

## *'Hither hath the LORD helped us'*

In 2020 we reached the milestone of the 30<sup>th</sup> year of our Distribution Fund. We have copies of all the Annual Reports going back all these years, and with much thanksgiving, we record the Lord's goodness. In this report we look back not only to last year, but have glimpses of those that have gone before, and can say by God's grace, *'For all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee'*. Our main focus throughout has been to supply Bibles to Schools, missionaries and others at home and abroad.

From very small beginnings in the UK, with a view to giving Bibles, we offered Children's books to Primary schools. This later established the regular giving of School Leaver's Bibles in a number of Primary schools each year. Thankfully, in the late 1900's the King James Bible and Pilgrim's Progress were both listed for study as English Classics in the national curriculum. We took advantage of this, which led in 1996 alone to 1,022 Bibles and 1,101 Pilgrim's Progress being given to Secondary schools. This continued for the next few years, together with the giving of a large number of Creation books.

In 2002 with the TBS Special edition of a Queen's Golden Jubilee Bible we were able to gift over 2,000 Bibles to children and teachers in local schools. Then in 2011 we had the prospect of supplying as many Bibles as possible to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the King James Bible, mainly to our Secondary schools, but then again, the following year in 2012, we were heartened with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Bible, when almost 5,000 Bibles were given away in our schools. These give a few UK highlights from the earlier years.

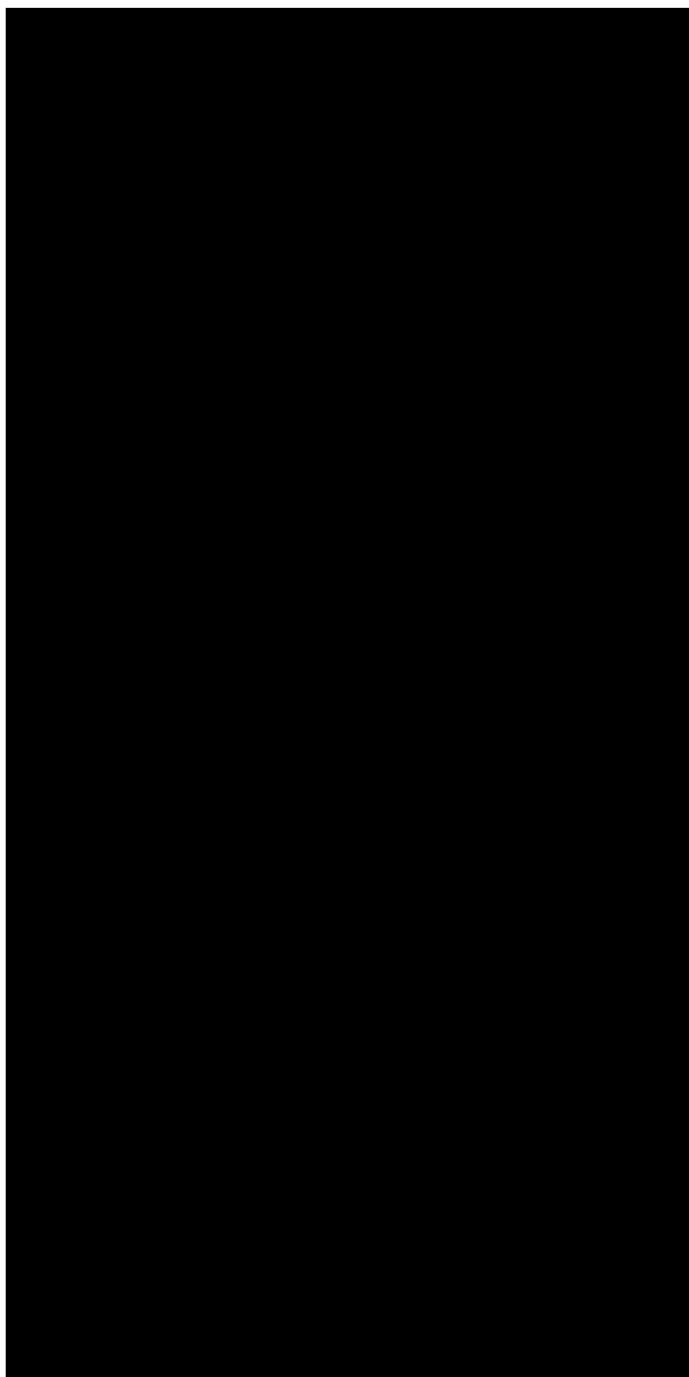
Our overseas distribution commenced by sending Russian Bibles & other publications to Russia and the Ukraine. In the 1900's we also commenced supporting the Trinitarian Bible Society, sending to individuals requesting Bibles. In the late 1900's we were receiving about 2,000 requests a year. Since then, we have sent to many countries in all continents across the world. Requests for larger numbers of Bibles have also been met, and in particular consignments have been sent to Ghana each year. This also led us to support new church building projects in the south of Ghana, and through our Distribution Fund the Savannah Education Trust was set up in the north, where there are now nine schools.

*'Having therefore obtained help of God, we continue to this day'.*



**Mr & Mrs LSB Hyde, Marion & Margretha 1999**

*Annual Account Summary 2020, details of which are given to the Church at Hope Chapel, Redhill.*



If the Lord will, an Annual Collection for the Fund will be held in the week of **Lord's Day 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

We are so thankful for the generous donations received from our congregation and others in support of our Distribution Fund over the years.

## UK Distribution - Secondary Schools

There are a number highlights looking back over the years, particularly being able to offer the King James Bible and Pilgrim's Progress, listed for the study of English in the 1990's, but we also gave many hundreds of the book 'The Amazing Story of Creation' by D T Gish (large hardback).

A letter received at that time from a Secondary School in Woking, said *"I would like to thank you indeed for the 30 copies of The Amazing Story of Creation, this valuable resource for our Religious Studies Dept. They will certainly be put to good use and I am pleased how Christian Creationism is put forward in an exciting and challenging way. It will be a great help as we seek to explore some of the myths, misconceptions and questions students have about the whole area of 'Creation and Evolution' and hopefully it will help pupils to re-think the notion that it's a simple case of Christianity versus science".*



**History of the Bible lectures given at the Reigate School**

### 'History of the Bible' lectures

Like the Jubilee Bible earlier, the TBS published a Special Bible edition for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Bible in 2011, Since then our Pastor Stephen Hyde has been giving illustrated talks on the 'History of the Bible' in our Secondary Schools each year. Each student is offered a Bible and many copies of God's Word have been placed directly into the hands of Secondary School children. In 2011 alone, lectures were given in four schools and 1,010 Bibles were given to students that year. Sadly, in recent years this has reduced to just one school, the Reigate School, when over 250 students have gladly received Bibles. We were thankful these talks were welcomed again in 2020, but regretfully, due to the Coronavirus none of the lessons could take place.

## Primary School Distribution



**Preparing samples of Children's books for schools in 2009**

In the past 30 years (over three 10-year periods), we have circulated all Primary Schools in a large area of Surrey, Kent and Sussex, also in the London Metropolitan area south of the Thames. Large quantities of Bibles and other books have been distributed to the schools over the years, mainly for class use, but one or two schools each year have regularly requested School Leaver's Bibles to present at the end of the summer term.

In 2005 we sent samples to 117 schools in the London metropolitan area and delivered to 64 schools. New school orders included: 645 Bibles and 7,645 Children's books besides Ten Commandment cards, posters and bookmarks. In 2020, notwithstanding the Coronavirus, we were thankful to be able to distribute 770 School Leaver's Bibles with Children's Books and Ten Commandment bookmarks to Primary Schools.



**Preparing Books for Distribution to the schools in 2004**

### From earlier years:

#### Queen's Diamond Jubilee Bibles in 2012

In addition to our regular School Leaver's Bibles in 2012 we offered the Diamond Jubilee Bibles to 42 local Primary schools and 21 responded with requests for **4,222** Bibles. Teachers and some parents wanted them for other members of their families. Pastor Stephen Hyde also gave talks and presented Bibles at five of these schools.

If the Lord permit, we hope the TBS will be able to publish a **Platinum Special Edition in 2022**, to offer to our schools.



## AD Booklet - 1999

In 1999 the 'AD' booklet was published. The purpose of the booklet was to show how Christianity has transformed and shaped our lives over 2000 years: how it shaped our language and laws and led the way in science, education and in vital social and health reforms. Sending 30 sample copies to all local schools offering to supply a copy to all pupils, this offer was welcomed by the schools and we distributed a total of 11,228 of booklets.

## Early Years



*Preparing sample packs for schools February 2008*

## Mayflower Old & NT Teachers Manuals.

In 2014 we offered Primary Schools the Mayflower Old & New Testament Teachers Manuals. These were taken up by 44 schools that year, which also ordered 866 Bibles and 1,036 Children's books. More manuals were taken in subsequent years.

Sample letters received from Primary schools:

From: **St Edmund's School Richmond in 2020**  
*"Thank you once again for the kind offer of Bibles. Could we please have 60 of the plain blue Bibles. We shall keep you in our prayers during this troubling time".*

From: **St Stephen's Primary School, South Godstone. in 2020**

*"Once again thank you very much for the offer of School Leaver's Bibles. It is a lovely parting gift to give to our children when they leave our school, given in a special Prize Giving Assembly held each year".*

From **Bishop Ridley CE School, Welling.**

*"Thank you once again for the Presentation Bibles. Please pass on our best wishes and thanks to everyone involved for the excellent service that you provide"*

From **Smitham Primary School, Coulsdon:**

*"I very much appreciate your kindness in helping make God's truth known. Thank you very much."*

## Market Stall in Redhill Town Centre



*Market Stall displaying the Jubilee Bibles in 2011*

Since 2007 we have been privileged to hold our Market Stall in Redhill each month whenever possible. Bibles, Gospels, New Testaments and other items have been purchased or given away. Sadly, due to Coronavirus, in 2020 some of our monthly Market Stall's had to be cancelled.

'The Apostle Paul's spirit was stirred when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry, *'therefore disputed he in the synagogue...and in the market daily with them that met with him'*. May the Lord continue to bless this venture for the good of all and for the furtherance of the gospel.

## Market Stall encounters

A few of many examples of the exchanges over the years with those coming to the stall, beside those who stop to encourage us:

- Teacher took books & DVDs for class use
- Boy learning Evolution took Creation magazine
- Bible bought saying he wanted 'St James' one.
- Bible bought for a friend having a difficult time
- A man wanted peace with his maker
- Young man confused about Christian beliefs
- Man given a Bible returned later to pay for it
- Man purchased Bibles for his work colleagues
- Daughter found reading NT – bought full Bible
- 30 Children's books bought for party bags
- A lady bought Children's books for her school
- A teenage boy bought 'Evolution: fact or fiction'
- Young man took leaflet about refuting evolution
- Convert Muslim said he believes Jesus is God
- Carer bought Bibles and books to give away.
- Long conversation held with a Muslim.
- Man said the first Stall he'd seen 'all for Jesus'



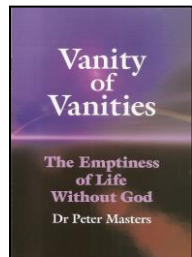
*A packing evening picture from the early years of the 1990's*



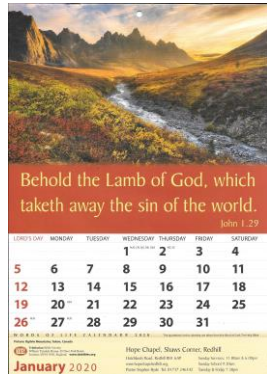
## Calendar Distribution

In 2020 the TBS Words of Life calendars were distributed in December by Royal Mail (Door to Door) due to the Coronavirus. The calendars were overprinted with the Chapel details, and we pray that these may bear fruit.

In 2011 we distributed overprint calendars to local homes with a pastoral letter and the booklet 'Vanity of Vanities' with our own Bible Bookmark. Other years we have given Gospels and other booklets.



### Bookmark



### Overprint: Name & Address

HOPE CHAPEL, Shaws Corner, Redhill  
Hatchlands Road  
Redhill, Surrey, RH1 6AP  
Tel. Contact: (01737) 246 542  
www.hopechapelredhill.org  
Pastor: Stephen Hyde e-mail: Pastor@hopechapelredhill.org



### Preparing calendars for distribution in December 2007

In 2005 we delivered 3000 calendars with Luke's Gospel and a Free-Post order form offering free Bibles, Children's books and the 'Life Story' Creation DVD. From this we had requests for 15 Bibles 16 Children's books and 7 DVDs

In 2009 following the distribution of calendars a local resident expressed an interest in translating 'Bible Doctrines' into the Urdu language. Translation work was completed in 2011 and 6,000 copies were printed. The Gospel Standard Trust were pleased to support this project resulting in a total of 12,000 copies being printed for distribution in the five provinces of Pakistan. The Gospel Standard Trust gave a further £1,000 in 2013 towards the cost of another print run. As a consequence of this Urdu translation Pastor Stephen Hyde was also invited to preach at a conference in Lahore. This was held at the pastor's church who was involved in the translation and printing. Hope Chapel helped with funds for the rebuilding of this church after it was demolished by Islamic extremists.

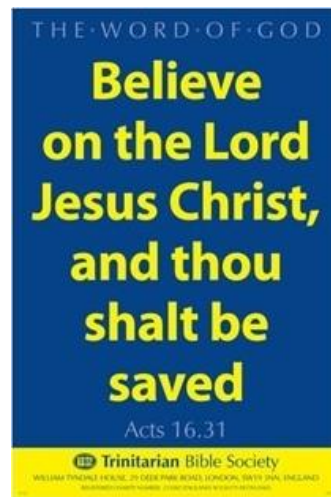


### Setting out for our Calendar Distribution in 2009

From the 3000 calendars distributed in 2006 we had a thank-you letter telling us what a help the calendar had been. Another person that year sent a £25 donation.

## Scripture Railway Posters

In recent years, through the Trinitarian Bible Society, we have sponsored the display of large Railway Scripture Posters at Redhill station. On the main Brighton to London line, these posters have been seen by many thousands of travellers and commuters. Sadly, earlier in the year the Train Operators recategorized the TBS posters as Religious Advertising, and as such displays of the poster were no longer permitted. Following legal advice TBS are challenging this ruling and the outcome is still awaited.



**TBS  
Railway  
Poster  
Displayed on  
Redhill railway  
Station  
January 2020**

*'I send thee,  
to open their  
eyes, and to  
turn them from  
darkness to  
light'. Acts 26*

**TBS received a complaint in September 2019**  
Poster text > **'At the name of Jesus every knee should bow'**. The complainant felt it was inappropriate and personally felt affronted by it, asking the TBS to remove it. The TBS responded saying, they were sorry it was felt inappropriate and that he was affronted by it, but their purpose was that the public display of the Scriptures should be for the glory of God and the salvation of sinners, which Christians believe to be noble ends. Adding, indeed, many Christians find a great proportion of public posters and adverts offensive and an affront to Christian values.

## Creation Magazine Subscriptions

We continue to give annual subscriptions of the 'Creation' magazine to Secondary Schools, UK Prisons and local Doctors and Dentists surgeries.

**Subscription: Four issues a year**



**One of the prisons that receive our Creation subscription**

In 2007 we first offered 140 Prison and Young Offenders Centres annual subscriptions for the Creation Magazine, and then in 2010 this was followed up with an offer of the 'Life Story' Creation DVD and TBS Bibles in various languages. Requests were received for the Scriptures in Arabic, Armenian, Catalan, Dutch, Persian Farsi (Iran), German, Greek, Hebrew, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Ndebele (Zimbabwe), Nepali, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Tamil, Turkish, Ukrainian & Welsh.

**From HMP Brixton Prison, London in 2007:**

*"Thank you for the work you are doing. The natural world can now reveal interrelated evidence that leaves no room for a chance evolution. The documentary Life's Story 2 provides that evidence and makes detailed research beautifully accessible to any viewer".*

**From HMP Wellingborough, Northants:**

*"Thank you for your generosity. I will make the magazine available in the chapel and use the Creation DVD in evening groups".*

## Creation 'Life Story' DVD

In 2006 we sent the 'Life Story' Creation DVDs to all Christian Union branches in our universities. With the DVDs we sent two different posters. One to offer free DVDs and the other to advertise a venue for the Christian Union to show the DVD and debate Creation and Evolution. A designated website [www.lifestory.biz](http://www.lifestory.biz) was set up for students to apply for a copy and we had 19 requests. We were very thankful too to receive a request for more posters to advertise a showing of the DVD at one of the universities.

***So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 1Co.3.7.***

## Worldwide Distribution

In the 1990's the Trinitarian Bible Society received well over 10,000 letters each year requesting Bibles. Since the 1990's we have been pleased to assist the TBS with these requests and have sent many thousands of Bibles in response to individuals from countries across the world. We continue to do so in various languages, although the number of requests now are very much lower than in early years.

### Extracts from letters received:

**Request from India**

*"I am a student at a Bible school. Our school fees and travelling costs from my home are too high! I do not have enough funds to buy study materials. Most useful book is a reference Bible not available here as we are located in a remote area. Even internet connection is too slow! I would like to make a special request for a Bible".*

**From: Herli Ngutojo in Indonesia**

*"I am glad to find your TBS website. I am a 32house church pioneer with several members. I really need and pray my Lord Jesus Christ will give me free of charge a Hebrew Greek Bible. I hope God will answer my prayer".*

**From: Sampson Boampong in London**

*"Thanks for the beautiful Bible. I appreciate it very much. Now I can do my Bible studies with happiness. God bless you".*



**Reading TBS letters requesting Bibles and writing address labels in 2007**

**From Accra, Ghana:** (A very brief but telling letter)

*"I am a sinner and I need your help"* in 2007

## Russian & Ukraine Scriptures

Through the years we have sent Russian Bibles, New Testaments and Gospels to Russia and Ukraine to longstanding contacts that friends have kept in touch with, sending calendars, some to remote parts, for well over 20 years.

Thank-you letter was received in 2011:

*"Our heartfelt thanks for 2 parcels with literature. God bless you. Please pray that more people may start to believe in God" The Pirkov family.*



## Bible Doctrines sent with Bibles

In the 1990's we sent 'Bible Doctrines' by Mr Ramsbottom, with the TBS Bibles. In March 2013 we received an email from South Africa referring to a Bible and Bible Doctrines we had sent 20 years before. The email requested a further copy of Bible Doctrines as the original had been lent to a friend and never returned. He says *"when you sent me these books you had really planted a strong seed in my life when I was still young – I am now 35, and I love the Lord."* We sent four further copies.

**'My word... shall not return unto me void'.**

## Letter from Mumbai India

Dharmendra originally wrote in 2010 saying that he had received a Bible from us 10 years ago. He told us that he had been blessed by reading this Bible and it had been the means of his conversion. We later sent him Bible Doctrines and Matthew Henry's commentary. In 2013 he wrote again saying *"The book Bible Doctrines is very helpful to explain God's love to the people. Please pray for me. God has given me a burden to serve village children in many remote villages where there are no schools."*

## Ghana Support

For 20 years we have had a special relationship with our friends in Ghana. Since the early years we have sent a consignment of several hundred Bibles for distribution each year at the local Baptist Believers Conference held at the end of December. The conference is attended by 1000 to 2000 people and we have been so thankful for the generous support over the years of the TBS who have sent many thousands of Bibles and Scriptures for distribution at this annual conference. The Trinitarian Bible Society shipment in recent years has included a large number of French Golden Thoughts calendars for distribution in neighbouring Burkina Faso, and some for Togo and the Ivory Coast.

## Savannah Education Trust - Schools

We were very pleased to support the Savannah Education Trust again in 2020 by sending 500 Bibles for class use in the Savannah schools: 320 Bibles for their eight Primary schools and 180 Bibles for their six Secondary schools.

In recent years we have also sent a large number of the Miracle Parable Series of Children's books and more recently the new Faithful Footsteps series of children's books by Mr Ramsbottom, all of which are now in the schools and we hope to send more as new schools open.

*"The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD". Pr. 16:33*

## Savannah Schools



**A Savannah school class**

## Mombasa Mission – Kenya

We have been pleased to support James, Elsie Sam & Hannah in Kenya since the Mission was established, with Chapel collections and the purchase of Swahili Bibles and other literature, including books for their Sunday School.



**The Home of Mombasa Mission**

## OVERSEAS SUPPORT FUNDS

### Poor Fund

For almost 20 years we have been supporting three churches in Ghana through our Overseas Poor Fund for medicines, medical expenses and other hospital bills, food, clothing, school fees and books. Many family expenses, and no NHS!

### Projects Fund

Over the years we have funded the building of three new churches, and we have made four or five visits to Ghana.

As we reflect on the past and look forward, may we be led by the Spirit to know the mind of Christ. It is our *'desire that we might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work'*. Col. 1.9-10

*'O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy'*. Hab. 3.2