

LIFEWORDS

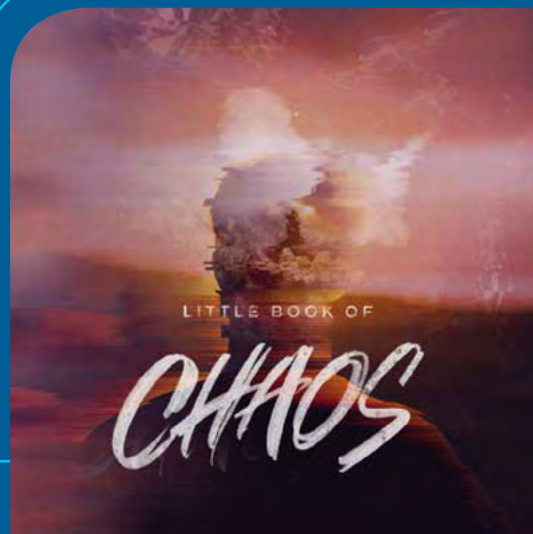


BIBLE LITERATURE IN THE UK

We are enabling people to experience the Bible's life words for themselves through printed resources here in the UK

Our booklets are often crucial resources for both evangelism and pastoral care. People are being equipped where the Church is on the frontline of sharing good news, at times of celebration and also times of great need.

In 2017 we gave away 388,184 Bible booklets in the UK.



“Words can't express how this has come at a much-needed time. Thank you for creating a beautiful book that speaks to me in a way that therapy is not doing at the moment.”

Mariah, age 15

Little Book Of Chaos

In 2017 we teamed up with mental health organisation Think Twice to publish *Little Book of Chaos*, helping young people talk honestly about the ups and downs of life. *Little Book of Chaos* combines real life stories and quotes from young people who struggle with mental health difficulties, along with quotes from the Bible.



OUTSIDE/IN

For Christmas 2017, we produced a new booklet and short animation called OUTSIDE/IN. It tells the nativity as a story full of unlikely characters. Those on the edges are drawn to the heart of the action. Everyone is invited in. Through sharing these OUTSIDE/IN resources, thousands of churches extended a message of welcome and invitation to all in their communities at Christmas.



“These Christmas booklets are truly a gift. I’m grateful for the simplicity, beauty, and perfection of the messages.”

Yvonne, Prison Chaplain

All our resources are **FREE**
See the full range at lifewords.global/shop

GLOBAL BIBLE RESOURCES

Globally, Lifewords provide Bible material in dozens of languages. This is vital where resources are scarce, or Bible access is limited





We can see that it means a lot to people here as refugees to get something in their own language. We met a young man who was so happy when we gave an Arabic booklet. Your materials open doors and lead people to faith and salvation.”

Jesus Followers Ministry International, Italy

Bridging language and culture

In 2017, Lifewords freely provided 1,018,289 printed Bible resources around the world. This included a range of evangelistic and pastoral titles in 46 languages, used by people in 65 countries. Thirteen new titles were added to our global range in Bengali, Hindi, Tamil, and Urdu, as well as Turkish, Russian, and Romanian – reflecting demand for these languages.

Printed resources in different major languages also equip many ministries and churches serving diaspora communities, using the Bible’s life words to welcome people of different languages and cultures. Requests for resources in Europe continued to increase in 2017, due to orders from multi-ethnic churches and ministries doing outreach and social work among refugees.



Find our global language range at resources.lifewords.global

DIGITAL LIFE WORDS

Our digital resources help people integrate the Bible's good news with their daily lives – online and on their mobile devices

VerseFirst meets young people where they are at on social media, with words to live by. And with our Life Changing Words apps, people are connecting daily with the Bible and exploring its comfort, challenge and encouragement, and sharing life-changing verses with others.



Bridging language and culture

VerseFirst now has over 20,000 followers on Instagram and Facebook. Each week we post short verses, links to longer Bible passages, and blog content – all encouraging young people to put the Bible's life words into practice, to live by this story. Every day hundreds of people like and share verses on social media, or tag their friends.

“ I meet and mentor young people who have anxiety and depression. They've found VerseFirst helpful. Sometimes we struggle to see God in our low times, but VerseFirst's Instagram page is so real and relatable.”

Laura, aged 21

Join in at
versefirst.com and lcwords.com



Life Changing Words

During 2017, the Life Changing Words daily emails had a readership of almost 29,000 people across 12 languages. 35,000 people have now downloaded the app, and hundreds engage every day – rating verses, and sharing them with others. Daily verses were rated over 140,000 times during 2017. There were 27,000 'shares' from the app, with people choosing a verse to send as a message to a friend.

AT-RISK YOUNG PEOPLE

If the Bible's life words are good news at all, then they must be good news in places of greatest need

For two decades, we've been finding ways to invite communities to explore the Bible for themselves as a source of hope and transformation. Through programmes like Choose Life and Pavement Project, we've reached tens of thousands of children and young people, living at-risk from violence, poverty, and trauma. We've seen amazing change, and stories of such hope – and 2017 has been no exception.



Choose Life

We have provided the Choose Life programme in East Africa for more than a decade. In 2017, we brought Choose Life to Brazil for the first time. Along with partners, we piloted this values-based curriculum in ten projects and classrooms – equipping young people for good decision-making and character formation.

Pavement Project

Pavement Project has been working with children on the street and in projects since 2000. Tens of thousands of young people have been through this trauma-response programme, receiving one-to-one Bible-based counselling. In 2017 Lifeworlds ran Pavement Project training in 15 countries. We also provided new green bags for workers, created new tools in Arabic, French, and Indian languages, and launched an app to increase the reach of the project.



▯▯ *For these children guns and violence are an everyday reality, but Choose Life is offering them a new path – one which they are walking with enthusiasm. Instead of death they are focusing on life and hope.”*

Clenir dos Santos

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EMERGING GENERATIONS

What does this world need more than peacemakers, than mercy, than goodness?

In an increasingly divided world, the beatitudes are life words that are critical for now. **NINE BEATS** is a dynamic, diverse, new project exploring the beatitudes, engaging in culture and the arts, and inviting people to a journey of spiritual formation – walking in the way of Jesus.



▯▯ *'Nine Beats to the Bar' is a new album from a collective of world-class musicians from around the globe. Based around what they describe as 'the ancient wisdom of the beatitudes' it's an exploration of today's world through ancient words. The lyrics and music come together to tell the tale of our times, and shine a light on ideas that might change things."*

Vents magazine



▯▯ *The Ninefold Path invites us on a path of recovery - exploring the way of the beatitudes. The beatitudes speak about another world being possible, another way of being human: in these turbulent times, could they offer us steps to a new reality?"*

Mark Scandrette, author and activist



NINE BEATS

The Nine Beats to the Bar album launched to an enthusiastic audience at Greenbelt Festival 2017, with rave reviews in the independent music press. Groups in USA, Australia, UK and online are also exploring the way of Jesus through the beatitudes, using the Ninefold Path resources.

To find out more, visit 9beats.org

A BRAND NEW LOOK

In 2017 we introduced a new look for Lifeworlds, drawing on the values and passions that have defined this ministry for 130 years!



Lifewords

The Bible's life words are for everyone. We want people everywhere to experience them as good news for their lives and for the world.

These life-giving words point us to Jesus, changing lives, bringing hope and liberation. That's why we love creating opportunities for these life words to be shared and lived out.

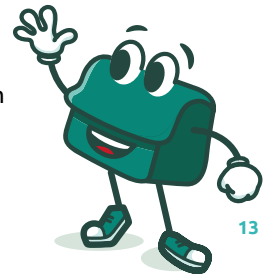
All our programmes, resources, literature, and digital tools invite people to explore the Bible for themselves. We build bridges across languages and cultures, creating new ways in to the Bible's good news for all.

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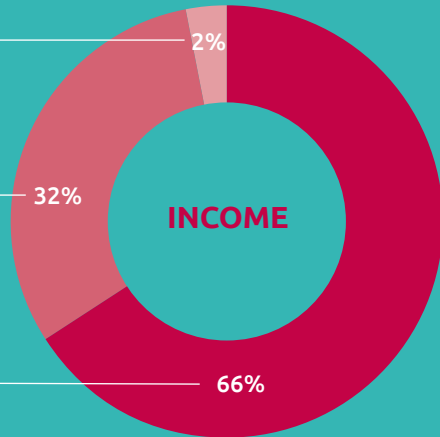


Introducing Verdie

In 2017 we also introduced our new mascot for Pavement Project – Verdie. This loveable cartoon character was named by the children who have been so transformed by Pavement Project's work. Verdie embodies how children feel about the green bag, and the way Pavement Project has helped them express their hurts and feelings.

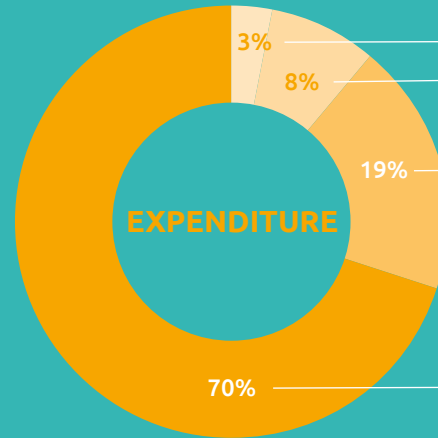


2017 IN NUMBERS



Donation and grants	£ 896,487
Legacies	£ 432,614
Investment and other	£ 36,240

TOTAL £ 1,365,341



Providing Bible Resources	£ 1,139,536
Programmes	£ 311,935
Raising Funds	£ 131,146
Support for Global Offices	£ 47,626

TOTAL £ 1,630,243

These figures are taken from the full audited UK Annual Report and Accounts for 2017. Please contact us if you would like a copy. The deficit reflects timing of legacy income, and the planned use of balance sheet funds designated for new ministry development.



LITERATURE REACH

1,081,289

Printed resources used in

65 countries and 46 languages

DIGITAL REACH

84,000

users of VerseFirst
and Life Changing Words

PROGRAMME REACH

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

serving communities in 16 countries

THANK YOU

for making this possible

“ I CAME TO GIVE
LIFE – LIFE IN ALL
ITS FULLNESS ”

Jesus

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