



International Bible Society

Ministry to People in Crisis

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Living New Testament Gave Me Hope for the Future



Following the devastating floods in Central Europe in summer 2002, IBS Czech has organized a packet distribution to its victims. Typical packet contained a Living New Testament (LNT) and a selection of IBS Scripture tools.

In reaction to project IBS office in Prague, Czech Republic has received numerous thank-you letters with heart-moving testimonies of those that were comforted and encouraged by reading from God's Word.

The following were typical responses addressed to IBS:

"It all happened toward the end of December 2002. The scent of Christmas sweets poured from every

home. People were deciding on gifts to buy to please their family, relatives and friends. I myself was given a nice Christmas gift too. Along with many others affected by the August floods that had devastated many places of the Czech Republic.

When IBS volunteer, Mr. Hajek, handed a Christmas packet over to me all the disaster and tragedy came to my mind again. I was deeply touched as if it were only yesterday. I am twenty years old and I inherited a small house in the countryside. I started to move there just before a natural disaster came. I wouldn't be able to handle it again. I felt such sense of helplessness when places where I grew up and lived were flooded and devastated. I want to say "thank you" to the International Bible Society for Christmas packet that contained Living New Testament along with other items. In this book I could find answers to difficult questions that arose in my mind and that haunted me in sleepless nights. A feeling of joy came to me when I realized that IBS thought of us even four months after the flood when almost all people left us to our fate. That gave me strength and hope for the days to come."

"Thank you on behalf of all that were gifted by you"

Marketa



“It was clear that the whole project was born out of love. It demonstrated that regardless of the difficult situation God hadn’t forgotten. I wish you from all my heart God’s blessings and favor.”

Dana

“I am about to have a surgery because of a tumor in my kidney. Living New Testament that I was given is helping me to overcome the days that are ahead of me. Christmas packet – especially The Bible – gave me hope for the days to come.”

“Thank you for a privilege to take part in a distribution of the Bible. I could witness Word of God changing life of people. I could see that knowing God is helping to overcome troubles, reconcile old enmities and change hearts and behavior of people.”

Milan, IBS volunteer



**'Wet houses will dry out;
destroyed carpets will be changed,
but the 'word of our God
stands forever'**