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Dear Friend of the Word:

Join the celebration!

This year we are celebrating a decade of providing the *Fire Bible* to our world.

With the recent printing of the Arabic *Fire Bible*, we now have this great tool, a Pentecostal study Bible, in 26 language editions with 32 more in various stages of development.

Several *Fire Bible* language editions are almost ready for launch! Each one will help provide a sound biblical basis in the respective countries for the Pentecostal revival that is sweeping our world.

The focal point of our celebration is Sunday, **December 14**, when we celebrate **Bible Sunday in the Assemblies of God**. On that day we ask our churches and individuals to join with us in a special observance and a special offering to provide more of these one-book libraries for the world.

Our theme for 2008 is “**Celebrating a Decade of Perpetuating Pentecost.**” We have produced everything you or your church might need to celebrate Bible Sunday in a way that it should be celebrated.

We don't date the Bible Sunday materials for a very good reason. We realize that because Bible Sunday falls during the Christmas season, many churches' schedules won't permit them to celebrate it on December 14.

However, we do ask those churches, if at all possible, to choose one Sunday this fall instead to celebrate Bible Sunday and

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help us this year to provide the *Fire Bible* in one of six new language editions. Those languages are:

<b>African Portuguese</b>	<b>Korean</b>
<b>Italian</b>	<b>Lingala</b>
<b>Japanese</b>	<b>Pidgin English</b>

Each \$10 we receive makes available the *Fire Bible* in one of these languages for a national preacher or worker overseas. It is one of the greatest investments you can make in missions.

Just this week we received an e-mail from missionary Nate Lashway who helped us produce the Malagasy *Fire Bible* that was launched in June.

Nate told us that just a few days ago, he stepped into the post office in Madagascar for five minutes. During that short time, his car was broken into and his backpack stolen. The backpack contained valuable papers, including notes from missionary field meetings and church planting requests for locations across Madagascar.

As you can imagine, Nate was distraught over the loss due to the theft. But he said that in his time of despair, the Holy Spirit reminded him of something that had happened a few weeks before — the release of the *Fire Bible* in the Malagasy language, the first-ever study Bible for that nation.

*“The Fire Bible is a lasting and eternal gift that cannot be lost or stolen,”* Nate wrote. *“As much as I think the plans and dreams that I lost in that backpack are important, God’s Word has much more power to change Madagascar. God’s Word is living and active; it will cut to the heart of issues in this nation. My plans are pretty insignificant in the light of all of that.”*

*“What I have brought away from this incident is that it is God’s Word that will change this nation, not my plans. It thrills my heart to see our pastors with their new Bibles tucked under their arms!”*

Missionary Lashway went on in his e-mail to thank you with these words:

*“For those who have given to the worldwide effort of the Fire Bible project, thank you. You are making an eternal difference in the lives of churches and pastors. We appreciate your kingdom investment.”*

What we are asking you to do on Bible Sunday is to make a kingdom investment that is guaranteed.

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There aren't many guaranteed investments around. When you invest \$10 in a *Fire Bible*, you are investing in something that cannot be lost or stolen. Something that will stand when the world fails. Something that is guaranteed by the Author. What better guarantee can we ask for?

What is happening in Madagascar is the same thing we want to make happen in Africa with the African Portuguese and Lingala *Fire Bibles*, in Italy with the Italian *Fire Bible*, in Korea with the Korean *Fire Bible*, in Japan with the Japanese *Fire Bible* and in Papua New Guinea with the Pidgin English *Fire Bible*.

God's Word. That's what Bible Sunday is all about.

But you don't have to wait until **December 14**. Ask the Author what He would have you give today to help us provide these urgently needed *Fire Bibles* in six languages. It's like the Now and Later candy. You can give now and later. Just join in the celebration with us.

Remember . . . when you invest in God's Word, it cannot be lost or stolen, and it is guaranteed by God not to return to you void.

Thank you in advance for helping making **Bible Sunday a great celebration** of God's Word.

Yours for the Word,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alton Garrison". The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light yellow rectangular background.

Dr. Alton Garrison  
President

P.S. One way to celebrate Bible Sunday with us is to take a **Bible Inventory** and give a *Fire Bible* for every Bible you own. We've had many individuals and churches do this, and they have been surprised by the results.

# December 14 is Bible Sunday

*In the Assemblies of God*



CELEBRATING A DECADE OF  
**PERPETUATING  
 PENTECOST**  
 1998-2008

## My/Our Bible Sunday Gift

*A Gift That Cannot Be Lost or Stolen*

Dear Dr. Garrison:

I/We want to start the celebration now with a gift for Bible Sunday that cannot be lost or stolen. Enclosed please find:

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| <b>One Fire Bible</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$10   | <b>50 Fire Bibles</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$500       |
| <b>Two Fire Bibles</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$20  | <b>100 Fire Bibles</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000    |
| <b>Five Fire Bibles</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <b>500 Fire Bibles</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000    |
| <b>10 Fire Bibles</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$100  | <b>1,000 Fire Bibles</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 |
| <b>25 Fire Bibles</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$250  | <b>Fire Bibles</b> <input type="checkbox"/> _____          |

Check or money order enclosed     Monthly     One time

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