



*"Because of the Lord's great love,
we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV*

Dear Grace Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your gift!

Through your generosity, more and more people are being transformed by the Living Word of God.

Through your gift of \$650, you are placing 130 into the hands of waiting believers around the world. Now equipped with a Bible, they will grow in faith and knowledge, and eagerly share the message of Jesus Christ with family and friends.

The difference you are making in these lives is **beyond measure**.

I pray this encourages you today, knowing that, by the grace of God, your gift is transforming lives around the world.

We continue to be so grateful for Canadian donor champions like the members of your congregation. Enclosed, is the latest Transformation News which shares stories on what God is doing in these new believers' lives.

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Hannah Sikkema'.

Hannah Sikkema
Donor Relations Associate

Joyfully Trusting Jesus

(North Macedonia) When Zaklina was in preschool, her mother heard the Good News and accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour. She remembers other believers encouraging her mother to join a Bible study group. One of the greatest blessings for Zaklina was going with her mother and being part of a children's Bible study group.

"I loved hearing about the people in the stories our teacher shared from the Bible," Zaklina recalls. "I wondered why God gave them so many new chances when they made mistakes. Through these stories, I learned that God is merciful and kind. Not just to the people in the Bible stories, but also to me."

Zaklina grew up worshiping, praying, and studying the Bible with that community of believers. When she became a teenager, the youth Bible study meetings were very special to her. "I found a lot of joy and hope there," she says. "Especially when I was going through the emotional ups and downs of my teenage years."

At 18, Zaklina was baptized. "Now I joyfully trust in Jesus Christ!" she says. "And I am eager to share the Good News with my generation!"

The Bibles that Zaklina and her mother received through these Bible study groups were made possible through your support. The Living Word of God, transforming lives!

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.
Isaiah 40:8 (ESV)

TRANSFORMATION NEWS

You make these testimonies of new believers possible!



In 2022,
6,084
individuals were
baptized in
Eurasia

Sharing the Gospel

(South Sudan) "I am Lilian from Wonduruba Camp. I'm delighted to share the way God cares for His loved ones; the God who can turn a drunkard into His beloved."

I lived a miserable life, totally different from my current life. I am married, a mother of children, but I lost all four of my children in a row, one dying almost every year. During the funeral prayers of my four daughters I was thinking, 'If there is a God, why was I not rescued?' I was so angry."

Lilian began drinking, "Why not enjoy, for tomorrow I shall die." She lost hope and drank heavily.

Lilian was an educated woman, knowing how to read and write. The pastor of the local church convinced Lilian to come and share her knowledge with the women in the church who could not read

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STARTING NEW CHURCHES



You are helping to share the love of Christ with men, women, and children.

and write. She agreed because she was the only literate person in her village, and she wanted to please the pastor.

She began reading the Bible to them. First, she just read the words on a page, but soon the truths she was reading aloud touched her own heart. She began attending church.

The pastor was preaching about God being all-knowing, and it grabbed her attention. That day her life was changed. She gave her life fully to Christ.

Because of her talents, she was appointed into leadership in the women's group. And when she was invited to take

training to start new churches, she felt so blessed. This training, made possible through your support, transformed her spiritual life. The teachings have shaped her and equipped her with Bibles to share with the wives and mothers in the church.

She said, "Giving my life to Jesus Christ isn't the final stage in my Christian walk, but the beginning of learning to grow my faith in Jesus. I can now forgive more easily, and share the Gospel message with my family and friends. I am so pleased to serve as a leader in Wonduruba Camp."

Widow's Life Transformed

(India) Fullan and her husband, Hirak worked hard on their farm to provide for their three children.

Once all 3 children had married and were living with their own families, Fullan and Hirak's carefree lives consisted of worshipping idols, chewing tobacco, drinking alcohol, and laughing over crude stories. When they needed extra money, they borrowed from local lenders rather than saving for emergencies.

Then some untimely rains and the lack of helpers to tend to their harvest damaged the crops and created tremendous stress for the couple. Hirak suffered a fatal cardiac arrest.

Newly widowed, Fullan now struggled to survive. She tried to forget her troubles through alcohol, but over time this behaviour took a toll on her own health.

Fullan became weak, and doctors advised surgery. Fullan had no money for this and no one was willing to lend her what she needed. At the bank, she was denied because she could not sign her name. The bank official challenged Fullan to learn how to sign her name and then return to discuss the loan.



ADULT MINISTRY

Fullan felt humiliated by the experience and a burning desire to learn how to read and write grew in her. She had attended school through grade 3, but that was such a long time ago.

When Fullan learned about an Adult Literacy Class, made possible through your support, she enrolled. Here, she also learned more about ways to improve her life.

Fullan was encouraged by the support of the Literacy Class and stopped drinking alcohol. She ate fresh vegetables grown on her farm. Fullan was taught how to improve her financial situation. Being rejected for a loan showed

Fullan the importance of saving money which would help her avoid trouble in the future.

With her new literacy skills, Fullan returned to sign for the loan and was approved! While Fullan was recovering from a successful surgery, her teacher came to visit and prayed for Fullan's complete healing and well-being. Moved by the teacher's kindness and prayers, she wanted to know more about Jesus.

Fullan began attending church regularly, and after hearing God's Word, she discovered His plan for her salvation. Fullan repented of her sins and received Jesus as her Saviour. The Living Word of God transformed her life!