

**Our Vision statement:**

**“Every member of the African Security Forces honoured before God’s throne”**

Dear Supporters,

Once again I continue to thank you for your support. The 40,000 Bibles that were received by the Zimbabwe Bible Society have now been successfully distributed to the Military in that country. The following photographs show the official handover at the offices of the Zimbabwe Bible Society last September.



The following extract is from a letter to Mrs Maringe at the Zimbabwe Bible Society, who handed over the Bibles on behalf of Operation Africa. This letter reflects a Commanding Officer’s appreciation.

*I write to acknowledge with outmost thanks receipt of a consignment of forty thousand (40,000) bibles from the Bible Society of Zimbabwe. On behalf of the Zimbabwe Defence Forces and on my behalf, please accept our appreciation for the generous donation of the bibles for use by members of the Defence Forces and their families.*

*Your kind gesture will go a long way in enhancing the spiritual wellbeing of our members and their families. The bibles have been distributed throughout the Defence Forces.*

*Thank you once again for your kind gesture.*

*PV SIBANDA GCZM ‘psc’ UK  
General  
Commander  
Zimbabwe Defence Forces*

We would have liked to bring you photographs of the individual military personnel receiving their Bibles, however Zimbabwe is not politically stable and obtaining pictures of military personnel is very difficult to achieve. We have encountered this before in other African nations. I can only encourage you by saying that the Lord is fully aware of your support and smiles upon your generosity.

Operation Africa is an organisation where we are a channel for ensuring that the vision -

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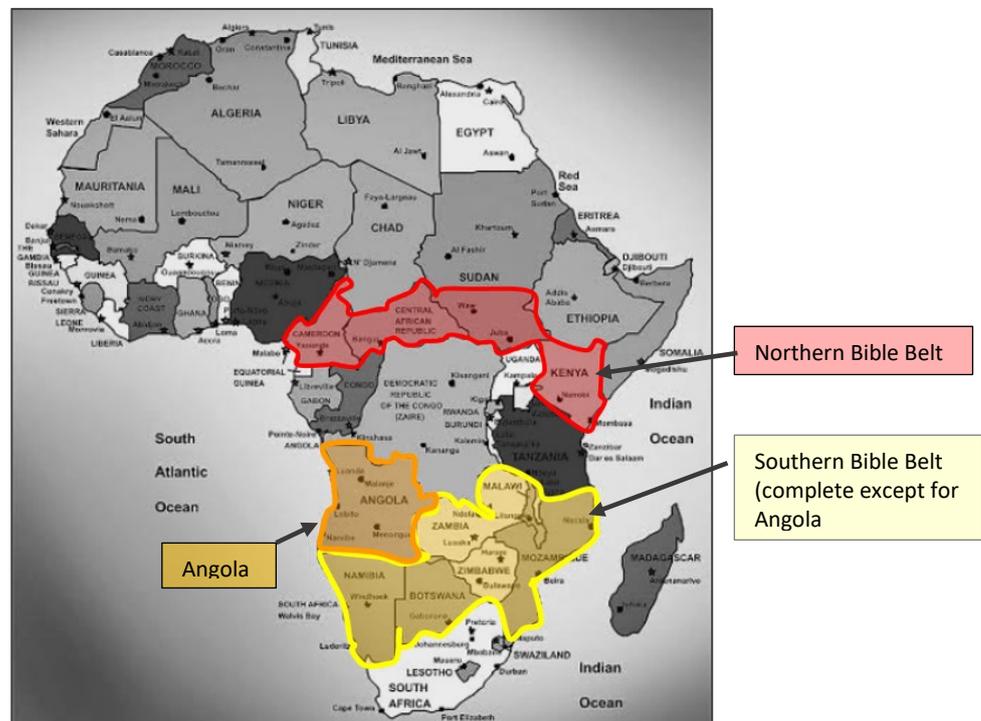
increasingly becomes a reality, and it is your unsung generosity that allows it.

## *Bibles for all Members of African Security Forces*

I am pleased to advise you that 18,000 Bibles have now been ordered for the Ghana Military. It is our hope that Operation Africa will have the funds to put 20,000 Bibles per annum into Ghana until approximately 80,000 are in that nation. We will then seek to support Security Forces in nations to the east of Ghana over the coming years. However, last week a phone call was received from the United Kingdom from a retired British Military Chaplain and a Military General from Portugal. These two men were seeking Operation Africa's support to place 20,000 at least, and preferably 50,000 Bibles into Angola, which is just north of Namibia in the map shown below. A project such as this would have a value of about US\$110,000 for 20,000 Bibles. You can observe that the need is great.

I found the phone call very interesting and challenging because it was the same General who made contact with us to determine if Bibles could be placed in the Portuguese language in camouflage colours to the Mozambique Army. You may remember that in 2016, 15,000 Bibles were provided into that country in the Portuguese language having been printed in South America. We are advised the Bibles have had great effect. The majority of our Bibles are printed in either China or South Korea.

For your information I include a map showing the desire to build two Bibles Belts across Africa, as was previously indicated in our newsletter of January 2018.



As you can see, with an Angola project, the southern Bible Belt would be made larger. With respect to the northern Bible Belt, we are at the beginning, having started putting Bibles into Ghana, but over previous years have provided Bibles into South Sudan and Kenya which are part of the northern Bible Belt.

There is much to do, and we do pray that you will continue with your support for us. Our great need is for finances, and it is the single biggest restrictor to Operation Africa fulfilling its vision.

There has been considerable success to date and it is most encouraging to think that a Portuguese General would phone to Australia from London in the presence of a retired British Military Chaplain, seeking support for an Angolan Military Force.

Be encouraged and once again thank you – may He pour out His blessings upon you.

**Roger Kahler - Chairman**