ***“They took my husband and killed him. When they killed him, I fainted.”*** Thirty-nine-year-old Adela (pictured), from the DRC, recalls the night in 2017 when she became a widow.

Finding community

After a Good Samaritan helped her to safety, Adela fled with her seven children, carrying nothing but the clothes on her back. Eventually, they reached Malawi’s Dzaleka Refugee Camp, where they still live today.

Along the way, she faced hunger, wild animals, dangerous rivers, sharp thorns and cold nights in the bush. ***“I was a God-fearing person, and I am still a God-fearing person,”*** Adela says.

Life inside Dzaleka Refugee Camp is harsh. Work is scarce, food is limited and most families rely on aid just to get by. When it falls short, they rent tiny plots of land to grow what they can. It’s a place where hope can feel out of reach – yet this is exactly

where God’s Word is bringing comfort and strength.

In 2023, Adela began attending a Bible Network Bible study at Pastor Shaban’s church. Through it, she received a Bible and found community with other women like her. ***“I always say that my family is the Church,”*** she smiles.

Healing hearts

Your support helped Adela grow in faith and gave her the confidence to share it with others. Today she leads a women’s Bible Network Bible study, teaching other widows with the materials your support provides. They gather three times a week to study God’s Word.

Adela found deep comfort in the Psalms, especially Psalm 91. Though grief still sits in her heart, Scripture gives her strength. ***“When I start having troubling thoughts, I rush to the Bible and the study materials you provided. I pray, ‘Father, I have no medicine in my hands. You are the medicine, Jesus.’”***

From curiosity to light

Your gift helped Devi discover Christ's love

You could easily spot Devi (pictured) when she first came to a Bible study at her high school in Papua, Indonesia. She was the girl in the hijab. Devi grew up in a Muslim home, but never fully understood the faith she had been raised in.

One day at school, she noticed a lively group of Christian students chatting and singing worship songs. Even though she stood out, something about their joy drew her in. Filled with curiosity, she decided to join them.

Finding pure love

There she discovered they were studying God's Word through a Bible Network Bible study. The same warmth that first caught her attention kept her coming back.

"I felt the great love of Christians, which gave me the desire to become like them. The love they showed me is pure and sincere," Devi says.

As she attended the study, she grew in her understanding of Scripture. Over time, she chose to follow Jesus Christ. ***"During my time as a Muslim, I was never taught detailed lessons like in the Bible study. I was only told to read the Qur'an, without understanding the meaning,"*** she explains.

Spreading the light

The change in Devi's life was unmistakable. Now she wants to help others experience the same hope she has found – and with the help of friends like you, she is.

Recently she attended The Bible Network's Bible study leader training. Today, at 22 years old, she leads other young people through the same study that brought her to Jesus. Each week she guides groups of 15–20 at her school and church.

"The Bible Network training helped me grow and become equipped to teach God's Word effectively," Devi says.

Did you know?

Indonesia has the world's largest Muslim population – yet in places like Papua, the Christian community is growing through small Bible study groups and local churches.

Through your support, young people are meeting Jesus in these simple, welcoming groups – just as Devi did.



"Always be full of joy. Never stop praying. Whatever happens, always be thankful..."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Lift up Pastor Garawat, Álvaro and Miriam, Adela and Devi in prayer. Give

thanks for the faith that's growing in refugee camps, children's ministry and small Bible study groups – and for the part your support plays in it. Pray that God continues to strengthen them and prepare hearts as they share His Word.



Pray for the church planters in the Philippines who recently took part in Bible Network training. They travel long

distances and give up much to serve. Ask God to open hearts in their communities as they share His Word.

Thank you!

Álvaro, pictured above with his wife Miriam, wants to thank you personally.

"We are very grateful for the support you provide. Without you, this work wouldn't be possible. Through your donations come the materials, come the Bibles. That's how you help spread the Word of God to every corner."

Read about their ministry on pages 4–5.



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