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Dear Friend of the Word:

If you have ever wondered if God is in control of our efforts to produce the *Fire Bible* in the major languages of the world, let me share one example of His direction.

There is a tremendous need for training materials in Mozambique and Angola, **two countries where one of the greatest revivals** in the world is taking place right now. But as some say, the revival is a mile wide and an inch thick. People are getting saved and churches are being planted so quickly that they can't get enough trained pastors.

It is estimated that the Assemblies of God has about 10,000 churches in each country, but only 500-600 pastors each with any training at all.

If ever there was a place that needed the one-book survival kit we call the *Fire Bible*, it is certainly true for both Angola and Mozambique.

In both countries the people speak Portuguese, so from the beginning we planned to print the African Portuguese *Fire Bible* for both.

(You probably know the *Full Life Study Bible* [*Fire Bible*] was first produced for the Portuguese-speaking church in Brazil by Missionary Don Stamps who was a missionary to that South American country.)

By January of this year, we had everything ready for the printing of the African Portuguese *Fire Bible* — including a donor who was giving \$100,000 to have the 10,000 Bibles printed.

Just as we were ready to set our plans in motion, the donor called one of our team members and asked that his \$100,000 be used to print another *Fire Bible*.

As you can imagine, we were desperate. We didn't have an

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“extra” \$100,000 to print the African Portuguese *Fire Bible* even though it is one of the most needed *Fire Bibles* in the world.

But the desperation was short-lived!

The donor called to move his funds in the morning. Just before 5:00 p.m. that afternoon, our team member was driving in Springfield when he got a call on his cell phone. The conversation went something like this:

CALLER: “I have a person who wants to make a sizeable gift to the *Fire Bible*, but he wants it to go to a Bible that will be printed soon.”

OUR REP AFTER A MOMENT OF SILENCE: “How much does he want to give?”

CALLER: “\$100,000.”

OUR REP AFTER AN EVEN LONGER MOMENT OF SILENCE AND WITH TEARS IN HIS EYES: “Praise God!”

Everything was ready for the printing of the African Portuguese *Fire Bible* except the \$100,000 to pay the printer, but **God had things under control.**

The next week we got the \$100,000 check, and now the *Fire Bibles* are on their way to Mozambique and Angola.

What’s more interesting is that we still don’t know who the donor is!

We only know that the check cleared the bank and the bill was paid in full for the African Portuguese *Fire Bibles*.

Is God in control of the efforts of the Assemblies of God Bible Alliance?

Yes! A resounding yes!

That is why we never ask for funds. We ask you to ask the Author of the Book we publish and respond accordingly.

For some of us, \$10 to provide one *Fire Bible* is a sacrifice. Others can give \$100,000. But I’m convinced we’re all equal in the sight of the Author. As each of us listens to Him and as we do our part, we will get this one-book Pentecostal study Bible published in

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the major languages of the world.

So I ask you again this month to please ask the Author and respond accordingly. I also thank you in advance for listening and responding.

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 "G" at the end.

Dr. Alton Garrison

President

Assemblies of God Bible Alliance

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P.S. Recently I learned that Angola and Mozambique will share some of the 10,000 Portuguese *Fire Bibles* with three smaller Portuguese-speaking countries in need: **São Tomé and Príncipe, Guinea Bissau and Cape Verde**. God is not only in control of our efforts, He multiplies them too! Praise His Name.

P.P.S. Please **take a look at the pictures of the well-worn Bible** on the enclosure. This Bible belongs to Pastor Fernando Bata, general superintendent of Mozambique Assemblies of God. He has had this Bible ever since he was saved many years ago. What a joy it will be to present him with a brand new African Portuguese *Fire Bible*!

Thanks to friends of Bible Alliance,
 10,000 copies of the African Portuguese *Fire Bible*
 are printed and on the way to Angola and Mozambique.

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF OUR FIRE BIBLE EFFORTS!



Dear Alton:

I/We know God is in control of our *Fire Bible* efforts in Angola, Mozambique and around the world, and we want to make this Pentecostal study Bible available to more pastors and lay workers. Enclosed is my/our gift of:

- One *Fire Bible* \$10
- Two *Fire Bibles* \$20
- Five *Fire Bibles* \$50
- 10 *Fire Bibles* \$100
- 20 *Fire Bibles* \$200
- 50 *Fire Bibles* \$500
- 100 *Fire Bibles* \$1,000
- 500 *Fire Bibles* \$5,000
- 5000 *Fire Bibles* \$50,000
- Fire Bibles* \$ _____

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Pastor Bata will soon trade his worn Bible for a new *Fire Bible* in his language!

Your gift today will make available the Fire Bible, a Pentecostal study Bible, for more needy pastors and lay workers like Pastor Bata in a language they can read and understand.



» **TRADING THE OLD FOR THE NEW:** Pastor Fernando Bata, general superintendent of Mozambique Assemblies of God, has had this Bible since he was saved many years ago. Soon the brand new African Portuguese *Fire Bible* will be delivered to Mozambique (and Angola), where it will be made available to Pastor Bata and thousands more pastors and lay workers. They will have firsthand access to spiritual resources and study helps they have never had before.

» **FIRE BIBLES:** The African Portuguese *Fire Bible* is the 27th international language edition completed. About 30 more *Fire Bible* language editions are in development.



Every gift of \$10 you send today will make available a *Fire Bible* to a pastor or lay worker in a language they can read and understand.