

\$150,000



International Bible Society

Bibles for Soldiers' Families



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The Need

Left behind, family members of soldiers deployed to the Middle East are scared and lonely. They are concerned about the safety of their loved ones and fearful for their future.

The Opportunity

To provide comfort and counsel, International Bible Society (IBS) will introduce a “first of its kind” Bible designed especially for the spouses and family members of actively-deployed U.S. soldiers.

The Strategy

1. Develop a Soldiers’ Family Bible by August 2007 that will be read and appreciated because it includes:
 - a) Personal testimonies written by military spouses to bring comfort and insight to the families of soldiers.
 - b) Maps of the Middle East today and in Bible times for personal geopolitical orientation.
 - c) Specific military unit insignia imprinted on the cover.
 2. Secure agreements with military chaplains for personal distribution of up to 32,000 Scriptures to families on military bases by January 2008.
 3. Distribution to begin at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs by September 2007.
 4. Evaluate the effectiveness of this strategy and determine if significant expansion of the program should be undertaken.
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Projected Use of Proceeds

Development of Soldiers' Family Bible		
Research	\$2,500	
Interviews/Writing/Travel	\$7,500	
Design/Project Management	\$10,000	
Photography	<u>\$5,000</u>	
Subtotal — Development		\$25,000
32,000 NIV Scriptures for Soldiers' Family Members		\$100,000
Shipping cost to military bases		\$18,000
Contingency		<u>\$7,000</u>
<i>TOTAL — Uses</i>		<i>\$150,000</i>

The Outcomes

1. Entrusting 32,000 families to this specialized Scripture for God's Word "*will not return void.*"
 2. Providing military chaplains with an effective tool for one-on-one ministry to the families of deployed troops.
 3. Helping to under-gird and preserve the fragile military families both during deployment and re-integration.
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International Bible Society

The purpose of International Bible Society (IBS) is to faithfully translate, publish and place God's Word so that people around the world may become disciples of Jesus Christ and members of His Body. IBS has fulfilled this mission since its founding in 1809 in New York City.

Throughout the history of the ministry, scores of initiatives have provided the Word of God to more than 400 million people in virtually every cross-section of society worldwide. It is the translator and copyright holder of the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible.

IBS has been providing Bibles for soldiers in every armed conflict beginning with the War of 1812. Since 1988, IBS has been the largest supplier of Bibles to the U.S. military. Its pocket-size, digitized, camouflaged NIV Bible is the preferred Scripture of the deployed soldier. The organization operates seven area offices, works in more than 50 countries, and is headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado. It is a charter member of Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA).

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