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Our Mission: To Place the Word of God into Hands, Minds and Hearts

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With Your Help, Bible Society of Maine Seeks to Bless North Korean Christians

In the early morning light, a small group of North Korean believers meets on the riverbank, lugging their fishing gear with them.

Quietly, they load into a small boat and push off from land. It's not until they're far into the middle of the river that they dare to dig through their gear and pull out their Bibles.

This is the only place where they feel safe enough to worship together and



study God's Word. And even then, they are constantly on alert.

If they are caught reading the Bible, they could immediately be sentenced to 15 years in a labor camp – or worse. They've heard the stories of what happens to people who are heard speaking the name of Jesus. Many of them have family members and friends who are living in the camps now ... or have been buried there.

Bibles Brought from Afar

That's why when another boat ap-

proaches, they panic and scramble to hide their Bibles. "It's the police!" someone shouts.

Only after the man in the boat greets them in the name of Jesus and tells them he has a gift for them do they start to calm down. He asks to see their Bibles, and the believers who own one hand them to him.

There are only a few Bibles among the church members – not nearly enough for everyone. And each copy is practically falling apart. After years of being carefully studied and then hidden over and over again, the bindings have come loose and pages are beginning to slip out. Many of the Bibles have water damage from these early morning meetings on the boat. But they are still these Christians' prized possessions ... they risk their lives for these Bibles.

The Greatest Gift

So when the stranger pulls out a box of new Bibles provided by generous **World Help** donors, there is an immediate celebration on the boat. The believers clutch God's Word to their chests and many of the people who had not had one previously break down into tears.

To them, a new Bible is the greatest gift they could receive.

There are still countless believers

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Ministry Profile

For Opioid Addiction, There's Hope in Maine

In 2007 Teen Challenge Maine was established to reach, rescue and restore young men and at-risk youth from the grip of drug and alcohol addiction by the power of Jesus Christ.

The ministry's proven effective, faith-based recovery program empowers real and lasting life transformation for addicted men — 18 years and older — through spiritual, academic, and vocational training.



Located on a scenic 180-acre campus with an impressive view of New Hampshire's White Mountains, Teen Challenge Maine is a respite for drug and alcohol addicted youth who participate in the structured, 15-month residential recovery program offered there. A working farm — known as the Teen Challenge Mountain View Farm and operated by the residents — has been established at the site.

Teen Challenge Maine is supported by the generous gifts of individuals, churches, businesses and foundations.

If you or someone you love is struggling with addiction, contact the minis-

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try today and take the first step toward freedom.

Phone: 207-377-2801

Email: admissions@tcmaine.org

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The Bible Society of Maine is currently working with Teen Challenge Maine (TCM). We are acting as a “bridge” between the Cumberland County Jail

(Portland) and Teen Challenge Maine by promoting this powerful ministry during our weekly Bible studies and helping to facilitate the placement of released inmates into this recovery ministry.

The Bible Society of Maine looks forward to partnering shoulder-to-shoulder with Teen Challenge and seeing men and women set free from drug and alcohol addiction - ONE by ONE.

We Had A Blast!!



The 7 day/6 night Lancaster, PA-Washington, DC adventure was everything we hoped it to be. We enjoyed Amish Country tours, delicious meals, “Jesus” at Sight & Sound Theater, and topped it off with three days in the nation’s capital, including a day at the impressive Museum of the Bible... experiences none will forget!

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across this dark nation who are desperate for Bibles. Some people have never even seen a copy of the Scriptures in their life ... but they know they would do anything to get their hands on one.

After the man delivered the new Bibles to the secret church on the river, he took the damaged copies back to the hotel where he was staying and hid them. But soon afterward, they disappeared.

He later discovered the janitor had found the Bibles. Instead of reporting them, he took them. It turns out that he was a Christian himself, and his tiny house church of four people had been praying for Bibles.

He praised God for the Bibles – even as damaged and falling apart as they were – because he and his friends could finally study God’s Word for themselves. That’s how desperate North Korean Christians are for copies of Scripture!

The Bible Society of Maine is partnering with World Help to raise awareness of this desperate need in North Korea. If you are moved by this story, would you consider making a tax-deductible donation to this Kingdom work?

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