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From the Gutenberg Bible to the Digital Bible: Bible League International® partners with Digital Bible Society and others to deliver complete digital Christian library worldwide

CRETE, Ill., Sept. 19, 2011 – Just as Gutenberg’s printing press paved the way for the Reformation and changed the world’s economic, social and spiritual order, today’s digital technology is dramatically transforming the religious dynamics of our world.

Bible League International has joined with Digital Bible Society (DBS) to create a virtual Christian library with multiple free Bible versions and translations and hundreds of hours of audio and video materials, all on a DVD or other digital storage device.

“It’s like a miniature Christian bookstore,” said Robert T. Frank, global CEO of Bible League International® (BLI). “Working with Digital Bible Society, we’re able to expand our ministry’s impact exponentially. We can get these materials into areas where believers are persecuted and in places where the demand for Scripture far outweighs the supply. Even in impoverished areas, we’re placing all of this Christian material into the hands of ordinary people who can’t afford to buy even one Bible.”

The unique functionality of the Digital Bible Library uses data compression technology for maximum storage. Micro SD chips, thumb drives, CDs and DVDs are used to create the most effective delivery method, ensuring maximum portability and duplication. Although the information is launched using a browser, when the library’s storage device is removed, it leaves no trace on the equipment it uses, giving those in persecuted areas better security.

“One of the remarkable features of the material being compiled by DBS is that it is copyright free,” Frank added. “The groups that DBS has partnered with to provide the library content have agreed it may be copied free of charge, as many times as needed, so these resources can be shared in countries where acquiring a hard copy of even one Bible translation is difficult if not impossible.”

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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.

Digital Bible Society is aggressively committed to the distribution of God's word to the people who need it most. Its mission is to produce and distribute Bibles and Biblical materials in digital format, especially for regions and cultures where the message of the Gospel of Christ is not readily available. It wants every believer in every nation to have free access to explore and understand the Scriptures in their own language – whether through the printed page, the spoken word (audio), or visual presentation (video). More information is available at www.dbsbible.org.

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