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Dear Friend of the Word:

You CAN judge a book by its cover!

Just look at the photo of the Indonesian *Fire Bibles* on the enclosure.

When you look at the wear and tear on the covers of these Bibles, you can imagine the countless fingers that have turned the pages. These Bibles have been used for years by students in the library of the Assemblies of God Bible school in Malang, Indonesia.

A vast multitude of eyes have studied God's Word, using these *Fire Bibles*, in a language they can read and understand. In their heart language too! Pentecostal too! In the largest Muslim nation in the world too!

I challenge you to go to any library here in the United States and find books so worn. So used!

The Indonesian *Fire Bible* was the fourth *Fire Bible* printed in a language other than English. Missionary Anthony Sorbo and his Indonesian staff did a tremendous job of producing the *Fire Bible*. And they did it long before we started calling it the *Fire Bible*. Back then it was called the *Full Life Study Bible*.

The first run of the Indonesian study Bible was 10,000. To date 70,000 Indonesian *Fire Bibles* have been printed in this country of more than 220 million Muslims, also a hotbed for persecution of Christianity.

But you've never been asked to give money to print the Indonesian *Fire Bible*.

Why?



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Because the Indonesian national church charges enough for each Bible to print another. In essence, it is a perpetual Bible — an eternal flame that keeps replicating itself.

That example gives me an opportunity to explain how our system of producing *Fire Bibles* around the world works. When we ask you to give \$10 to print a *Fire Bible* in a language like Tiddim Chin in Burma, for example, what we are asking is that you provide the money for the first *Fire Bible* in this chain of events.

We print 10,000 copies of the first print run of the *Fire Bible*. At the official launch of that Bible, we present all pastors in attendance with a personal copy. We then give the remaining Bibles to the national church. We pay for everything — development, translation, printing and shipping. The Bibles are a gift to the national church. You help make this possible.

In some countries, like China, the *Fire Bible* is given away. But most times, we encourage the national church to sell the *Fire Bible* at a price their people can afford so that when the 10,000 are depleted, they will have the funds to print 10,000 more.

In our letters when we say “provide a *Fire Bible*,” we mean you are giving the *Fire Bible* to the national church. They then ask the people who receive the gift you gave, to give enough so that another person can get a *Fire Bible*. In essence, their *Fire Bible* is free. But they are helping someone else receive one by paying a fraction, yes a fraction of what it would normally cost.

And if they absolutely cannot afford to give anything for the Bible and have a proven ministry, we will make sure they get a *Fire Bible*.

I want to explain the system we use because we think it is best not to randomly give away something as valuable as a *Fire Bible*. If we didn't do it this way, we would constantly be faced with reprinting *Fire Bible* editions instead of producing them in new languages.

I hope I have adequately explained our system. If you have more questions, please ask us.

But think of the return on the investment of these worn *Fire Bibles* in Indonesia alone. From just **one** of these worn *Fire Bibles*, think of the number of sermons prepared. The souls won. The lives changed. And all this has taken place in the largest Muslim nation in the world! I know I wish I could have provided one of these Bibles.

Around the world we know there are *Fire Bibles* in various languages that are tattered and torn from use. They are prized possessions. Thank you for investing in these

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treasured Bibles. Thank you for starting the eternal flames around the world.

How many eternal flames would the Author of the Book we publish have you to start this month? Eternal flames that will perpetuate themselves. Please start as many as you can. Please help us keep publishing new editions of the *Fire Bible*. All we ever ask is that you ask the Author how many He would have you provide and respond accordingly.

Thank you in advance for making it possible for people like Pastor Nyoman Sudika in Indonesia (pictured on the enclosed form) to have a *Fire Bible* at a price they can afford. They will treasure it. And you will be able to judge the *Fire Bibles* by their covers, all tattered and torn.

Yours for the Word,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alton Garrison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "A" and "G".

Dr. Alton Garrison

President

Assemblies of God Bible Alliance

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Start Some Eternal Flames Around the World!

I/We Want to Start Some Eternal Flames Around the World!

Dear Alton:

I/We want to start some eternal flames around the world by making available *Fire Bibles* for national workers. We understand that when we give, we are starting a process that will help make the *Fire Bible* available for generations to come. We would like to provide:

- \$10 One *Fire Bible* \$500 50 *Fire Bibles*
- \$20 Two *Fire Bibles* \$1,000 100 *Fire Bibles*
- \$50 Five *Fire Bibles* \$5,000 500 *Fire Bibles*
- \$100 10 *Fire Bibles* \$10,000 1,000 *Fire Bibles*
- \$250 25 *Fire Bibles* \$ _____ *Fire Bibles*

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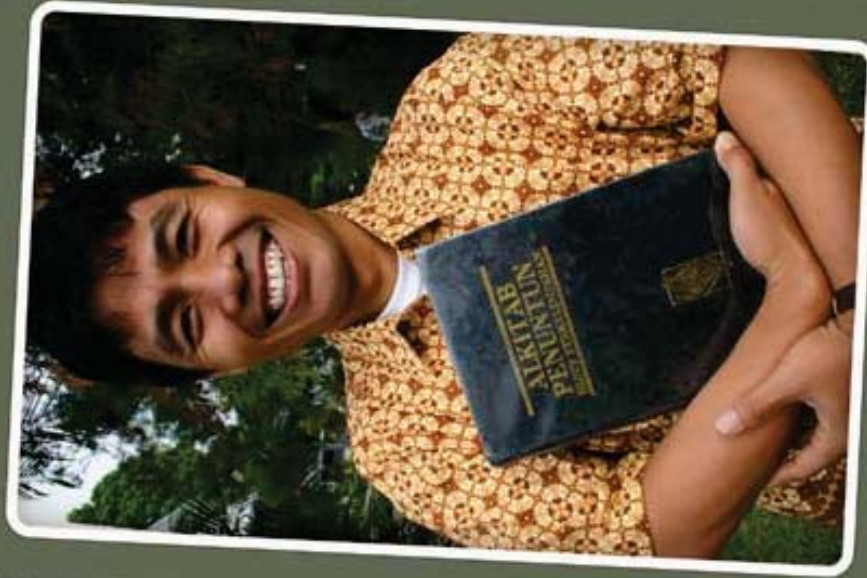
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Help make the *Fire Bible* available for overseas
national workers for generations to come.



Look at the tattered edges of these Indonesian *Fire Bibles*. For more than a decade, students at the Assemblies of God Bible School in Malang, Indonesia, have benefited from this Pentecostal study Bible in their language.



Pastor Nyoman Sudika and many more Indonesian pastors are grateful for the Fire Bible and its impact upon their ministry.