



DANDENONG Bible Education Centre

Newsletter

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Finding Bibles in languages other than English

Beth Symes is the person who usually orders LOTE Bibles. Here is an interview with Beth about her experiences.

How many different languages does the Dandenong Bible Education Centre stock Bibles in at present?

We have Bibles, study aids and DVDs in 65 different languages. We stock Bibles (or parts of them) in 36 different languages.

Where do you source LOTE Bibles?

All over the world. Many we can get from our suppliers here in Australia but others come direct from their country of origin.

How long does it usually take to order in a Bible in a language other than English?

Most languages we can source within a week or two if we do not already have them in stock. Some of the less widely spoken languages can take longer.

About how much do Bibles in a language other than English cost?

We have secondhand Bibles usually for less than \$10 and new Bibles usually cost approximately \$20 depending on the binding and other features.

In how many different languages are Bibles currently in print?

The Bible continues to be the most translated book in the world. The

following numbers are approximations. As of 2005, at least one book of the Bible has been translated into 2,400 languages. The United Bible Societies are presently assisting in over 600 Bible translation projects. The Bible is available in whole or in part to some 98 percent of the world's population in a language in which they are fluent.

What language was the most difficult to find a Bible for sale in?

Gola! After many emails back and forwards across the globe and waiting months and months we were able to get some portions of the Bible in Gola. They had to be hand carried out of Liberia. What joy when they finally arrived!

How often do you order LOTE Bibles?

Usually as required, when there is a special request. Or perhaps every month or two to replace stock we run out of.

What do you find most satisfying about sourcing LOTE Bibles?

Giving someone the opportunity to read God's words in their own language, the one they understand the best.

Your questions discussed – and, hopefully, answered

We are referring to questions about the Bible – and the parts which puzzle you.

We have arranged to have a special 3 week Course, God willing, at the Bible Centre.

Mondays, June 15, 22 & 29th, starting at 7.45 pm.



More information is on the back of this page. Please turn over!

Special book offer

“Modern Medicine and the Bible”



Was \$11
Now \$6
with this coupon for the month of June.

Bible study on Sundays - “New Life” for all!

A variety of topics are discussed at the *New Life Class* each Sunday from 11.30-12.30. Each week there is a speaker who will teach about these subjects and usually there is plenty of time for discussion during the session, with worksheets and questions at times. Join us each week to learn more from the Bible.

The topics which are planned for this month at the New Life Class are:

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| June 7 | Bible truths about: Baptism and new life |
| 14 | Heaven and hell |
| 21 | Rich - abundance & generosity (DVD & discussion) |
| 28 | Telling the truth |

All our plans are subject to the will of God.

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Rain!

With our dams so empty and so little rain at times, many people are increasingly conscious about water. Many have learnt to use less water in their daily activities, and some are installing rainwater tanks to catch any rain that does fall. Yet in New South Wales and Queensland there have been devastating floods recently. Just as we think about rain, so too the Bible speaks of rain quite often. Can you fill in the blanks in the following quiz?

1. The rain fell and the _____ came.
2. As snow in summer or rain in harvest, so honour is not fitting for a _____.
3. I will send rain upon the earth for _____ days and _____ nights.
4. For as the rain and the _____ come down from heaven and do not return to it without watering the earth...
5. He sends rain on the _____ and on the _____.
6. Elijah prayed and for _____ years and six months it did not rain on the earth.
7. He will _____ to us like the winter rains.
8. God's _____ shall drop as the rain.
9. These men have power to shut up the sky so that it will not rain in the days of their _____.
10. Lo, the _____ is past, the rain is over and gone.

Clues:

1. *Parable of the wise and foolish builders. Matthew 7:25*
2. *Proverbs 26:1*
3. *Noah's ark. Genesis 7:4*
4. *Isaiah 55:10*
5. *Jesus said this in Matthew 5:45*
6. *James 5:17*
7. *Hosea 6:3b*
8. *Deuteronomy 32:2*
9. *Revelation 11:6*
10. *Song of Solomon 2:11*



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Recent courses have seen participants raise a number of other matters not directly related to the course. These three sessions will be an opportunity to have a good look at what the Bible has to say about these questions.

For example, the Gospel of John says, referring to Jesus, that he was “the word made flesh” (John 1:14) – so what was Jesus before he was flesh? Another question – if Jesus was really God, does that mean he did not really die? We will also look further into some of the issues discussed in our recent Prophecy series about the real nature of “the end of the world.”

Whether you have been a participant or not in previous classes, you are warmly invited to attend these three classes. Please bring your own questions, and we will search the scriptures to see what answers God has put on record “for our learning”.

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What's on this month?

Mondays June 15, 22 & 29 7.45pm - Your questions ... answered

Tuesday-Friday 12.45pm - Daily Bible readings

Tuesdays 7.30pm - The Story of the Bible (continuing)

Wednesdays 10.30-12.30 - Happy Faces Playgroup

Wednesdays June 10 & 24 8pm - Advanced Bible Study

Thursdays 10.30-12 noon - Ladies' Bible study

Sundays 11.30-12.30 - New Life Class and Bible Explorers