

BIBLES FOR THE POOR SOCIETY

Waves of Mercy International

Giving Eternal Hope To The World



Summer 2016

Dear Friends & Supporters,

Summer is here in full swing with special events, visits with loved ones and some time out from our usual routines. We hope you will also take a few minutes to read what has been happening with Bibles for the Poor Society and Waves of Mercy International.

This year started with a mission trip to Swaziland, Africa where people received medicine for their souls (over 300 Bibles) and their bodies (anti venom). While at The Good Shepherd Hospital in Siteki patients and staff alike pleaded for a copy of God's Word in their national language. This is one of the country's main hospitals that treats snake bite victims.

Many of you have heard about our friends in Vanuatu over this past year too. Lucy Titek, wife of Jack Reuben Titek (coordinator for the Bible Society of the South Pacific) has undergone 2 amputations in Fiji relating to her diabetes. Waves of Mercy International helped to fund travel and the surgeries where she had her lower leg amputated and then again above the knee to save her life. Many prayers have gone up for her over the past few months and God has answered. Lucy returned to Vanuatu on July 31st and she is healing well. A wheel chair has also been donated to help with her mobility. Dave & Abby are making plans to go to Vanuatu this November for Bible distribution to the islands of Aniwa and Futuna, as well as showing the Jesus film throughout Vanuatu. While there we want to commemorate 150 years since John Paton arrived on Aniwa and 175 years since the first Samoan missionaries arrived on Futuna. It is important to Ni-Vanuatians to remember their history.

Just a few days ago Dave received an email explaining that the Bible Society of Papua New Guinea (PNG) was really struggling financially and would we consider purchasing Tok Pisin Bibles and distributing them in remote areas there. God had put PNG on our hearts several years ago and now that door may be opening. Please pray for God's direction for us regarding Papua New Guinea.

We thank God for what He has accomplished. The needs are great and the call is clear. Thank you for your support and we anticipate more great things this year. Please continue in prayer for this ministry and for God's continued leading and direction as together, through His power we can change the world.

Have a blessed summer,

Dave & Abby Dever
Co founders and directors

"As we have opportunity let us do good to all people." Gal. 6:10

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UPDATE FROM SWAZILAND

We recently received an email from Thea, our partner who lives in Swaziland. She told us of a lady from a remote village that had a Mozambique spitting cobra come into her bed one night. The snake bit her 3 times and remained in her bed till a family member rescued the woman in the morning. An ambulance was called but it never arrived. Then a man with a car was found but he refused to drive her to the hospital because she didn't have the \$20 fee. It took this poor woman 5 days to get to the hospital and by the time she arrived, she was paralyzed from the neck down.

We hear stories like this regularly and it causes us to want to do more. The average wage of the majority of Africans is \$2 or less per day. The cost of one vial of anti venom is \$100 and most snake bite victims need at least 5 or 6 vials to save their life. Our charity has partnered with Thea, founder of Anti Venom Swazi Foundation to host an expert in this field from Australia to assess and implement new ways of dealing with Swaziland's snake bite crisis. He will spend several months there this fall.



"I thought you would like a picture of Bongani, the last victim of the season to receive anti venom. Bongani was bitten at church – or actually Sunday school. He was sitting with his friends when he felt an incredible pain on his right foot. He looked down and saw the snake. Bongani spent close to 3 months in hospital. This picture was taken on the 8th June. You can see the bandage around his foot and the upper leg where skin was harvested for a skin graft. Without the anti venom, he most certainly would have lost his foot, perhaps even his life.

From Swaziland, we thank you!!!!!"

Email from Thea Litschka-Coen