

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,

Operation Africa Ltd ACN 081 197 328

## May the Lord bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you and grant you His peace.

I wish that sometimes you could have the pleasure of joining with me in the phone calls that are made to and from Africa to the respective Bible Societies and military personnel. Why do I say this?

The joy that these people experience and display when they know that somebody will provide them with a copy of the Bible in their language of choice, is inexplicable. It is so easy in Australia to take such a simple thing for granted, where we can walk into a Christian bookshop and choose between a dozen different versions in a dozen different sizes and colours et cetera.

The African military and police are hungry for the Word of God. I try to imagine what life would be like without a Bible. How in those times of anxiety would we respond? What would we draw upon when life overwhelms us and we cannot stand and face the situation? However, because we have the Word of God we are able to speak Scripture into the situation and join with the Spirit of God to bring forth victory. We are so privileged to be able to take the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and speak into that situation and know the victory that we have in Jesus.

By equipping soldiers , security personnel and police forces with the Word of God, they will have that same opportunity.

I firmly believe that your provision of money which allows for the purchase of Bibles, brings stability to an African nation as the military chaplains now have the weapons of their warfare to equip their soldiers. The following photograph reflects the joy of a soldier in Africa receiving a Bible.



## And so, I thank you all



The last time that you received the newsletter in January we had requests for 80,000 Bibles for Angola. We decided to do an initial project of 10,000 Bibles working through the United Bible Society in which we would seek partnership from somebody else or some other organisation to fund 50% of that \$70,000 project. Six months later there is no partner and so the Board of Operation Africa has decided to work in conjunction with the Angola Bible Society and the military and fully fund the project.

The discussions with the military are currently underway and both military leaders and the Angola Bible Society express their sincere gratitude for the beginning of this journey with them. The following email is exactly what we have received from the National President of the Angolan Military Chaplaincy, showing his gratitude when writing upon hearing of Operation Africa's decision to assist.

> From: Teodoro Ricardo <<u>tricardo42@gmail.com</u>> Sent: Monday, 21 June 2021 4:01 PM To: Roger Kahler <<u>RogerKahler@intersafe.com.au</u>> Cc: Samuel Cóias <<u>coias.samuel@gmail.com</u>> Subject: BIBLES,s PLAN TO ANGOLA

I greet you and your family in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior forever. I,m so glad to hear from bother Samuel Coias about your great plan to honor Lord sending to Angola Uniform Bibles. Idid not find your e-mail on my box because of it I,m writing this letter to you. I would like to know how is going this process if something we have to do please let me know it. Finally, many blessings to you, family and brothers in Jesus Christ love and blood.

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Our big challenge is the funding of the additional 70,000 Bibles for Angola. The need is enormous. Malawi, the poorest country in Africa is seeking 10,000 Bibles and just in the last week the Zambian military have made contact to equip a peacekeeping force heading to another nation within Africa and their request is a mere 20,000 Bibles. Based on the cost of just one Bible being US\$ 5-6 to print in Korea or China, then transport it to Africa and place it in the hands of a member of the Defence Forces, you can see that the financial need is immense when multiplied by thousands.

I would again ask that you would consider talking to at least one person who may be willing to support Operation Africa. It is not difficult to become a supporter by just going to our secure website at <u>www.operationafrica.org</u>

Once again, I thank you for what you are doing to assist in these projects, and I would ask that you remain encouraged by that which you cannot see but can visualise in your mind

Roger Kahler – Chairman

