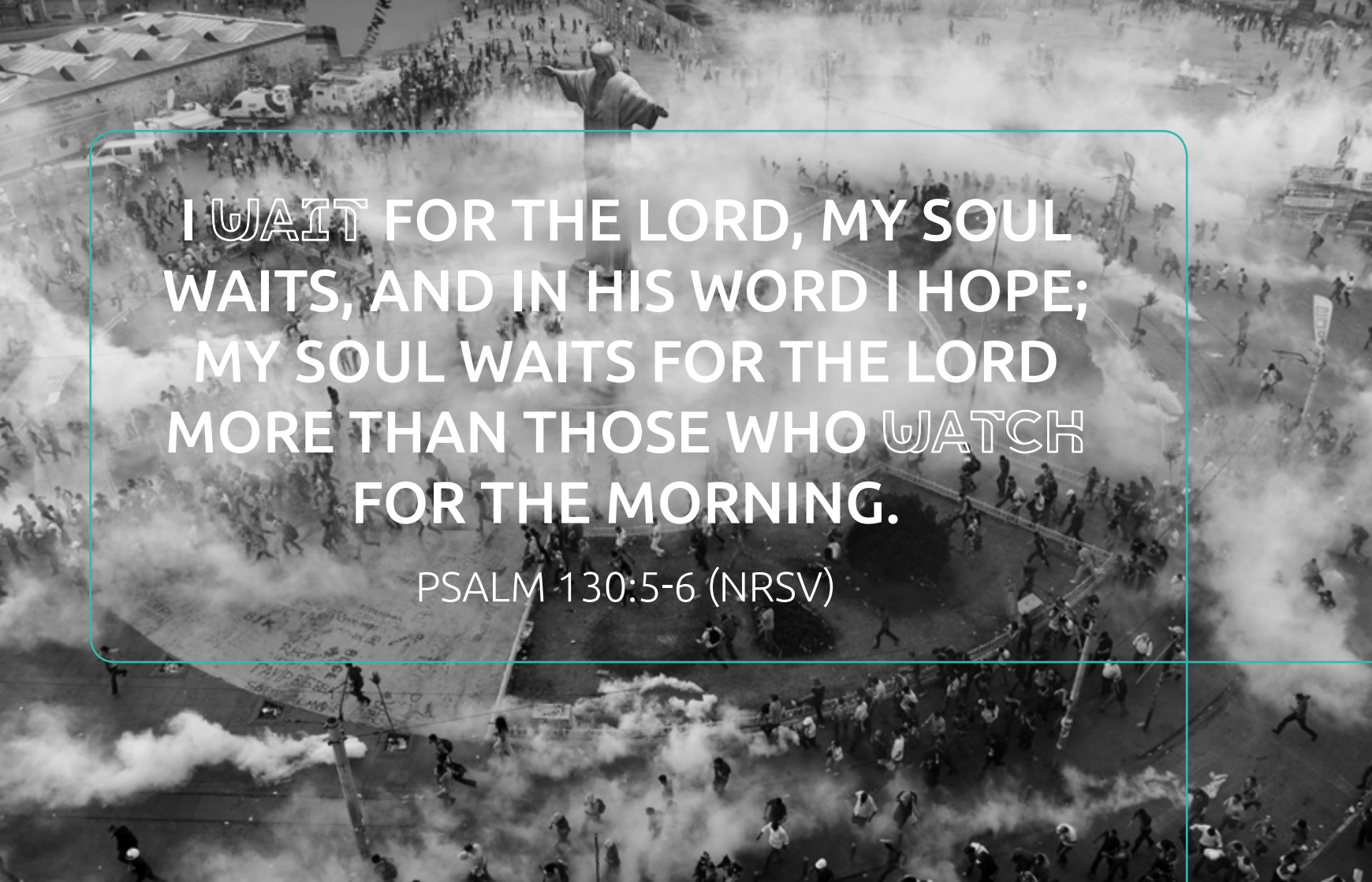




LIFEWORDS

Annual Review 2018

An aerial, black and white photograph of a large crowd gathered for a protest or rally. In the center, a large statue of a person with arms outstretched stands on a raised platform. The crowd is dense, and many people are holding signs or banners. The scene is filled with a sense of movement and activity.

**I WAIT FOR THE LORD, MY SOUL
WAITS, AND IN HIS WORD I HOPE;
MY SOUL WAITS FOR THE LORD
MORE THAN THOSE WHO WATCH
FOR THE MORNING.**

PSALM 130:5-6 (NRSV)

PROVIDING WAYS INTO THE BIBLE

The psalmist's image of watching and waiting is a good picture of Lifewords. Scanning the near and distant horizon of where Bible, culture and mission intersect, Lifewords is always ready to spot the gap and then seize the opportunity. Through strategic partnerships and creative innovation, we specialise in empowering and getting alongside those working to create ways in to the Bible – and bring change.

In 2018, we continued to work out of our 130-year heritage of Bible and mission, to serve the church, and to reach the world. We did this through our core range of literature, through supporting resources both online and physical, through unique mission, through innovative contemporary projects and very importantly, through partnership with our supporters and other organisations.

Please read on, to find out more about what this looks like in practice.

WAYS INTO THE BIBLE UK

Our free Bible resources enable people to share the joy and hope of the Bible's life words with their communities here in the UK. Thanks to the generosity of our individual and corporate supporters, we were able to resource church and community at times of celebration, remembrance, and also times of need.

OUTSIDE/IN

We published a revised version of our Christmas booklet *OUTSIDE/IN*. This larger font version, produced in partnership with Livability, Biblica and Torch Trust used the New International Reader's Version of the Bible text to make it more accessible for people who are visually impaired, or who have a lower reading age. We also produced a British Sign Language animation to work alongside the booklet. These additions reinforced the inclusive message of the booklet and enabled churches using the resources to welcome more people into the story of Christmas. Altogether 132,000 copies of Christmas resources were taken and used in the UK.



WW1 Gospels

We marked the anniversary of the end of WW1 by making a further run of our *Active Service Saint John's Gospel* available. Churches, organisations and individuals used 212,000 copies to help them in their local commemorations, services and events. In total, close to one million copies of this resource have been distributed since its inception in 2014.

'Our 12-year-old daughter, Chloe, has cerebral palsy and impaired vision but this hasn't stopped us from competing in para-triathlons worldwide. Chloe's disability isn't a burden, but it can be exhausting at times. When we first received a copy of St John's Gospel it provided us with peace and assurance, and reminded us of those in the war who would have turned to this booklet for strength and comfort, in their hour of need. We now order hundreds of copies from Lifewords to share at schools, services and events in the UK, USA, Canada and New Zealand.'

Stephan from Warwickshire



Pastoral Range Refresh

Beginning with our long established favourite title *Daily Strength* we have refreshed our range of pastoral titles including *Why Me?* and *Living with Loss*.



All our resources are
FREE. See the full range

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WAYS INTO THE BIBLE

Global

Globally, Lifewords provide Bible material in dozens of languages. This is vital where resources are scarce, or Bible access is limited. We don't want money or circumstance to be a barrier for people to find the life words of the Bible, that bring hope and change.



Many languages and cultures

In 2018, Lifewords provided **1,222,524 PRINTED BIBLE RESOURCES** around the world. This included a range of evangelistic and pastoral titles in **46 LANGUAGES**, used by people in **73 COUNTRIES**. **20 NEW TITLES** were added in Bulgarian, Dutch, English, French, German, Hindi, Italian, Kannada, Portuguese, Romanian, Spanish, Telugu, and Urdu – reflecting demand for these languages. In total there was a **14% GROWTH** in demand from 2017.

Indonesia

Through mobile mission, our work reaches unreached people groups, and into remote areas where people live in poverty and often have low literacy, such as West Kalimantan and South East Timor. In 2018, around 1,200 pastors were trained to use Bible booklets, The Visible Story, and other Lifewords resources, reaching 10,000 children – of whom 3,000 heard the Bible's life words for the first time.





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resources.lifeworlds.global

Digital: Life Changing Words

Our Life Changing Words app and daily email programme help people engage with the Bible daily, and share it with others.



During 2018, Life Changing Words daily emails had a readership of almost **25,000 PEOPLE**,



across **12 LANGUAGES**.



There were **2,044 NEW INSTALLS**,



bringing the total number of app users to **26,950**.



Kenya

Our summer appeal raised over £20,000 for our work in Kenyan prisons. Over 250 UK Lifeworlds supporters wrote personalised prayers to prisoners, which were of great encouragement to those who received them.

'The message in this prayer card has really encouraged my wounded heart.'

Kenyan prisoner on receiving messages from Lifeworlds supporters.

Exploited women: *Consider The Wildflowers*

A highlight of the year was the development of relations with several organisations in different countries (mostly EU countries, US, and Brazil) helping exploited women, through use of our *Consider the Wildflowers* booklet. This booklet, produced in partnership with Azalea in the UK, is now a special mission title published in five languages.



AT RISK Young People

The Bible's life words are bringing hope to children and young people at risk, through our projects and resources.

Pavement Project

Now working in 21 countries worldwide, including in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America, Pavement Project continues to reach children who suffer trauma. On the streets, in bad home situations, or as victims of abuse and violence, these are children who have terribly damaged self-worth; a unique mission arena to reach with the Bible's life words.

'I thought street children were very hard and would never change, but Pavement Project is unique. I have witnessed the great transformations the picture and Bible story resources bring.'

Rev Solomon, Youth Worker, Zimbabwe

A landmark in 2018 was the roll-out of the Pavement Project app. After initial testing in five countries showed its effectiveness to help children around the world, the app was used in 11 countries by 38 partner organisations. We also hosted a global online learning summit for 100 people who engaged with the programme.



Choose Life

Choose Life was launched in Brazil, the first time that this young people's 'Bible values' programme has been used outside Africa. After two years translating into Portuguese and testing, it was launched in Rio de Janeiro in May. We are partnering with Mission Alliance and the National Mission Board, who will print and use the material with hundreds of churches and organisations.

'Choose Life helps improve behaviour, acquiring important emotional capabilities ... and strengthening Christian values and family values, by being creative, pedagogical and rich in details. For these reasons the use of this material is essential to the social education in Brazil.'

Itamara Pereira, Social Scientist & Educator



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EMERGING GENERATIONS

NINE BEATS

Our NINE BEATS project offers the beatitudes, Jesus' words in Matthew Chapter 5, as an alternative way of living for today's emerging generation.



In 2018, we launched a full range of companion resources for churches, small groups and individuals - the Ninefold Path Notebook and Learning Lab Group Guide. From church leaders in Bristol to indigenous communities in rural Australia, recovery groups in California and aid workers in Bangladesh, many began to explore the beatitudes as a way to practice Jesus-centred living. We hosted retreats and events with The Salvation Army, Souster Youth Trust, Church Mission Society, churches/groups in Bangor, Oxford and Bristol, and the National Youth Ministry Weekend, amongst others. We plan to do more throughout 2019.

'Our passion has been to help people apply Scripture – in particular the teachings of Jesus – to the struggles of everyday life.'

Mark Scandrette, Theological Advisor and NINE BEATS Collective member

'The combination of group and individual practice in the way of the beatitudes has been a transformative experience for our community of faith.'

Revd Vince Anderson, Liturgical Coordinator at Citylights Community, New York City, USA

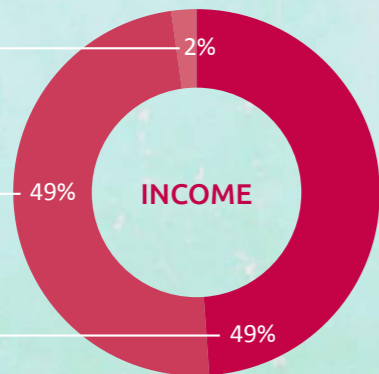
'The Ninefold Path helps us see Jesus in a new light. Where Christianity arrived to tell us the 'correct' thing to think, the Ninefold Path helps us to see the way Jesus wants us to live. For us Aboriginals, that's a much more powerful understanding of faith and practice.'

Auntie Denise, Christian leader, South Australia

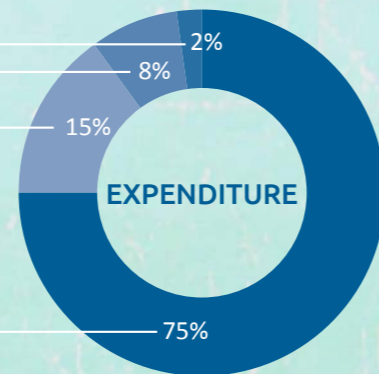
For the music album side of the project, we embarked on a short UK tour in autumn 2018. The NINE BEATS album officially launched in the US: tracks were played on over 90 college radio stations, and began to receive more mainstream radio exposure. We began the process of European promotion/distribution which will continue in 2019.

Our conviction is that there is much more ahead as people get to experience this practice-centred way to engage with the beatitudes.

2018 in numbers



	2018	2017
Donations and Grants	£ 984,114	896,487
Legacies	£ 995,374	432,614
Investment and Other	£ 30,489	36,240
TOTAL	£ 2,009,977	1,365,341



	2018	2017
Providing Bible Resources	£ 1,401,272	1,139,536
Programmes	£ 285,323	311,935
Raising Funds	£ 142,039	131,146
Support for Global Offices	£ 45,351	47,626
TOTAL	£ 1,873,985	1,630,243



LITERATURE REACH

1,222,524
printed resources used in

73 countries and 46 languages

DIGITAL REACH

59,000 users of our VerseFirst
and Life Changing Words platforms

PROGRAMME REACH

RISE Bible Clubs, The Visible Story,
Choose Life and Pavement Project

serving communities in 21 countries

THANK YOU

for making this possible

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