



**Our Vision statement:**

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

***Chairman’s message:***

Dear Supporters,

I continue to thank you for your support. Since last writing to you 40,000 Bibles have now been received by the Zimbabwe Bible Society who are organizing a distribution plan in conjunction with the military. We will keep you posted with photographs and testimony as they become available.

We are excited to advise you that we now have a new and upgraded Operation Africa website, which is more user-friendly and allows for secure, easier donations. Please take the time to check it out at: [www.operationafrica.org](http://www.operationafrica.org). We continue to encourage you to ask your friends to make a small regular donation.

There are many administrative challenges facing the Operation Africa team at the moment.

The first of these is associated with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission (ACNC). They have implemented new External Conducts Standards which we will have to review, and then put in place policies and procedures. The purpose of the Standards is to maximize the protection of children, reduce the opportunity for terrorism and generally protect against those types of distressing troubles which exist in the world today.

The immediate implications of the Standards are that the Bible Society of Australia are determining the impact upon their many international projects. As you are aware, we work closely with the Australian Bible Society for the transfer of funds to Africa to allow for the relevant African Bible Society to purchase Bibles from Korea or China.

As a direct consequence, our project with Ghana for 20,000 Bibles is in limbo until these administrative issues are resolved. However, we trust in the Lord and remember His words: *“In this world you will have troubles. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” [John 16:33]*.

It is our expectation that by the time of the next newsletter we will be giving you good news as we determine a new or revised model for financing the Bible projects while meeting the Federal Government guidelines.

We have also had to shut down our Barclays account in the United Kingdom into which UK supporters donate money. This was at the direction of Barclays as our registered office is not in the United Kingdom. The UK’s legislation now precludes Barclays from allowing us to hold an account with them in this current world of fear and concerns with respect to terrorism and persecuted peoples.

This is not the most encouraging of newsletters but I ask that you would pray as we trust in the Lord to guide us on a path through the current issues *“For nothing is impossible with God” [Luke 1:37]*.

Once again, thank you in His Mighty Name.

**Roger Kahler**

