

Spreading The Illegal Gospel

As a Christian, when is it legal  to break the law? The oft-controversial practice of Bible smuggling has long been the means for which Christians in countries averse to the gospel have received the written Word of God.

In countries such as China, Iran or other places where religious persecution abounds and Bibles are rare, Christians are given one page of Scripture to memorize before they pass it along to another believer. Some pastors don't have full Bibles to teach with.

Vision Beyond Borders leads teams of people with Bibles hidden in backpacks and luggage into countries closed to the gospel. All the while, they pray that the holy book will not be confiscated and can reach Christians who need them. Many have seen God move in miraculous ways to get Bibles through customs.

Dyann Romeijn, the regional coordinator for Vision Beyond Borders says: "There are lots of stories where God blinds eyes and just makes a way."

Following are a few stories from Vision Beyond Borders teams who have watched as God miraculously provided a way for the Bible to enter countries where Christianity is persecuted.

Because we don't want to jeopardize those believers traveling to these locations in the future, we've chosen not to identify specific nations.

Darkness lit the way ... Shortly

after a team with Vision Beyond Borders arrived at the customs office, the electricity went out, causing the X-ray machines to stop working. The team knew they needed a miracle to get the Bibles through because the agents started inspecting bags by hand. As the team began to pray, four large tour buses arrived, and people started flooding the customs office. The overwhelmed agents stopped checking bags and started waving people through. As the team left the building, the power came back on!

Lost in translation ... A

Japanese man was attempting to pass through customs in front of the team. Because the customs agent did not know Japanese, this man had a difficult time understanding the agent's instructions. Instead of putting his bag through the X-ray machine, he thought the agent wanted him to put himself through the X-ray machine. The scene created such a distraction with other agents laughing and talking that the team was able to simply walk through with their Bibles.

The overlooked blessing ... A

team was detained and questioned extensively for more than

3-1/2

hours. Team members were asked very personal questions that were repeated over and over. As the agents discussed the team's answers, the group prayed quietly. When the inspectors finished their discussion, they simply left the room—and the team was able to pick up their bags and walk out! Their luggage was never inspected.

Survey Says:

80% of believers tithe every time they're paid

According to an unscientific poll of tithers who visited