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Dear Missions Coordinator,

Even as the spiritual battle rages, your prayers for open hearts in closed nations are being answered:

- Our correspondence centers serving the Middle East region have logged more than *6.2 million* contacts over the past year—literally millions of people seeking Bibles, books about Christ, and answers to specific questions about Him. That's 17,000 per day.
- A staff member just wrote to say that the spiritual climate has changed dramatically in some places: *"Recently [our] team had their 10th book fair ... This time there was a big change compared to other years. There were very few insults and arguments or slandering, but [the] opposite. People were asking questions to understand ... This is a very positive approach to [the] Bible."*
- In order to respond to increasing spiritual hunger, a report from an extremely closed nation included an urgent request for 50,000 more Bibles. Still another from an even more dangerous nation mentioned, *"Our team is distributing about 1,000 New Testaments and Bibles in a month."*

This is great news, and I know you rejoice with me.

But even as hearts open, a different sort of challenge is growing. The economic meltdown is taking its toll. One of our leaders for this area recently sent the news:

"Our Bible project account is dry."

So at a time of incredible spiritual hunger, the money for Bibles has run out. And that is why I am coming to you today.

Men and women in the Middle East, North Africa, and nearby nations are hungry for God's Word! But they cannot simply walk into a bookstore to get a copy. As our staff put God's Word in the hands of seekers, their eagerness is incredible—as is the quickness with which these people give them to others! A recent report from Iraq read, *"[A] car wash garage owner asked for one copy of the Bible for himself, [a] few days later came asking for four copies for his friends! Two days ago he came asking for more copies. 'How many copies do you want,' we asked. 'As much as you can give me—10, 20, any number. I have a lot of customers and all of them love to have their own copy.' We gave him only four*

because we do not have [many]..." In another case, our field team shared about a woman who works in a closed nation's Ministry of Culture. When she encountered our staff, her first question was about Bibles. She took ten copies to give to her colleagues—all of the dominant religion.

In this region, men and women are often risking their lives to even possess a copy of God's Word. But still they hunger and thirst for Truth, and want to share it with others as well! Will you help quench that thirst?

It takes just \$3 to get God's Word delivered into the hands of a man or woman from a closed nation. That means that your gift of \$120 will provide 40 Bibles in some of the most spiritually dark places on earth; \$240 would provide 80. As the Lord provides, perhaps you would even consider a greater gift of \$600 (200 Bibles) or \$1,200 (400 Bibles) to touch lives with the Truth.

This is an urgent situation; as I said, the Bibles account is dry and, in order to fulfill all the requests for God's Word in languages like Arabic, Turkish, and Persian, resources are needed immediately. I know that times are tough right now and that you may very well be trimming your own budget; I simply ask that you pray about this. Then, act as He leads and provides.

For more information and a dramatic video about the need for Bibles in the Middle East please visit www.mideastbibles.org. If you would like to save mailing time by giving online, please visit give.ccci.org, Quick Link code **WX6-100**.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support; as you can see, hearts are softening to the Truth! Now is the time to get God's Word into the hands of multitudes.

Yours in Christ,

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P.S. It appears that, in some of the most closed nations on earth, hearts are softening to the Gospel in a special way. A recent report shares how a young woman met a group of people of the dominant religion: *"She approached them and offered them the Bible materials ... An old man, very touched, accepted them, and then kissed her on the cheeks. A bit later, she met a woman, who was also touched by the gift, and kissed her..."* Another report told of a staff member's fear of approaching a very religious looking man: *"I was afraid to approach him. I closed my eyes to pray ... the inner voice of the Holy Spirit reminded me that perfect love casts out fear! So I went over to [him], and he said, 'Wow!' I became fearful, but he said, 'For years I have been looking for the Gospel.' He thanked me as if he had found something precious."* Please consider how you might help many find something precious. Thank you again.