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Bible Society
Report

Extra-ordinary News from Syria

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War in Syria remember?— terrible news of bombing, gas attacks, refugees fleeing Could any good come from that ?
But thousands of Christians prayed and prayed

Bernt Olsen, Bible Society's link person with Syria over many years, has just re-visited Bible Society's Bookshop in Aleppo N. Syria after seven years. (A copy of his eye-witness report is available on the table.)

Three things Bernt discovered that brought joy to his heart :

* **Although 50% of Christians fled Syria during the war, Bible sales went up.**

So , who's reading all these Bibles?

George (who leads the work there) says, *'Everyone, from every faith, is searching for the truth - and they find it in the Bible.'*

* **Ancient churches bombed repeatedly have been re-built by returning Christians.** This sends a powerful message to other Syrians: we're not giving up, ever.

* **Many houses in Aleppo were destroyed by rockets — but praise God, the Bible Society bookshop was spared.** It's doors have stayed open every day of the war to serve the needs of all. Syrians.



'The war has led new people to Christ,' George told Bernt.

*'No one would've believed this when the conflict began!
God has used events that people created for something good.'*

**Sunday school teachers need Bibles,
People traumatised by war need Bibles,
New believers need Bibles.**

This is an opportunity to bring God's Word to a devastated nation, so people can heal, grow. love and hope.

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Praise the LORD!

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures for ever!*

Psalm 106: 1

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019

10.30 AM MORNING MEETING

Welcome to our services today.

A special welcome to **Harriet Lindsay**, who is being brought by her parents, **Calvin & Rebekah**, to be dedicated to the Lord.

Jonny will be preaching on **I Corinthians ch.14: 26-40.**

A crèche facility is available for very young children should you require it during the morning service

Following the service many of us will be enjoying refreshments together and we warmly welcome you to join us.

2.30 PM - HARP HOUSE

A short service for the elderly residents

6.00PM EVENING MEETING

This evening **Keith** will be preaching on **Joshua ch: 24**

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