

The Gideons International in Australia – about us

The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments. Many wives of Gideon members have also felt called by God to join and be part of the ministry work of The Gideons International.

While we are often recognized for our work with hotels, we also place and distribute Scriptures in many strategic locations throughout our communities so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them.

One Spirit, One Mind, One Vision Striving Side by Side for the Faith of the Gospel

We are God-called members, striving side by side to effectively and joyfully reach the world with the Good News.

A Rich History of Associating Together

The Gideons International was established in 1899. Our founders realized that Christian men needed to be continually strengthened in their walk with the Lord, and that by standing together in faith, they could accomplish great things for God's Kingdom. Those formative years focused on who a man is before God and the strength and power of his personal testimony. Through associating together for service, Gideons challenge each other to strengthen their testimonies for Christ and fulfill their God-given responsibilities in their homes, churches and workplaces.

Personally Sharing our Faith

As members of The Gideons International, we share our faith because we realize how often people today need someone to come alongside them in finding their way to true salvation that is available only through the grace of God. As opportunities arise, we take time to share the Gospel message with friends and family, business acquaintances, and other people we meet who are struggling in their daily lives.

Sharing Copies of God's Word

We believe distributing copies of God's Word plants powerful seeds God can use according to His own timing (1 Corinthians 3:6), allows many to read the truth for themselves (John 8:32), provides a lasting witness (Hebrews 4:12), and makes it easier for those we reach to boldly spread the Good News (2 Timothy 2:2).

Members of The Gideons International personally witness and distribute God's Word to secondary and tertiary students; police, fire, medical & other emergency service personnel; prisoners; military personnel; and to those with whom they interact on a daily basis. Scriptures are also placed in strategic locations, including hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing homes and other aged care facilities, medical & allied health offices, prisons and domestic violence & homeless shelters.

Changing Lives for More than 100 Years

Founded in 1899, The Gideons International is the oldest association of Christian business and professional men in the world. The Gideon ministry was established in Australia in

1956, inspired by the opportunity to place Bibles in hotels before the Melbourne Olympic Games.

The Gideons International began distributing the Word of God in 1908. Today, there are more than 260,000 members – and an untold number of supporters – in some 200 countries, territories, and possessions across the globe. These dedicated individuals have given their time and money to make it possible for others to learn about the love of God by giving them access to His Word.

It has been over 110 years since The Gideons International placed the first Bible in a hotel room in Montana in the USA. Through the grace of God and through the loving support of the local church and countless donors, more than 2 billion Bible and New Testaments have been placed by our Association.

The distribution of our first billion Scriptures by Gideon members spanned 93 years (1908 to 2001). Distribution of the second billion, however, was completed in just 13 years (2002 to 2015). On average, more than two copies of God's Word are distributed per second and over one million Bible and New Testaments are distributed every four days.

Would you partner with us to share the Word of God across the world?

There are many ways you can be a part of this exciting outreach. This website suggests a number of alternatives but feel free to **CONTACT US** to discuss further options.

Website: <https://www.gideons.org.au>