

Handwritten Bible Across America sells for \$15,000

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WASHINGTON (RNS)- The first handwritten copy of the New International Version Bible sold on eBay for more than \$15,000.

Zondervan's handwritten [Bible Across America project](#) marked the 30th anniversary of the popular New International Version translation.

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A woman hand copies Isaiah 22:3 during the Bible Across America tour stop in San Antonio.

The Christian publisher went on a nine-month tour across the country to give people a chance to write one verse of the Bible for the edition.

One of the two original manuscripts sold on eBay for \$15,407.53. The other will be donated to a museum.

Printed copies of the hand-written Bible went on sale Dec. 1, including scans of the handwritten verses, photos of the tour and an index of the 31,173 contributors who penned a verse for the Bible.

Proceeds from the eBay sale will go to Biblica, the company that emerged from the merger between the International Bible Society and Christian distributor Send the Light, to support its global Bible translation and distribution efforts.