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New Life League, Japan has had a relationship with COMIX35 since 1999. At that time we were in the initial planning stages of a project to retell the story of the Bible in Japanese comic – *manga* – form. We have since formed NEXT, which is the legal copyright holder and rights distributor for this project.

The first book, *MANGA MESSIAH*, was launched in the fall of 2006. It is now in 20 languages with more coming soon. A total of four books have so far been published and the fifth will follow by the end of 2010. A total of more than 2,000,000 copies have to date been distributed world-wide.

This project would probably never have happened if it were not for the invaluable input of Nate Butler. His knowledge of the needs and the potential of a biblically based manga product, as well as his experience and wealth of ideas have been a major reason for the great success of this project. We continue to seek input and advice from him and greatly appreciate the ministry of COMIX35.

I have been involved in literature ministry in Asia for 40 years, but I can safely say that we have never before received as much feedback from people who have been saved, helped or encouraged, as what we have from the manga project. COMIX35 – Nate Butler – has played a major role in seeing this project come to fruition and we are most grateful for all the invaluable help and advice along the way.

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Roald Lidal
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