

## Bibles for All Members of African Security Forces

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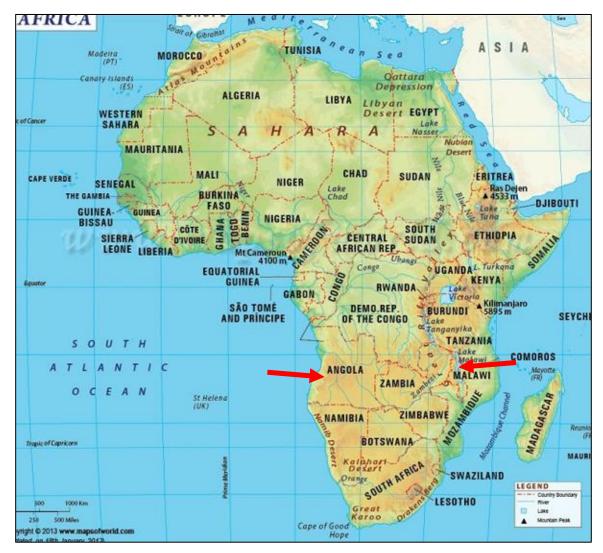
## **Our Vision statement:**

## "Every member of the African Security Forces honoured before God's throne"

Dear Supporters,

I last wrote to you in mid 2022, and continue to trust that you are experiencing the presence of the Lord in your daily life.

As stated previously the 10,000 Bibles in the Portuguese language printed in Brazil had arrived in Angola, which is shown at the lower left-hand side of the following map. The plan in 2023 is to send another 10,000 Bibles to the Angolan military, and those Bibles will be printed at the same time that the Angolan Bible Society places their own printing order (independent of the Operation Africa order) in either Korea or Brazil. This will considerably reduce our printing costs, shipping costs and government duties. It will probably take the next three months to achieve that order being placed but the Angolan Bible Society is partnering with us to complete the joint print and shipping run.





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The other project that is underway is in the small country of Malawi (on the lower right-hand side of the map) where we attempted a project in 2019 to provide 10,000 Bibles to the Malawi Defence Forces and Malawi Police Service with these Bibles being published in English and some in the CHICHEWA language. Most soldiers are not comfortable with the English language. At that time we attempted to have the International Bible Society fund 50% of the project, however they had to prioritise available funds and chose other projects.

This 2023 project will also be for 10,000 Bibles. Operation Africa has provided approximately 20,000 Bibles to Malawi in four donations since 2001. This latest undertaking is a very significant project, and we will be working with Mr Mphatso Bello who is the executive director of the Malawi Bible Society. These Bibles will allow trained chaplains in both the military and police to more meaningfully interact with those men and women for whom the chaplains have spiritual oversight. The Malawi Defence Force is the state military organisation responsible for defending Malawi. You may be interested to know it originated from elements of the British King's African Rifles, colonial units formed before independence in 1964.

The above two projects (Angola and Malawi) will essentially consume the year and the expected cost is \$205,000. We have approximately \$120,000 in the Operation Africa account and so you can see that we are stepping out in faith here.

As always, the size of our dreams and what we can do in Operation Africa is limited by the available finances. We therefore encourage you to introduce a friend to Operation Africa, perhaps by showing them our website.

And also as always, we ask you for your prayers to bless the work of Operation Africa and help us to get His Word out to so many lost souls.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor 13:14)

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