Financial Highlights

In 2012, the financial highlights were:

- **$7.9m** ISP Grants from Bible Societies
- **$7.6m** Fellowship Fund & General Services contributions
- **$0.7m** Other income
- **$0.5m** Services to Bible Societies
- **$7.9m** Ongoing services to UBS
- **$0.8m** Pension Contributions
- **$2.6m** Special Projects
- **$2.7m** Transition
- **$0.7m** Fellowship Fund & General Services contributions

Income 2012: **$16.7m**

Spending 2012: **$15.8m**

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Global Partnerships & Communications
We developed communications with and between Bible Societies, using multiple channels including Facebook groups, UBS intranet and email newsletters. Our multimedia database is used by 500 Bible Society staff, who downloaded 10,667 photos in 2012. We provided social media training to 15 Bible Societies at a conference hosted by the Canadian Bible Society. 24 Bible Societies from four continents attended the first Global UBS Fundraisers Workshop in January 2012 to share best practice and future plans.

The Communications team has played a really big part in the Global Mission Team transition process and will continue doing so. Thanks for your leadership. The work the Communications team do is much appreciated.

André Minaar, Ministry Resource Facilitator, United Bible Societies

Congratulations on the cool translation brochure which we have received. It looks fantastic. Congratulations on the cool translation brochure which we have received. It looks fantastic.

Stephen Opie, Bible Engagement Advocate, Bible Society New Zealand

Global Financial & Operational Services
A new accounting system was selected and will be implemented in the course of 2013. The provision of the current account and international banking services was maintained and our reports on the status of member Societies’ current accounts have acquired increased importance following the move from central to devolved Bible production and other functions.

The Bible Society of Malawi would like to compliment the UBS IT global services, for the excellent service they have been providing us over the years. We have always been pleased with the prompt response to our problems, be it the website or email hosting. Their professionalism and ability to get to the bottom of any situation quickly exceeds our expectations. Such a commitment to great service delivery is to be commended.

Clapperton Mayuni, Executive Director, Bible Society of Malawi

For many years, the UBS Global IT Services have been an excellent partner of the Philippine Bible Society (PBS) in assuring that our online requirements, website and online store, are running optimally. Their support to PBS, anytime we need it, is outstanding. We are very satisfied in how they supported us through the years, and we feel confident because we know that we have their team on our side. Many blessings.

Michael Barrion, IT Supervisor/Team Leader, Philippine Bible Society, Manila, Philippines

At the heart of all activities is our goal that for everyone in the world Scriptures are available and accessible in a translation that speaks to local hearts, in a format and at a price that are within everyone’s reach.

Global Secretariat
Michael Perreau, UBS General Secretary, visited over 30 Bible Societies and attended several Bible Society events, focusing on forging stronger relationships and encouraging colleagues across the Fellowship. In November, we hosted a Learning Event for the new Global Mission Team. Together with some colleagues from Bible Societies, the Global Mission Team spent time learning, planning and team building. Our thanks to American Bible Society for sponsoring the event.

It was a pleasure to have met and shared in Oxford, I learned many important things in my life and work of the Fellowship.

Francisco Viguera, General Secretary, Chilean Bible Society

Global Ministry Exchange
We organised the annual “Refined Table” in July 2012, in Nairobi where around 160 participants from over 70 countries met to review one another’s program, form funding partnerships and attend workshops. The Global Ministry Exchange also organised the first workshop for the disaster project “Stop Domestic Violence in the Caribbean.” Sponsored by the American and Canadian Bible Societies, Haiti, Netherlands Antilles, Suriname and West Indies Bible Societies participated. They shared outcomes and plans for the next two years. The benefits included working together, inspiring each other, generating new ideas and sharing publications.

Global Bible Translation
In 2012, Global Bible Translations (GBT) trained 187 participants from 75 Bible Societies in the work of Bible Translation, in order to pursue this central task of our global mission with strength and sustainability. The year also saw the launch of 4 first full Bibles with a potential reach of 33 million people, as well as other New Testaments, Revisions and Portions with a potential reach of 276 million people worldwide.

It’s vital, it’s crucial to church growth that the Scriptures are available to people in the language which drives them; in their ambitions and their dreams and their thoughts and decisions.

Stephen Patterson, Translation Services Director, Bible Society New Zealand

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