

was surprised to learn they were in Lebanon to dedicate the Arabic *Fire Bible*.

He exclaimed, **“You must meet my two sons!”**

The man ran next door and brought his two adult sons to meet our team. Can you guess what our team learned next? His two sons are Pentecostal pastors, and both own English *Fire Bibles* they use to lead Bible studies and prepare for sermons! One of the brothers is working to plant a Pentecostal church in Byblos. (See story on enclosure.)

They were excited to learn that an Arabic edition of the *Fire Bible* is now available! Thank you so much for helping young pastors like these two brothers. Many thousands like them will benefit from this new tool.

Even non-Pentecostal denominations recognize the importance of the Arabic *Fire Bible*. On pages 2-3, you can see our team presenting an Arabic *Fire Bible* to Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir, a high-ranking leader in the Catholic church in Lebanon, in a private audience at his palace. Sfeir placed his hands on the Bible, looked at our team and said, **“All of our believers need one of these Bibles!”**

Without your help, this great day would never have come for the Arabic world. Every \$10 you give helps us place a *Fire Bible* in the hands of a national worker.

Now you have seen how the Arabic *Fire Bible* is received in the heart of the Middle East. It is being distributed to other parts of the Arabic world where the need to hear about Jesus is great.

May I ask for your help this month to provide *Fire Bibles* in the languages of other countries where Paul preached? **Hebrew. Turkish. Greek. Italian.**

A gift of \$10 makes one *Fire Bible* available; \$50 makes five *Fire Bibles* available, \$100 makes 10 available.

Join us today in thanking the Author of the *Fire Bible* for what He is doing all over the world through this ministry. Give generously so we can follow in the footsteps of Paul this year and finish this great missionary journey.

Following in Paul’s footsteps,

L. Alton Garrison, President

P.S. The Arabic *Fire Bible* has launched. Now believers in at least 22 major countries can study the Word of God in their heart language, thanks to your help.

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Dear Friend of Bible Alliance,

Join us today in thanking the Author of the Book we publish. **The Arabic *Fire Bible* has launched!**

As we follow in the footsteps of Paul in 2009, part of our goal is to see the Arabic *Fire Bible* make an impact in the lands the apostle Paul visited on his great missionary journeys.

One leg of our journey is now complete!

On December 2, 2008, a team representing the Assemblies of God Bible Alliance dedicated the Arabic *Fire Bible* in Beirut, Lebanon. More than 100 church leaders from various Christian backgrounds, who received an official invitation, celebrated together. (See photos on pages 2-3).

The Arabic Bible Society, Lutherans, Baptists, Pentecostals, and bishops and archbishops of the Greek Orthodox and Catholic churches joined us in dedicating the first Pentecostal study Bible in the Arabic language. There were many tears of gratitude and joy.

Pastors in at least 22 countries will now have a Pentecostal study Bible in their heart language. Here is a list of countries where Arabic is spoken:

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| Algeria | Iraq | Mauritania | Syria |
| Bahrain | Israel | Morocco | Tunisia |
| Chad | Jordan | Oman | United Arab |
| Djibouti | Kuwait | Saudia Arabia | Emirates |
| Egypt | Lebanon | Somalia | Yemen |
| Eritrea | Libya | Sudan | |

Terrorism and radical Islam remains a great challenge in many of these countries, making the Arabic *Fire Bible* a timely and much needed tool for the church. But like the apostle Paul of old, we are willing to go the distance to reach these countries.

Let me tell you about a powerful encounter that took place when our team visited the ancient city of Byblos after the dedication. They entered a shop to look for souvenirs. The shop owner was a friendly man, and he engaged our team members in conversation. He

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The Arabic Fire Bible has launched!

(Top left) About 100 representatives from a variety of churches gathered on December 2 in Beirut, Lebanon, to witness the launch of the Arabic *Fire Bible*. (Second from left) Mike Bassous, general secretary of the Bible Society in Lebanon, presents a copy of the Arabic *Fire Bible* to Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Sfeir. When Sfeir learned about the Bible launch, he requested a private audience with our Bible Alliance team at the palace and that he receive a copy of the *Fire Bible*. A respected political and religious leader in Lebanon, Sfeir said, "We need the Arabic *Fire Bible* for all of our believers."

(Above) All those attending the launch received a copy of the Arabic *Fire Bible*, presented by Bill Williams (top right), *Fire Bible* distribution director for AG Bible Alliance. (Bottom left) Mark Renfroe, Assemblies of God area director, prayed the dedicatory prayer.



Praise God for the Arabic *Fire Bible*!
 Let's continue in
 the footsteps
 of Paul



Dear Dr. Garrison:

Enclosed please find my/our gift to provide the *Fire Bible* in the languages of the other countries where Paul preached: Hebrew. Turkish. Greek. Italian. Enclosed please find:

- \$10 to provide one *Fire Bible*
- \$30 to provide three *Fire Bibles*
- \$50 to provide five *Fire Bibles*
- \$100 to provide 10 *Fire Bibles*
- \$200 to provide 20 *Fire Bibles*
- \$500 to provide 50 *Fire Bibles*
- \$1,000 to provide 100 *Fire Bibles*
- \$5,000 to provide 500 *Fire Bibles*
- \$10,000 to provide 1,000 *Fire Bibles*
- \$_____ to provide _____ *Fire Bibles*

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Pastor Roger (second from left) is planting a Pentecostal church in Byblos, Lebanon. His brother, Eli (left), is helping him. Roger is a former businessman with no formal biblical training. But for some time he has been using the *Fire Bible* to prepare sermons and Bible studies. Eli studied at Continental Theological Seminary in Brussels, Belgium, for one year, and heard about the *Fire Bible*. He brought a copy back to Lebanon for Roger. Because both speak fluent English, they have used the English edition.

But when Bill Williams (right) and the Bible Alliance team met Roger and Eli while visiting in Byblos following the Arabic launch, the brothers were thrilled to learn that the *Fire Bible* is now in Arabic. Pastor Roger said, "Now the believers and new converts in our church can study the *Fire Bible* in their own language!"



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