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Press Information

PRESS RELEASE **BIBLE SUNDAY 2006**

Bible Sunday will be celebrated in Malta and in Gozo on Sunday 29 October 2006. The theme for this year has been selected from the words of the Prophet Jeremiah: 'When your words came I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight.' (Jer 15, 16).

In a printed message that is being distributed to individual households, in schools and in parishes, the Malta Bible Society explained that this theme is an open invitation to all to let these words of Scripture touch the heart with the same enthusiasm expressed by the Prophet in telling God to what extent His Word had touched his life. This message augurs also that each person feels this hunger for the Word of God in a life full of so much activity and other voices that often take precedence over the voice of God in the life of the person. The Bible Society encourages Christians not to be afraid to come close to the Word of God in the Bible that is so readily available in our country, and that Christians should not be afraid to become so familiar with the Word of God that they may experience the same familiarity that the Prophet had in that they *may eat it* and it will give them direction for their life.

Together with this message for Bible Sunday, the Malta Bible Society has launched a new booklet entitled LIFE. The aim of this booklet is to put to light the fundamental questions that each person asks about the real sense of life and to answer these questions solely with Words of Scripture. The booklet is designed in a very modern and attractive way but above all it is pocket size and practical. The booklet gives answers to questions such as *what is the real sense of life?, who am I? what am I doing in this world?*

The booklet is designed to be used by those who want to deliver the strong message of the Word of God to those who have never had close contact with the Bible. With its attractive and simple format, the booklet will put across the message in a most effective manner that God speaks directly to the heart in an easy and gentle way and that the Bible contains the answer to every problem that a person may encounter in life.

The Malta Bible Society has published this booklet in conjunction with LIFEWORDS. Lifeworlds is an international organisation whose mission is to spread the positive message of the Word of God through similar publications and other resources.

The entire Bible has been translated so far in only 375 languages of the 6,000 languages spoken in the world and for 3 billion people in the world the Bible is a luxury they cannot afford because of the poverty they live in. Malta is one of the countries in the world that has the Bible in its own language and where the Bible is sold at a price all can afford.

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