

Our Vision statement:

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

IT’S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

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Dear Supporters,

Firstly, from the Board, greetings and blessings for the Christmas Season. I missed the newsletter for midyear and apologise for that. The successes for this year have been the delivery of 10,000 Bibles for the Malawi military and police with that handover occurring in October. You can see from the following photographs the joy felt by the soldiers as they received a free Bible.



Bibles for all Members of African Security Forces

At the same time as we ordered the Malawi 10,000 Bibles from Korea, an additional 3000 were ordered. These 3000 Bibles were promised to a peacekeeping force for Zambia, but were delivered to Malawi for cost saving reasons with respect to sea freight. They have now been trucked across the border from Malawi to Zambia and that handover has occurred during this month (November). Further, in August, we had a request to provide 3000 Bibles to the prisoners within the Zambian prison system and the Board of Operation Africa decided to meet that request at a cost of \$25,000.

And so, in many ways we can rejoice that it has been a very successful, fruitful and diverse year.

However, it is with sadness that the time has come for me to inform you that we will be ceasing Operation Africa activity from 31 December 2023. There are various reasons for this, but it is apparent that the Operation Africa support base has been decreasing over many years, and we have been unable to halt this decline. Also, the cost of Bibles is linked to the US dollar and the exchange rate over recent years has been very unfavourable. Finally, whilst we have continued to maintain a 90-95% rate of your donations being used directly for Bibles, costs continue to increase with respect to both sea freight and printing costs.

Due to these factors and with the current level of donations, Operation Africa would only be able to fulfil one project every two years, and so the Board has decided the time has come to close down the Organisation. Operation Africa has been in existence for about 25 years and the number of Bibles distributed during that time is well in excess of 300,000, due to your faithful and loyal support.

So once again on behalf of the Board (Steve Austin, CEO; Wendy Farley, Secretary; and myself), I thank you for your support over many years. I trust that in the midst of the sadness that I know we all feel, you will be heartened and encouraged by the thought that you have been instrumental in providing over 300,000 copies of God's precious Word which are circulating and blessing many souls in Africa and guiding them to eternal salvation through Jesus Christ.

The Lord's blessing be upon you as you move forward in 2024.



Roger Kahler – Chairman

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Please note that direct debits through your bank account or credit card due on 2nd & 3rd December have been put through, but no further transactions will be actioned by us. If you direct deposit into our bank account, please cancel this with your Bank, but preferably not until the end of December, as we do still have an invoice to meet with respect to freight and border charges for the Zambia delivery of three tonnes of Bibles.

If there are any monies remaining in the Operation Africa account after all expenses are paid, they will be sent to one of the Bible Societies in Africa for the purchase of Bibles specifically for the military. However, it will not be a large sum of money as we have always tended to spend everything that comes in and sometimes in faith even before we had it in the account. Our website www.operationafrica.org will be updated in the next couple of weeks to contain all this same information.