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UBS Literacy Advisor - *Capacity Building in the Asia/Pacific*

Overview

This project aims to strengthen the capacity of Bible Societies in the Asia Pacific for Bible-based literacy work. The project will fund the position of the UBS Literacy Advisor for the Asia Pacific region.

This person will work with the Global Literacy Coordinator of UBS to establish a global framework for literacy (including project prioritisation, quality assurance and development) and will serve as professional advisors to Bible Societies in their planning and implementation of literacy programs.

The Need

Without help from literacy experts, Bible Society literacy projects may lack quality in design and implementation. Literacy experts are required to ensure that projects are the very best in both of these areas.

Literacy work is a central part of Bible Societies mission around the world. The United Bible Societies are committed to focus on the 750 million non-literate adults around the world.



Project Goals

The goal of this project is the funding of a literacy specialist for the Asia Pacific, who will seek to enhance the standard of literacy projects and provide literacy staff and projects of Bible Societies in the Asia Pacific with direct benefit and support.

Among other things, the Literacy Advisors will: develop a global strategy for literacy work within the UBS; develop and strengthen links between Bible translation and literacy; encourage and guide Bible Societies in initiating relevant literacy programmes; help Bible Societies to assess the literacy need of a given language/group; develop partnerships with other agencies involved in literacy; help with the planning, implementation and evaluation of UBS literacy projects.

In 2021, the Literacy Advisor is planning follow-up visits to various Bible Societies to assist in the development and improvement of their literacy program implementation, literacy materials, and practices. Also planned is literacy program evaluation for other Bible Societies. New literacy programs will receive preparation assistance, and training in the Bloom Software is planned for staff for capacity building.

Impact

It is expected that there will ultimately be 100 000 beneficiaries of this project over the 3 ½ years of the project. The direct beneficiaries are the Bible Society staff involved in literacy work; all the staff

involved in literacy projects in the Asia Pacific will receive quality support and hands-on assistance from a literacy expert. The indirect beneficiaries will be the literacy graduates and their families and communities.

Prayer Needs

- Praise God that BSA is able to commit to and support this project.
- Praise God for the appointment of Cito, the Literacy Advisor for Asia Pacific, and for the quality assistance he has been providing to Bible Societies since July 2019.
- Pray that more illiterate people would be provided with the opportunity to attend literacy classes, especially in the Asia Pacific, as a result of the service provided by this project.