

The Hope of the world Christ & Christians



Let's read the Bible

1 Corinthians 13:1-14:1
2 Corinthians 12:6-19
Romans 8:15-28

We consider together

Thank you, Jesus! Please let your love heal this sick land and people, filled with the sin and hurt by its awful damages.



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Have you ever drawn beautiful landscapes from around the world? Tropical jungles thick with forests, the North Pole with its shimmering auroras – the world that God has created for us is sparking with light, and each creation has its own beauty. Humanity, with all of our different languages and colourful cultures, is also beautiful. This is why not only people, but all of God's creation should praise His greatness together in unison.

But hatred, pain, filth and sin, which is hidden within this world, shows us just how sickly our lands have become. Paul was sharing about these sorrows and pains, which are hidden within our world, to the people of Rome. Would there be hope in these dark lands?

Jesus himself is our hope. This is because he died for those who are suffering, was resurrected and was able to save us from our sins. Christians are also the hope of the world, because they show love and forgiveness to those who persecute them.

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.” (Rom. 8:23)

God is the master of fixing our mistakes. Even through terrible things that don't seem to have any hope, He creates good.

But Steve and Jolene (alias) did not know how God was going to work through some bad things that were happening in their lives. A rebel force came into the village they were in, and burned down the

translation centre. They had to take refuge at the main centre in the city because of this.

But even in this difficult situation, God worked in His wondrous ways. There was a person who had told the rebel army where the translation centre was, and had brought them there. He even helped the rebels steal from the centre and burn it down. But that man had, by chance, seen a burnt Bible on the floor, and secretly put it in his pocket. What do you think happened next? He started reading the Bible, and God helped him become a new person.

Two years after the translation centre was burned down, Steve and Jolene received a long-distance call from a man named Ricardo. Steve was surprised and cried as he listened to Ricardo's story. Ricardo told Steve that that very morning he had decided to believe in Jesus, and asked Steve for forgiveness. Ricardo was the very man who had brought the rebels to Steven and Jolene's village, helping them steal from the translation centre and burn it down.

After their phone call, Ricardo became a leader for Bible translations in his language, and did a lot of good work. He was a big help in translating and refining the New Testament in his language.

“A house destroyed... everything burned... a thirtyyear village ministry up in flames... a New Testament remained... the power of God's Word... a soul saved for eternity!” (pp. 52-53, *The Power of the Word*, compiled and edited by Luci Tumas and Patric Wilson)