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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Bible League International® Focuses on Spiritual Relief for Japanese Survivors** **Ministries provide support in aftermath of earthquake and tsunami**

**CRETE, Ill., April 4, 2011** – Survivors of the powerful earthquake and tsunami that devastated portions of Japan will soon be receiving the comfort and hope that can be found in God’s Word through a partnership between Bible League International® and New Life Ministries.

While dozens of relief agencies are scrambling to provide food, clothing, shelter and water to help the victims’ physical needs, Bible League International (BLI) has partnered with an organization that works to share the Gospel with the Japanese.

“With our partner’s help, we are giving survivors hope that will last long after the effects of these natural disasters,” BLI CEO Robert T. Frank said. “Because of the existing network New Life Ministries already has in Japan, they can help reach more survivors quickly with scripture that will give them the hope, comfort and eternal life that Jesus Christ promises.”

Through an urgent appeal sent to its donors and on its website at [www.bibleleague.org](http://www.bibleleague.org), Bible League has already raised the funds to be able to plant 54,000 copies of God’s Word among the people of Japan. These will be provided in a combination of both adult Scriptures and a Manga-style illustrated version for young people.

“Less than 1% of Japanese believe in Christ,” Frank continued. “When disaster strikes, God’s message of hope, comfort and security in Jesus is more important than ever.” Bible League is requesting prayer for the survivors of these disasters and those who will be ministering to them in the days and weeks ahead.

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Bible League International is a non-profit evangelical Christian ministry, dedicated to making disciples and training Bible study leaders and church planters using the Word of God. Since its founding in 1938, Bible League has placed millions of Bibles in the hands of people in more than 80 countries. Its goals are that every person who wants a Bible can have one, every neighborhood has a vibrant Bible study group and every community has a thriving church grounded in God's Word. More information is available at [www.BibleLeague.org](http://www.BibleLeague.org).

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