

OVERSEAS BOOK SERVICE



Purpose

The purpose of the **Overseas Book Service** is to make available to theological colleges, bible schools, Christian resource centres and other selected institutions, theological books which are no longer needed in the UK.

Costs

As with any 'recycling', the **Overseas Book Service** has running costs; the estimated cost is £2.10 per book, for each book sent overseas (not including the cost of the book which has been donated). So you can see why we need to be selective about the books we take, why we can only take books which we know are needed and why we cannot incur great costs in collecting books.

What is Needed?

Here is an indication of the sort of titles needed.

All books must be in good condition, not written in with unbroken spines and no loose pages.

As colleges are trying to keep their literature up-to-date, **we do not usually want books published pre-1970**. The exception is bible commentaries where we accept also those published between 1960 and 1980. However, there are other exceptions and we can still use some important texts published before 1980 but please check with us before sending.

Most Needed Books

- **Bible atlases** (e.g. Rowley, May, Oxford)
- **Bible Concordances** (at the moment we do not need Young as we have a number in stock)
- **Bible and Theological Dictionaries**
- **Bible Commentaries**
- **English Language Dictionaries and Guides:** English language dictionaries, Roget's thesaurus, English grammar books.
- **Hebrew and New Testament Greek grammars/lexicons and primers** (any date)
- **Periodicals/Journals Post 2000**

Categories of Special Interest

- Bible guide books/commentaries
- Biblical archaeology
- Christian books written by African, Asian and Latin American authors
- Christian/Muslim relations
- Church history
- Church mission
- Ethics
- Healing issues

- HIV/AIDS
- Modern theology
- Pastoral counselling.
- Preaching.
- World Council of Churches publications
- World religions especially Islam

We do NOT need

- Books by J B Phillips, Adrian Plass, Michel Quoist or David Sheppard (they are seldom requested)
- Books **OF** prayers (unless multicultural)
- Books specifically relating to church problems and situations in the UK/USA
- School books or children's books
- Books in poor condition
- Daily Bible reading notes
- Hymn and song books
- Liturgy
- Texts linked to the Lectionary
- Biographies/Autobiographies
- **Any** books pre-1960 (except Greek/Hebrew) or any books not directly related to the bible pre 1980
- Periodicals/Journals **pre 2000**
- Non English Texts (except Greek and Hebrew)

Bibles

We only need Bibles in very good condition.

We especially need New Revised Standard Version, Reference and Study Bibles.

We do NOT need

- King James Bibles
- Moffatt Bibles
- New English Bibles/New Testaments
- Revised English Bible
- Good News Bible
- Bibles printed before 1980.

If you have or will be downsizing and have good quality theological books that need a new home, then get in touch. We have many solutions to the logistics of getting the books from you to us, but are always on the lookout for volunteers to make collections/deliveries when in different parts of the country.

So if you have books you could donate to our hugely valuable OBS programme, please contact Sam at Feed the Minds on 0203 752 5800 or email scook@feedtheminds.org

You can also post books to our Bradford Office - Feed the Minds, Unit 106, Carlisle Business Centre, Carlisle Road, Bradford, BD8 8BD.

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