

Fellowship Regarding the Summer 2012 Distribution of the *New Testament Recovery Version* in the United Kingdom

Dear saints,

Bibles for Europe would like to invite the churches in the Lord's recovery to join us in distributing the *New Testament Recovery Version* this summer during the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. For this distribution, 50,000 New Testaments have been ordered, and it is our desire to reach as many people as possible during this window of opportunity.

Brother Lee, in *Elders' Training, Book 8: The Life-pulse of the Lord's Present Move*, said, "Regardless of whether the saints are from Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Taiwan, England, Thailand, Indonesia, or the United States, we all bear the same burden, take the same way, and spread the same truths. We dispense the truths embodied in the 'gold bar,' the Recovery Version. We have no other merchandise! If we would be like this, the entire earth will be taken!" (p. 114)

THE TWO STAGES OF DISTRIBUTION

Torch Relay (May 19th to July 27th)

From May 19th until July 27th, the Olympic Torch will be relayed around the entire UK, passing through more than 1,000 cities, towns, and villages in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Our burden for this time is to send supplies and teams of saints to support the local saints in the distribution of Bibles as the Torch passes through their town (*see Torch Relay map*).

During the 70 days of the torch relay, the Olympic Flame will travel to within 10 miles of 95% of the people living in the UK. This means that the majority of recipients who would receive New Testaments during this time will be local people.

The distribution during the Torch Relay started Saturday, May 19th, when the Torch passed through Plymouth, and will continue every week up until the opening ceremony. The reports from the first two cities, Plymouth and Exeter, have been very encouraging, with almost all the Bibles being handed out to local British people from these cities, many of them young people and young families.

Twenty-one visiting saints from London and Cardiff joined ten local saints in Plymouth and Exeter for the distribution. Because the 50,000 expected New Testaments have not yet arrived, we were limited to stocks on hand. In an average of three hours per city, all of the New Testaments allotted for this weekend were given out—approximately 250. There were additional onsite requests, which will be filled once more stock arrives. In the two cities, an average of 30% of recipients requested further contact. These contacts will be followed up by local saints.

The distributing saints reported: "From city to city, as improvements are being discovered, there is a wonderful coordination among the participating saints as well as with the Bibles for Europe team in London. We believe there is the need for these distributions to be carried out and borne by prayer in the one accord, city by city. The more that saints from other localities can visit and blend with the distributing city, the higher the morale, strengthening, and impact."

The Olympic Games (July 27th to August 12th) and the Paralympic Games (August 28th to September 9th)

The London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games are the largest sporting events in the world this year, with 200 participating countries and an expected 10 million tickets sold. There will be 34 Olympic venues located in London and a few other British cities, and 21 Paralympic venues. Olympic planners aim to have 100% of the spectators travel by public transport, walking, or cycling. This means everyone will be out on the streets and contactable.

We are planning to distribute throughout the city and in the event zones (see *Event Zone map*), as well as at outdoor sites where people will gather to watch the broadcast of the Games on large screens around London and in other major cities throughout the UK. A number of these sites are in or near the Olympic Park and can seat up to 10,000 on the grass.

The Amana Trust Bookshop & Café in central London will also be a great benefit to the distribution. It is located within walking distance of Kings Cross St Pancras station, one of the major stations in London, from which there will be a new seven-minute “Javelin” train to the Olympic Park.

Follow-Up

In addition to receiving the New Testament Recovery Version, the recipients will also receive *Basic Elements of the Christian Life*, vol. 1. This little book includes, *The Mystery of Human Life; The Assurance, Security, and Joy of Salvation; The Precious Blood of Christ; Calling on the Name of the Lord; and The Key to Experiencing Christ—the Human Spirit*. We anticipate that there will be many responses for further contact and look forward to caring for these ones.

How to Participate

We warmly invite all the saints to join us in prayer, giving, and the distribution of the Bibles. There is the need of the participation of the whole Body in each of these three areas in order to carry out this burden. Further details on how to participate and distribution updates can be found at:

<http://distribute.biblesforeurope.org>

We believe this will be a wonderful time of blending and a real blessing to the saints in Europe. We hope that a good number of saints from Europe and overseas would be able to join us in the United Kingdom this summer.

For all those who would like to join the distribution, we would ask you to ***apply as soon as possible through the above-mentioned website***. Those coming during the period of the Torch Relay would have the opportunity to join the local saints in various localities to distribute during relay-related events. Those coming during the Olympics themselves would stay in the London area and be sent in teams to the numerous Olympic venues around the city.

Those who wish to donate for the printing of the *New Testament Recovery Version* for free distribution can send their offerings to Living Stream Ministry.

“We do not need to do that much. We just need to go out with a pure heart, without anything to ourselves but all things to Him. Just go out with all the truths and the Recovery Version to read to people. I assure you that you will catch someone every week.” (Witness Lee, *Elders’ Training, Book 8: The Life-pulse of the Lord’s Present Move*, p. 126)

May the Lord’s word run during this time.

Grace be with all the saints,

The saints serving with Bibles for Europe

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*Note: Statistics regarding the Olympics were taken from www.london2012.com,
the official website for the London 2012 Olympics.*

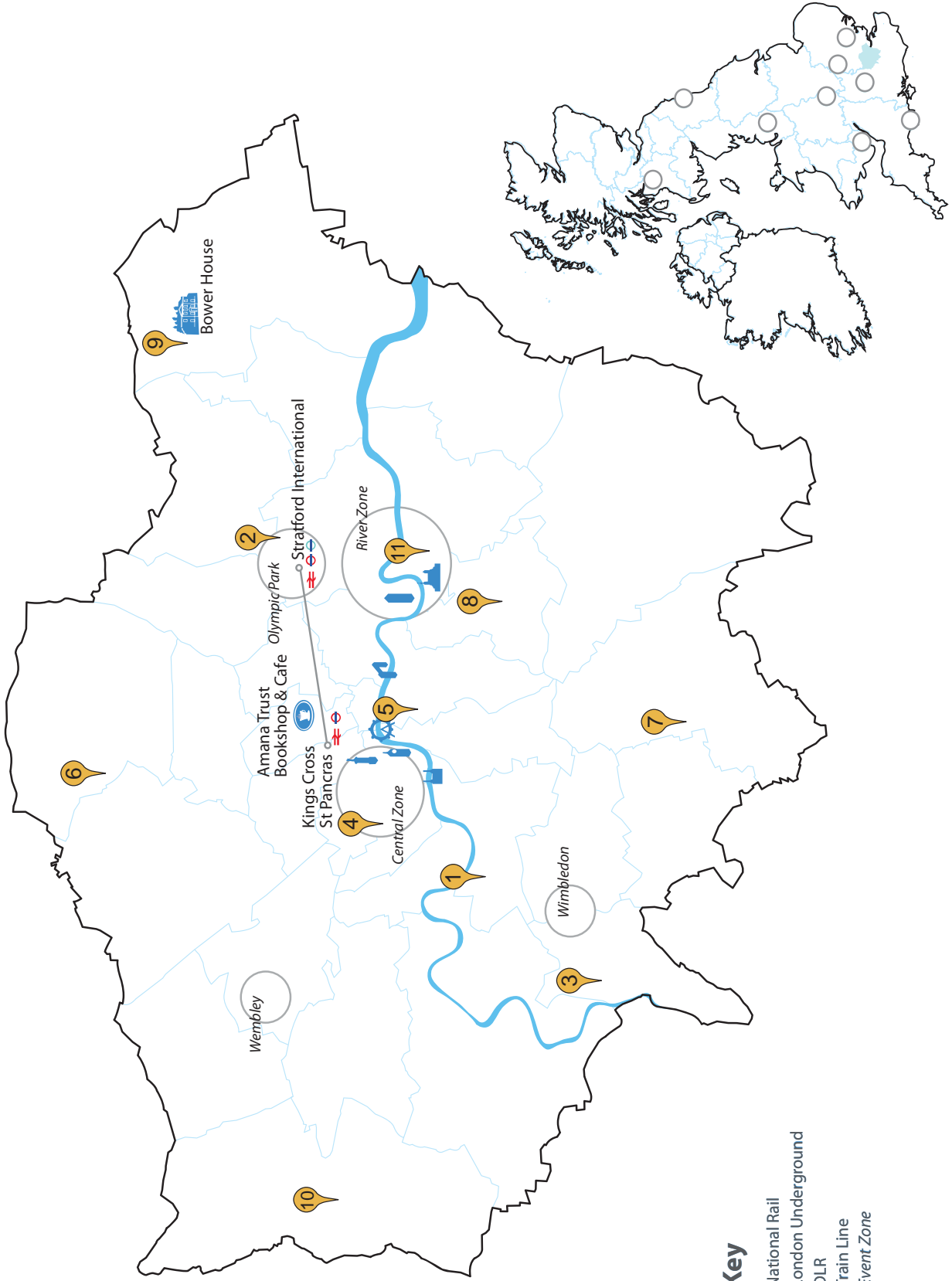
Distribution Cities during Torch Relay



Olympic Event Zones in Greater London and around the UK

Districts of the church in London

- 1 Putney
- 2 Leyton
- 3 Kingston
- 4 Paddington
- 5 Borough
- 6 Muswell Hill
- 7 Croydon
- 8 Lewisham (Chinese speaking)
- 9 Romford
- 10 Uxbridge
- 11 Greenwich



Key

- National Rail
- London Underground
- DLR
- Train Line
- Event Zone