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(Pastor Gerere's wife, Solange, pictured here.)

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Letter from the President

[Jesus said], “When I was hungry, you gave me food to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. When I had no place to stay, you welcomed me into your home.”

Matthew 25:35 ERV

Finding refuge in difficult places

The hope of Jesus lives on in Malawi’s largest refugee camp

For thousands of years, people have left their home countries to build new lives elsewhere. My family felt God’s calling to do the same, which brought us to the U.S. When I read my Bible, it’s a common story there as well. One of those stories is Jesus’ birth in Matthew 2:13-23. After the Messiah arrived, King Herod tried to kill him. Like so many refugees, Mary, Joseph, and young Jesus had to flee for their lives. They settled in Egypt as the Lord guided Joseph.

Though the situations may look different, this is the reality for many people today.

In this newly renamed and redesigned newsletter, you’ll read powerful stories of people in the same situation as Jesus—people living in Malawi who would have died had they not left their home countries. Currently, more than 56,000 people live as refugees there. Nearly all call the Dzaleka Refugee Camp home.

A remarkable 93% of the camp is women and children. They are husbandless and fatherless because of the horrors they’ve endured. Yet, the Gospel is shining through.

Through your faithful partnership, these refugees are finding the same God who Jesus called “Father.” In dozens of churches throughout the camp, Bible League Bible studies are bringing healing to hearts that have endured unimaginable loss. Your support provides Bibles, training, and materials, helping them and others around the globe to find refuge in Christ.

As we celebrate the Savior’s birth this season, many in Malawi and globally are joining you. Thank you for your part in making that possible.

Merry Christmas!



Jos Snoep, President and CEO

P.S. You might notice our newsletter has a new name and a fresh look. **We’ve redesigned it with you in mind, hoping to bring you closer to the incredible difference your generosity makes.** Please let me know what you think by emailing Jos.Snoep@bibleleague.org.



They call her the Woman of Good News

A refugee mother's courage, faith, and the power to change lives

Imagine facing mortal danger out of nowhere, fighting to survive, with no time to think, pack, or say goodbyes. You find yourself out of breath, scampering for safety after running for hours. When you finally glimpse the horizon, you're forced to cross hippo-infested rivers and skim through barbed wire to evade capture.

This is what Amnazo, and thousands of refugees, endured to reach Dzaleka Refugee Camp in Malawi after fleeing their war-ridden country of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Living in hopelessness

Amnazo is a 50-year-old widowed refugee and mother of eight. She fled the DRC with her children after losing her husband. "What made me flee from my

home country was the war. One day, people came into my house, took my husband, beheaded him, and made us run," she begins.

Amnazo can't read or write and is unemployed. She struggles every day to provide for her family. As a widow, Amnazo has suffered loss, shame, and insecurity. "I miss the comfort of my home and my husband, the pillar of the house," she says.

Amnazo lived in her hopelessness for years as the conditions at the camp offered nothing. She realized she couldn't overcome the hurdles on her own. She yearned for hope, and she found it at Pastor Shaban's church, Calvary Chapel.

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Malawi, a landlocked country in southeastern Africa, is home to Dzaleka Refugee Camp. The camp is about 30 miles north of Lilongwe—the nation's capital. Currently, more than 53,000 refugees live there.

The refuge

Pastor Shaban established the first Bible League programs in the camp in 2023, founded Calvary Chapel, and introduced Bible League's Bible studies there. He also trained Pastor Gerere (*story, page 6*), who now trains leaders throughout the camp.

“Bible League is an answer to our prayers. Since we have started this program, people are now able to read the Bible for themselves, and we can see people’s lives change spiritually.”

**—Pastor Shaban,
Leader of Calvary Chapel in Dzaleka Refugee Camp**

Amnazo heard about Calvary Chapel at the camp and began attending the women’s Bible study—the same one Adela attends (*story, page 7*). She listened to oral teachings of Bible League materials since she couldn’t read.

In 2024, Amnazo participated in Bible League studies and gave her life to Christ. “Being a follower of Christ is priceless. I feel happy because God loves me,” she says. Amnazo continues to attend the church and listen to God’s Word. She now evangelizes her refugee community at the camp.

The women find meaning in learning the Bible and sharing their faith and hope with each other. It’s a safe space for women to share their fears, hopes, and challenges. They empty their hearts, share each other’s burdens, and find assurance that they’re not alone. In this camaraderie, they find joy, hope, and security in God’s people.

A Bible of her own

“I didn’t have a Bible; I only got one here at Calvary Chapel through Bible League. The Word of God is encouraging me to keep going,” says Amnazo. And it’s helping her to leave a legacy of faith. Even though Amnazo can’t read, her children read her Bible League materials together. “They read and interpret for me, and I listen. As they read to me, I also began to understand.”



At Pastor Shaban’s church, children are hearing how much their heavenly Father loves them! Through your generosity, they are using Bible League’s Discovery Series—Bible study materials specifically designed for kids. With big grins, they say to you, “Asante!” (“Thank you” in Swahili).

Though Amnazo still endures hunger, harsh elements, and dilapidated housing, she remains thankful and filled with hope. She recognizes she's fortunate to be alive and grateful for the little blessings. "This is not a good place, but the country we fled was worse. I faced insecurity in my country, but here, I have food and shelter. I give thanks to Almighty God," she says.

Hope dawns

Thanks to the hope she found in the Gospel through Bible League programs, people at the camp have now dubbed Amnazo a Woman of Good News. She loves people and always shares the Gospel. She has led many to Christ. With a smile, she asserts, "Many are changed because of my good character and how I speak kindly. The church is changing people and stabilizing them."

Democratic Republic of the Congo



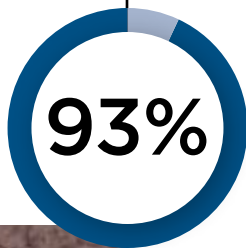
Population

115.4 million
(half under age 15)



Conflict

More than 100 active armed groups



Religion

93% Christian



Refugee camp realities

- **Overcrowding is an understatement.** Dzaleka Refugee Camp, originally designed to host about 12,000 people, currently houses around 53,000 refugees and asylum-seekers. For the whole camp, there is only one primary school and one secondary school.
- **A new way of life in a foreign land.** The refugees are primarily from the DRC as well as Burundi, Rwanda, Somalia, and Ethiopia, among other countries.
- **Widows and orphans.** About 93% of the camp population is women and children. Their husbands and fathers were killed as ongoing armed conflicts, violence, and widespread human rights violations occurred in their homelands.
- **The Gospel is a beacon of hope.** There are over 100 churches in the camp, 42 of which are using Bible League's Bible studies.

The pastor who leapt for his life

Now he's helping to bring God's Word to hundreds—thanks to you

In the dark of night, Pastor Gerere jumped through a window as attackers closed in. That night, he fled the DRC. After a grueling journey, he reached Dzaleka Refugee Camp in 2016.

Training leaders

Now 37, Pastor Gerere and his wife, Solange, struggle to survive with 10 children in their two-bedroom home. You wouldn't know it by his bright smile, but he faces severe hardship. "It's a very bad, miserable life. Many people are jobless. We are not getting food," he explains. To feed his family, he rents fields to grow maize while pastoring his 350-member church without pay.

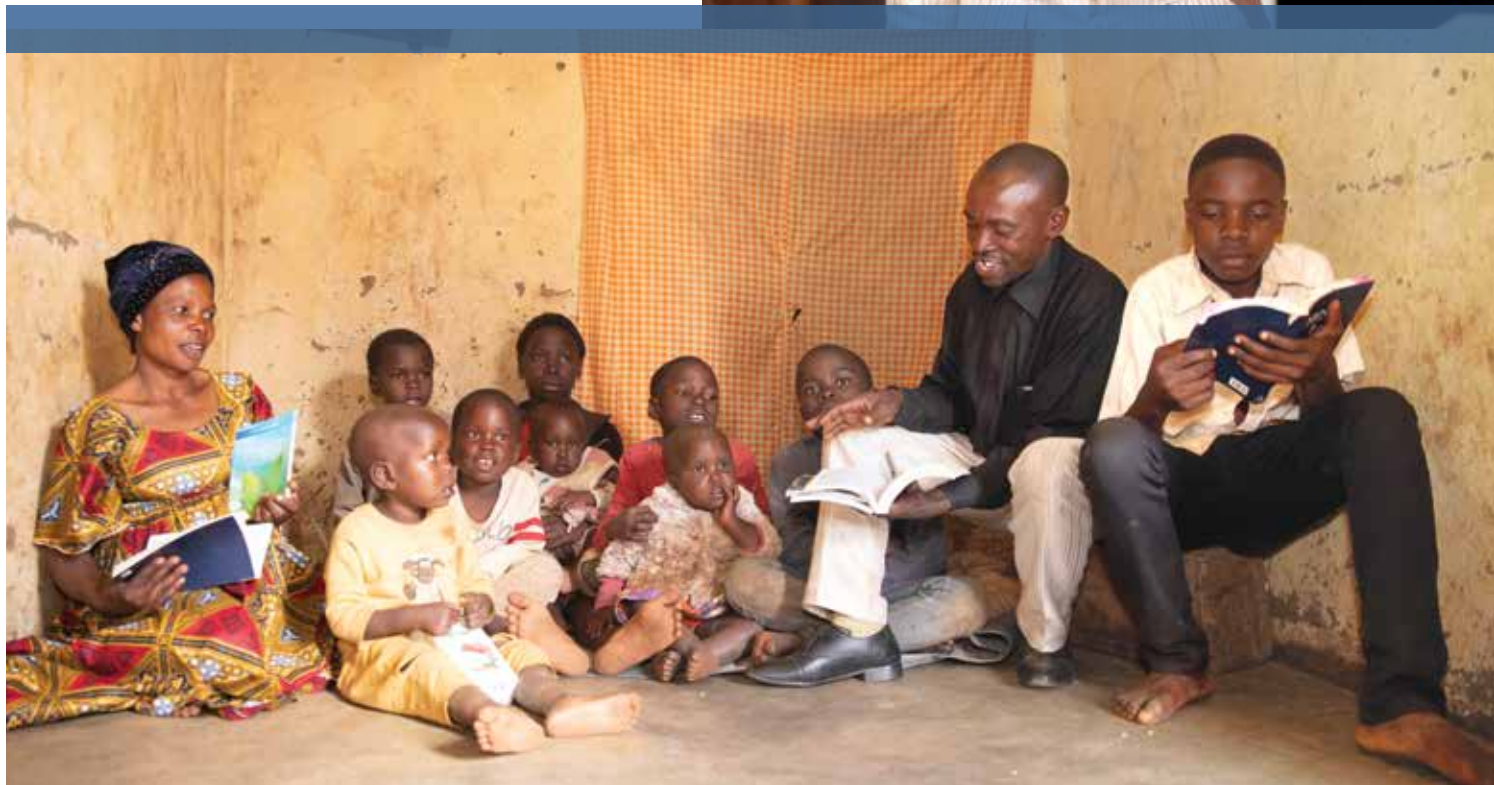
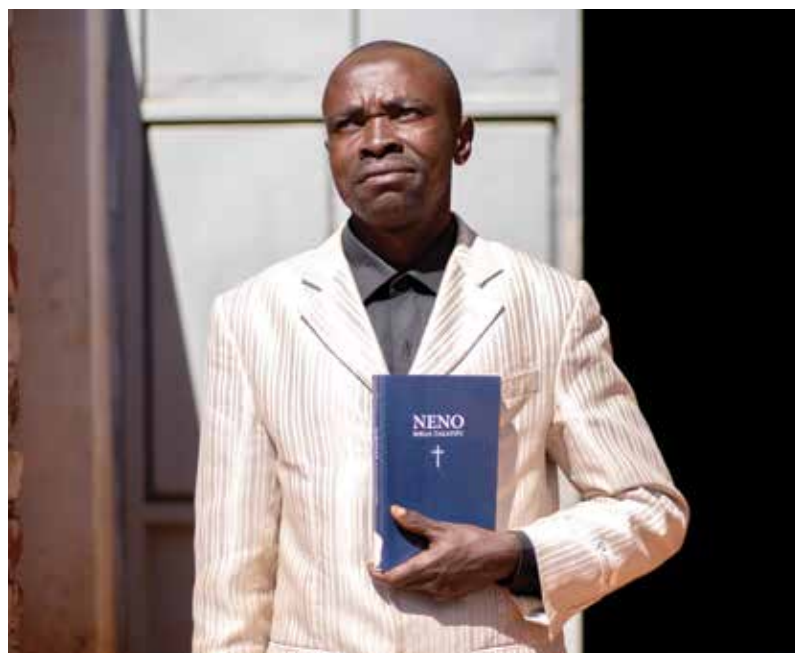
The spiritual need is just as overwhelming. In this camp with over 100 churches, many believers had no access to God's Word. In 2023, Pastor Gerere became a Bible League Bible study leader. Now he and Pastor Shaban train other Christians in 42 of Dzaleka's 100 churches to lead Bible League Bible studies.

Reaching the kingdom

"At the beginning, we had no Bibles," Pastor Gerere recalls. Through your faithful support, half his congregation now does. He shares that Bible League's

booklets are helping them learn how to interpret and understand verses.

He says confidently, "The Bible says if you don't have the Word of God in your mind, there's no way to reach the kingdom of heaven. But if you have the Word of God in your mind and heart, you are now going to reach the kingdom of heaven."



Covered by His wings

Your support is helping Adela heal—and lead other widows to Christ

The attackers came under the cover of darkness. “They took my husband and killed him. When they killed him, I fainted.” Thirty-nine-year-old Adela from the DRC recalls the night in 2017 when she became a widow.

Finding community

After a Good Samaritan dragged Adela to safety, the mom of seven fled with nothing but the clothes on her back. Eventually, they landed in Malawi’s Dzaleka Refugee Camp, where they still live today. Along the way, she faced hunger, angry hippos, dangerous rivers, sharp thorns, and cold nights in the Bush.

“I was a God-fearing person, and I am still a God-fearing person,” Adela notes.

In 2023, she began attending a Bible League Bible study at Pastor Shaban’s church. Through it, she received a Bible and found community with other women like her. “I always say I have no family—my family is the Church.”

Healing hearts

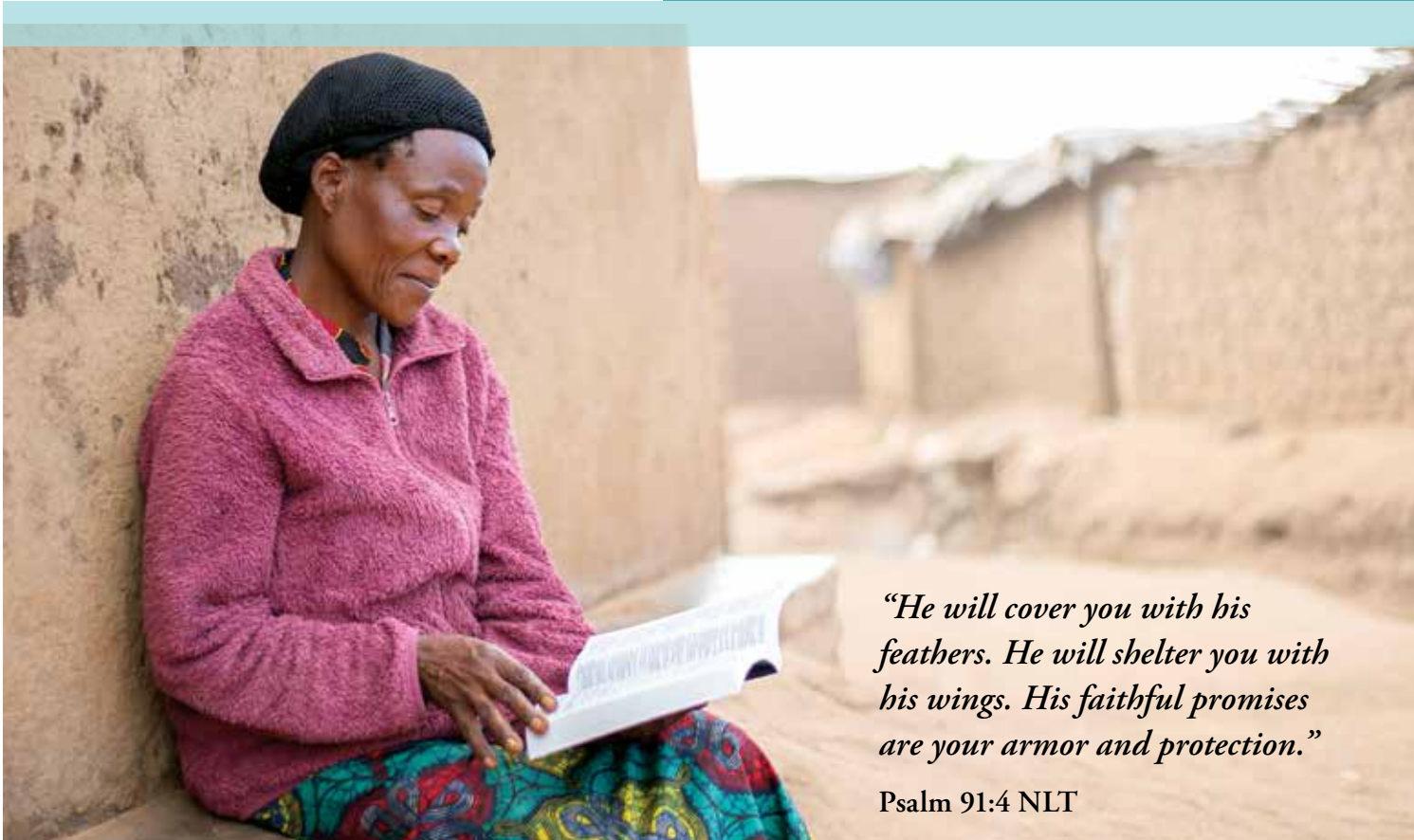
Your support helped her faith grow, and gave her confidence to share it with others. Now she leads a women’s Bible League Bible study, teaching other widows using the materials you provide. They gather three times a week to study God’s Word.

Adela found comfort in the Psalms, especially Psalm 91. Though grief still dwells in her heart, God’s Word helps heal her soul. “When I start having troubling thoughts, I rush to the Bible League materials. I pray, ‘Father, I have no medicine in my hands. You are the medicine, Jesus.’”



Want to see more of
Adela’s amazing story?

Check out her video at
bibleleague.org/adela



*“He will cover you with his
feathers. He will shelter you with
his wings. His faithful promises
are your armor and protection.”*

Psalm 91:4 NLT

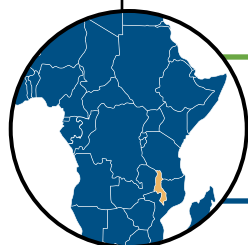
The true cost of \$3.50

To buy a Bible in Malawi costs about \$3.50. Seems small, right? Today, you probably spent that without even thinking twice. Maybe it was on a cup of coffee. Or a bag of chips. Or maybe it was a birthday card for a friend.

But for those who call Dzaleka Refugee Camp home, this choice comes at a much higher cost. If you're a refugee in the camp, it's hard to find work. You depend nearly entirely on food aid (which the government is reducing). When that falls short, you scrape together money to rent fields and grow food.

For them, it's not just \$3.50. **It's the cost of feeding their family.**

Your generosity at work across Malawi in 2025



25,952 People Reached

1,001 Leaders Trained

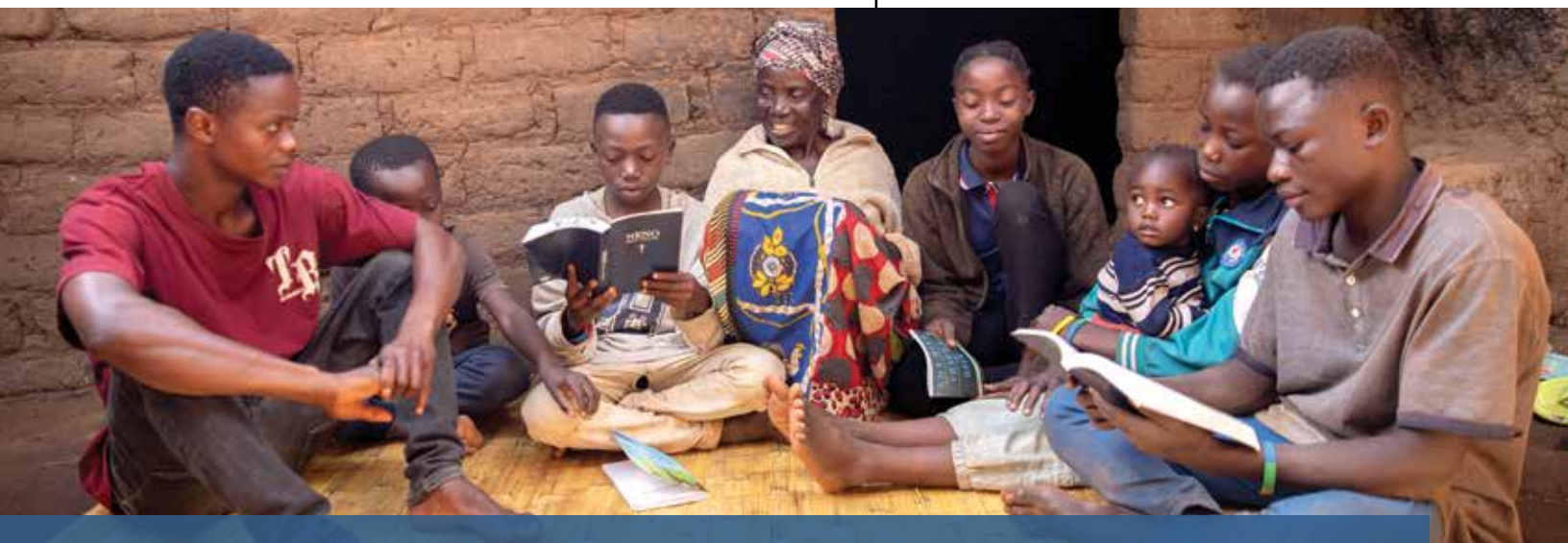
30,803 Scriptures Utilized

50%

More than half of those reached are kids and teens!

2020

Bible League launched ministry in Malawi in 2020.



"Our deep desire is to see everyone in the Church has a Bible," pleads Pastor Shaban, a Bible League-trained leader in Malawi's Dzaleka Refugee Camp.

Pastor Shaban's prayer reflects a global reality: believers around the world long for God's Word and biblical training. Your partnership provides the tools they need for spiritual growth and transformation in their communities.

Your gift will provide Bibles, training, and biblical materials to equip believers worldwide who are eager to spread Christ's hope.



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transforming lives through God's Word.