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***LIVE* Bible Equips Teens to Put Faith, Creativity Into Action**

Group Publishing and Tyndale's *LIVE* Releases in June 2008, including an online community for teens to share life stories, art, photos and poetry

Denver, CO – *The Bible* is the world's bestselling book, but it often leaves younger audiences looking for relevance and practical ways to connect with and apply its message to their lives.



LIVE (Group Publishing/Tyndale, June 2008) is a revolutionary Bible created for teens, illustrating how Scripture sparks action every area of life—including family, school, friendships, relationships and self identity—while offering practical opportunities for teens to take action on what they're reading.

Rough Edit: Word, Art & Community

In a MySpace and Facebook world, the creators of *LIVE* have launched an interactive online community at www.Group.com/roughedit, "where creativity and Christ collide." It's a place for teens to upload and post their own artwork, photographs, drawings, poetry and song lyrics inspired by living out their faith.

The community is a global exhibition for Jesus, serving as a much-needed creative outlet of personal intersections of faith and art for teens. To date, the site houses over eighty pieces in its gallery, with plans to add a feature to share music and videos. It's a continuous work-in-progress, and submissions will be used in subsequent reprintings of *LIVE*.

"*LIVE* is not a static, cement block of a Bible—it's a living, breathing example of God's love for us," says Craig Cable, marketing director. "This is about interacting with the Scriptures on all levels. It's about challenging teens to respond to what they're reading, to grow, to get their hands dirty in the world and shape culture in their day-to-day lives and expressing themselves through the arts."

Life Lessons from History

LIVE also profiles sixteen real-life, remarkable people from around the world, from the famous St. Augustine to the lesser-known 19th century Indian Christian activist Pandita Rambai. *LIVE* shares stories of ordinary people whose lives were interrupted by extraordinary circumstances. It also features "text messages," adding historical depth and context that aids readers understanding.

"*LIVE* stretches teens to infuse their faith into life at school, at home, and with friends and family," Cable says. *LIVE* was designed with input from teens, and is the only youth Bible featuring devotions written by teens, inviting open, honest responses from peers. *LIVE* also features:

- **Jesus Sightings:** Illustrating the thread of Christ throughout the Old Testament.
- **Design:** Artistic two-color design, including "creative spaces" for readers to draw/write.
- **Real Questions:** Engages difficult questions teens ask, without giving simple answers.
- **Try This:** Practical, real, applicable lessons for day-to-day life.

The scriptural text for the *LIVE* is the New Living Translation (NLT), one of the most popular English translations published by Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. First published in 1996 and revised in 2004, the NLT is easy to read while communicating the content of original biblical texts.

LIVE isn't just about reading the Bible. It's about living it.

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Endorsements for *LIVE*:

“Teens today need an outlet for how they feel and think. The *LIVE* Bible gives them a safe release. I believe that this Bible will have a huge impact on this generation.”

--Sara Blackburn, Fine Arts Coordinator, John 3:16 Mission FYC

“I am excited to see what youth think about this Bible, and I believe that there is a lot of fun, exciting, thought-provoking and interactive aspects to the youth Bible.”

--Jeremy Weinland, Youth Leader

“I also like the variety of creative expressions by other people that can be seen throughout. Not only would I read the Bible and find all of the different things others have made, I would also show others the creative expressions because they reveal, through the artists, God’s amazing character.”

--Jessica Jones, 17

About the *LIVE* Bible:

Title: *LIVE*

Publisher: Group Publishing and Tyndale House Publishers

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Format: Hardcover **ISBN-10:** 141431440X **ISBN-13:** 978-1414314402

Price: \$27.99 **Pages:** 1376

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Publisher: Group Publishing and Tyndale House Publishers

Format: Softcover **ISBN-13:** 978-1-4143-1441-9 **List Price:** \$22.99

Trim Size: 5 3/8 x 8 1/2 **Page Count:** 1376

About Group Publishing:

Group Publishing’s mission is to equip churches to help children, youth and adults grow in their relationship with Jesus. Group’s 100,000-square-foot headquarters sits in the picturesque town of Loveland, Colorado. For more information, visit www.grouppublishing.com.

About Tyndale House Publishers:

Tyndale House Publishers was founded in 1962 by Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor as a means of publishing The Living Bible. It is now one of the premier publishing houses in the industry. Tyndale products include numerous *New York Times* best sellers, including the popular Left Behind series. Tyndale also publishes the New Living Translation Bible and many other resources for church and family. Tyndale House Publishers is located in Carol Stream, Illinois, a western suburb of Chicago.

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