

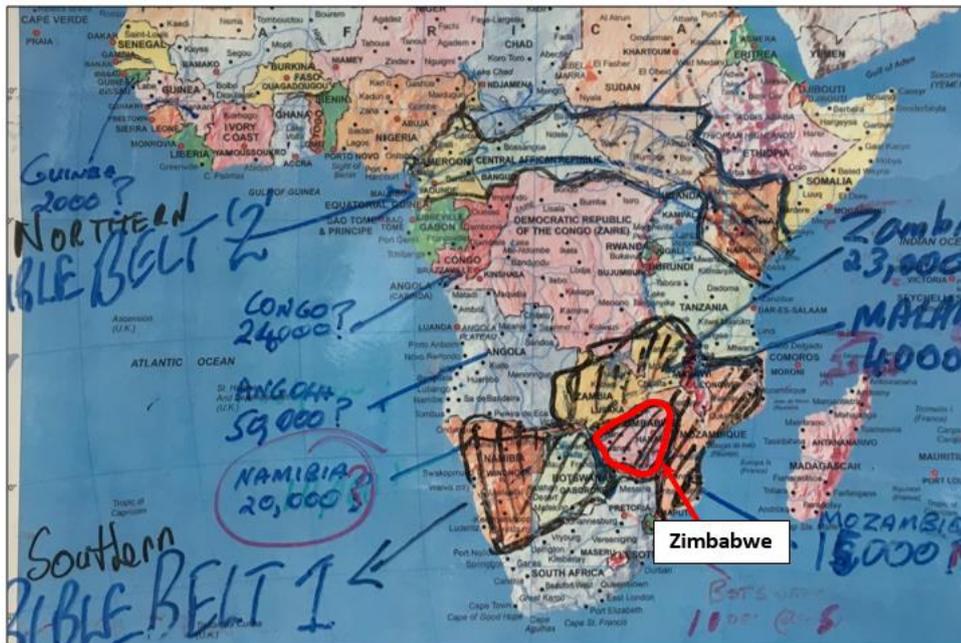
**Our Vision statement:  
“Every African soldier honoured before God’s throne”**

***Chairman’s message:***

Dear Supporters,

I trust this Newsletter finds you all well. The Board extends New Year greetings to you in His wonderful Name.

There is again much happening and I would like to remind you of our vision of building two Bible Belts, being the Northern and Southern Bible Belts, as shown below.



With respect to the Southern Bible Belt, in early February (next month) there are going to be 16,000 Bibles arrive in camouflage colours for the Namibian Military. This will go close, I believe, to equipping the total number of military personnel in that Nation.

In that same month, 10,000 Bibles will arrive in camouflage colours for the military and 10,000 Bibles for the Police and Security Forces of Botswana. Once again, it is thought that the 10,000 Bibles for the Police will totally equip the Police Force of Botswana.

These have been major projects and have taken over a year to bring into existence.

My secular work takes me to Africa next month and I will be meeting with the Military officials in both Namibia and Botswana in a handover celebration. Photographs of this handover will be posted on our website ([www.operationafrica.org](http://www.operationafrica.org)) and included in our next Newsletter.

I am also hoping to meet with a Government official in Botswana to determine if the Government would be prepared to fund Bibles into the future, and release Operation Africa into the northern Bible Belt. This is a request I have also put to the Namibian Government to ensure the continuing flow of Bibles into that Nation.

## *Bibles for African Soldiers*

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There have been developments with respect to Zimbabwe which is highlighted in the above Figure. As stated in our previous Newsletter, I recently met the head of the Zimbabwe Bible Society at an International Bible Society Conference in Sydney. This lady has asked Operation Africa to “*please not forget us*”.

The Lord works in strange ways and just 2 weeks ago on 11<sup>th</sup> January I was informed by the Bible Society in Australia that the Bible Society in England have agreed to come on board financially with Operation Africa for Bibles for the Military in Zimbabwe. The details are yet to be worked out, but it will be a partnership. It is becoming clear that a future project is “Bibles for Zimbabwe” which I anticipate would be for between 30,000 and 40,000 Bibles.

Operation Africa had provided Bibles to the Military of Zimbabwe some 15 years ago. That nation, with its changed political climate, has now come on the radar again and we will respond to what seems to be the hand of the Lord in the situation.

With respect to the Southern Bible Belt, it is likely that our other project for 2018 will be Malawi. They have requested 10,000 Bibles, made up of 7,000 for the Military, 2,000 for the Police and 1,000 for Correctional Service officers.

When these two projects are complete (Malawi and Zimbabwe), I believe it will also release us to move into the Northern Bible Belt in the year 2019 and beyond, where the need for the Word of God is massive.

In October 2017 we received an email from Srilal Weerasooriya, the President of the Association of Military Christian Fellowship, which is shared with you here:

*Dear Mr Roger Kahler,  
I write to convey my personal appreciation and to thank you on behalf of the members of the Association of Military Christian Fellowships for the invaluable work you are doing in distributing camouflage bibles in Southern Africa.  
Our mission in the AMCF is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the men and women of the militaries of the nations. Peter Louwrens, our vice president for Southern Africa tells me that through your untiring efforts many of servicemen and women have been blessed in received bibles which, in turn, helps him in his work in the AMCF. May God bless you in your efforts in finding safe and secure ways and means of getting these bibles across to a needy people.  
Yours sincerely in Christ  
Srilal Weerasooriya, General(r), President AMCF*

On behalf of the Board, I sincerely thank you for your support and commitment over many years. If you feel in your heart to ask another person to support Operation Africa, this would be most appreciated. What we can achieve is only limited by finances. Our projects last year (2017) which will be delivered in February this year totalled \$240,000. I would hope that in 2018 we can plan for projects beyond Malawi and Zimbabwe, and begin to head North earlier than expected.

**Please be encouraged that the Word of God is going forth to the Nations of Africa, because of your support.**

Once again, thank you in His Mighty Name.



**Roger Kahler**

**ON AN ADMIN NOTE:**

If you have noticed your credit card or bank debits occurring on irregular dates in the past few months, we do apologise and thank you for your patience. We have had difficulties updating our software, but are now hopeful of having it all sorted, and transactions should return to close to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of each month.