

- 2) *Cebuano Fire Bible* for the Philippines
- 3) *Farsi Fire Bible* for Iran
- 4) *Khmer Fire Bible* for Cambodia
- 5) *Sinhala Fire Bible* for Sri Lanka
- 6) *Telugu Fire Bible* for India
- 7) *Urdu Fire Bible* for Pakistan
- 8) *Vietnamese Fire Bible* for Vietnam
- 9) *Hindi Fire Bible* (Reprint for India)
- 10) *Russian Fire Bible* (Reprint for Russia/Russian-speaking countries)
- 11) *Tamil Fire Bible* (Reprint for India)
- 12) *Tiddim Chin Fire Bible* (Reprint for Myanmar/Burma)

Ask the Author of the Book what He would have you give this month. Ask Him what He would have you set as a goal to give this year. Then respond accordingly.

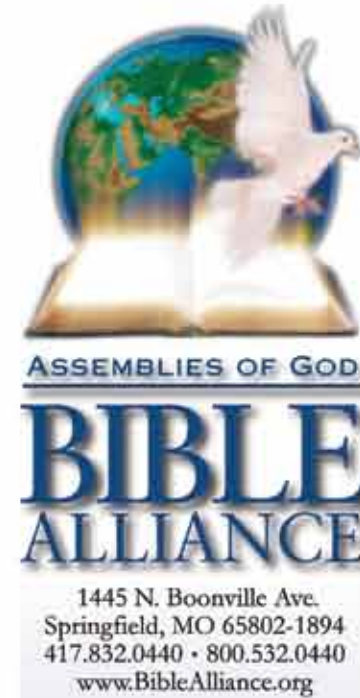
Thank you for helping us produce the three *Fire Bibles* for Nigeria, and thank you in advance for not abandoning the persecuted church around the world.

Yours for the world,



Alton Garrison
President, Bible Alliance

P.S. If you have a burden for or interest in a particular country, you can designate your gift for that *Fire Bible*.



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Dear Friend of the Word:

Although we don't realize it here in the United States, Christianity is considered to be the most persecuted religion in the world by a number of authorities on the subject.

Human rights groups estimate that between 200 million to 230 million **believers face daily threats of murder, beating, imprisonment and torture**, and 350 million more believers face discrimination in areas such as jobs and housing.

A conservative estimate of the number of Christians killed for their faith each year is around 150,000 — martyrs for Christ!

The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life reported during a conference recently that Christians were harassed by government factors in 102 countries and by social factors, such as a mob rule, in 101 countries. The report stated, "Altogether, Christians faced some form of harassment in two-thirds of all countries," or about 130 countries.

The report went on to say that **at least 75 percent of all religious persecution in the world is directed against Christians.**

While the plight of Christians in communist and formerly communist countries is slowly easing, it is getting worse in India and in countries across the Muslim and Arab world, where even owning a Bible is flirting with danger.

Persecuted, But Not Abandoned!

This statement is more than simply our theme for the Assemblies of God Bible Alliance this year. It is our passion, and we hope that it will become your passion. We cannot abandon our persecuted brothers and sisters. Our mission is to provide as many believers as we can with the *Fire Bible*, a one-book Pentecostal

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study Bible that will provide strength and comfort to them.

In the face of tremendous persecution, the church of Jesus Christ remains strong and growing. Many missiologists say that most of those being added to the church are Pentecostals. New Pentecostals desperately need strong biblical teaching like that found in the *Fire Bible*.

The demographics of Christianity are changing dramatically. In fact I read recently that the average Christian (when you consider all statistical characteristics) is a Nigerian woman.

Christianity in Nigeria is also experiencing growth in the face of tremendous persecution. Twelve states in Nigeria have declared Sharia Law, and thousands of Christians have been slaughtered for their faith in Christ.

However, the Nigerian church remains strong. Currently, the Nigeria Assemblies of God has nearly 2.9 million adherents and 11,127 preaching points. At their last General Council in November, a special presentation was made that highlighted and demonstrated what our *Persecuted, But Not Abandoned* theme is all about.

Thanks to you and the rest of the Bible Alliance members, we were able to present to the Nigerian church three language editions of the *Fire Bible*: the *Hausa Fire Bible*, the *Igbo Fire Bible* and the *Yoruba Fire Bible*.

Can you praise God with us! These three *Fire Bibles* represent years and years of work and sacrificial giving. And please know that each of the pastors pictured with their *Fire Bibles* is facing persecution, along with their church members and families.

It is real! Pastor Bulus Tsetu (pictured on enclosure), one of the original leaders of the Hausa translation team, was brutally killed in 2008. His body was hacked to pieces and then burned because he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ. He left behind his wife and nine children, one of whom earlier had been brutally assaulted and left for dead as a warning to Pastor Tsetu.

Can you understand why we unashamedly ask you to help us reach our goal of raising funds to produce 12 *Fire Bibles* for Christians who live in areas where they face persecution for their faith? Many believers like Pastor Tsetu are giving their lives. We're giving a few dollars!

The *Fire Bibles* we are hoping to fund or finish funding (some funds have come in for several of these *Fire Bibles* through previous efforts):

- 1) *Burmese Fire Bible* for Myanmar/Burma

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THANK YOU FOR THREE NEW FIRE BIBLES FOR NIGERIA!

