



Our Vision statement:

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

Chairman’s message:

Dear Supporters,

On behalf of the Board, I trust you had an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and that the New Year will be filled with the blessings of the Lord.

In the July 2018 Newsletter I reported to you that the project for 20,000 Bibles for the Botswana Military and Police, and 16,000 Bibles for the Namibian Military had been delivered. There have now been phone calls from the Botswana Superintendent of Police speaking of his appreciation and excitement at receiving these Bibles. An email from him is copied at the end of this Newsletter, from which you will get an idea of the significance of your donations.

The project for Zimbabwe is now fully funded and the Bibles are ordered. As stated in July, the project is going to be for 40,000 Bibles, which will take two sea containers and equip the Military, Police and Correctional Service Officers. At the time of writing this newsletter I cannot inform you of the delivery date, as there is a need to work through a number of taxation issues with the Zimbabwean Government. This is expected to take several months and we anticipate delivery of the Bibles will occur in the 2nd quarter of this year.

It is worth reminding ourselves of how it is believed this project will help the beneficiaries. The following four dot points were prepared as part of a project proposal:

1. Salvation to the unsaved souls;
2. Encouragement and exhortation to believers in the Military;
3. Reduce the high HIV/AIDS prevalence rate;
4. Build stronger homes based on the Word of God.

These are the project goals as seen by those resident in Zimbabwe.

Now that the Zimbabwe project is nearing completion, we continue to work on the project in Ghana in western Africa. There has already been one meeting held with the Ghana Bible Society to obtain expressions of interest. There was a second meeting with them in December last, to agree on the process by which Bibles will be received and distributed, and also to have conversations on the size of the Bible and the language in which it will be printed. It is our practice to provide Bibles in language of choice and the CEV version is currently preferred by Ghana. It is also usual to provide both Old and New Testaments, with the Bible contained in the Operation Africa water-proof camouflage cover, and able to fit a standard military pocket, so that peace-keeping forces can carry the Bible at all times.

The initial conversations have been to provide 20,000 Bibles a year for four years. Several Bibles were taken to Ghana to show to the Military, so that personnel could observe and comment on the features that are being suggested.

Bibles for all Members of African Security Forces

As stated previously, this is the commencement of the building of a Northern Bible Belt, extended from Ghana right across northern Africa to Kenya, and the project will be of the order of ten years.

In the meantime there is a very small nation in Africa called Malawi which is requiring 10,000 Bibles in three languages. This is a country which is close to the heart of the Board of Operation Africa, as we provided Bibles to them some years ago in the early 2000s. We are trusting that in 2019 there will be sufficient funds to purchase those Bibles which will be of the order of \$US50,000. However at this stage we have not created any expectations or hopes with respect to the Malawian Military, until there is a sense that the project will be achievable. I would ask you to pray to that end.

Once again, I ask if you could see your way clear to encourage other people to join Operation Africa, because we are, as always, limited by funds, as the requests from African Military and Defence Forces significantly exceed our resources.

I am pleased to let you know that at least 95% of what you give goes towards the purchase of Bibles. All African trips by Board Members are self funded.

We must all strongly believe that these projects are the Lord's projects. He will provide and we are instruments in his hands.

Once again, thank you in His Mighty Name.



Roger Kahler

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To: Roger Kahler <RogerKahler@intersafe.com.au>

Subject: Botswana bulk bibles

As the Chaplaincy Unit of the Botswana Police Service we would like to express our sincere gratitude, with enthusiasm and grace for the bible gifts we received from you.

I wish to acknowledge and apologize for the delay in responding, the delay was due to the roll out of the bibles to members of the Botswana Police service throughout the whole country.

The bibles that we received will help us to be enriched in every way with all kinds of speech and knowledge. The bibles will also help us through spiritual upliftment, motivation, team work, morning prayers, bereavement support and it is also an asset of great essence to character building.

As the Chaplain of the Botswana Police Service, I want to note without any doubt that these bibles are going to assist in counselling members of the Police Service, training of Assistant Chaplains, death notifications, memorial services and it is without doubt that we cannot execute our mandate without the use of bibles as it gives us wisdom, knowledge and understanding to perform our duties.

Finally let me thank Operation Africa and Botswana Bible Society for the moral support.

May God Bless you abundantly. Thank You very much Sir. Mokganedi Seepo