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ICLD's "Theme Verse" by John Stacknik, ICLD President

Former ICLD President, Mike Ondov, loved to cite Romans 10:17: *Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.* Perhaps you've noticed that this verse shows up on ICLD's newsletters, brochures, web site, mastheads, and wherever possible. As evangelical Christians we believe that God reveals Himself to mankind primarily through the Bible, the Word of God, and that knowing God through the Bible 'quickens' the conscience and mind of the seeker after God, who, in turn, will yield his/her life to the Lord Jesus by an act of faith which the grace of God enables. ICLD was launched to facilitate these principles throughout the world.

The 'Book of Romans' is a fitting place for ICLD to derive its Theme Verse, as well. Many have called this Book of Scripture 'the finest piece of literature in the world' or 'the greatest treatise ever written'. Look at its themes: man's sinfulness, salvation by grace through Jesus Christ, imputation, justification, sanctification, adoption into the family of God, God's love for His people the Jews, victorious living, and on and on.

FROM ICLD ARCHIVES by Lillian Phillips

I found some photos of my father, Rev. Tilman Amstutz, working at ICLD (probably in the 1960's). This photo shows Dad working with Bibles. After retiring from India in 1961, he worked non-stop at ICLD until he was

in his late 90's. My father was always so thrilled to be the one to pack Bibles!



Dad passed away in

1992 at the age of 97 (almost 98). One of his joys outside the workplace was to enjoy a meal at some restaurant with the ICLD family. He would say, "If we cut ourselves, there is a nurse to help us; if we need someone to play the piano for devotions, there is someone to play." Dad served as chaplain and enjoyed his ministry doing that. Sometimes when I was on furlough (from Vietnam or Burkina Faso) I had the joy of visiting ICLD and seeing where my father worked. The 'Roman Road to Salvation' is common to many in some or all of these verses in Romans: 1:20/man is without excuse; 3:10/none righteous, no not one; 3:23/all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; 5:8/in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us; 6:23/wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life; 8:1/no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus; 10:9-10/confess with our mouths, believe in our hearts; 10:17/Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Martin Luther, in Rome, was pricked with realization contemplating Romans 1:16-17... *The just shall live by faith*, which led to the Reformation, indeed to the transformation of Western Civilization, exactly at the coincidence of the dawn of both movable type in Europe (Guttenberg), as well as the westward march of exploration (Prince Henry the Navigator, and so on). The Reformers creed of Sola Fide, Sola Gracia, Sola Scriptura rings true today – "By faith alone, by grace alone, by the Scriptures alone." *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.*

ICLD's UNIQUE MINISTRY

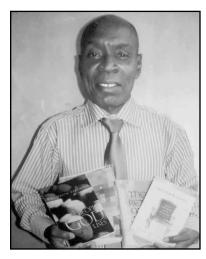
Thank you to all ICLD's Praying Friends and Donors who intercede to the Lord Jesus and provide funds for ICLD's mission of sending Bibles and quality Christian literature free-of-charge to the English-speaking countries of the developing world. (Please read the appreciation letters from overseas.) Despite the electronic age we live in and the access it provides to data of all sorts, many in the world have limited or no access to smart phones, computers, or even books. ICLD distinctly attempts to place at least one box of Christian materials in the hands of pastors and ministers so that they can proclaim the Word of God with the saving message of salvation through Jesus Christ, in a way which large shippers and ministries are unequipped to do. ICLD's staff is 100% volunteer, so we state unequivocally that all donations contribute to the sending of these materials overseas. ICLD's 55th year of operation is under way. Thanks again to all of you.

VOLUNTEERING at ICLD

Opportunities include: 1) promotions and public relations – are you a 'people person' who loves Jesus and who wishes to promote Bible literature? 2) packers and sorters – are you a meticulous and discerning bibliophile? 3) Are you a 'techie' or a 'geek' when it comes to pc's?

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WORLD SNAPSHOTS



My faith is built each and every day of my life and also share these books with other Christians, hence help as to preach the Word of God to other people. Zambia

Nigeria

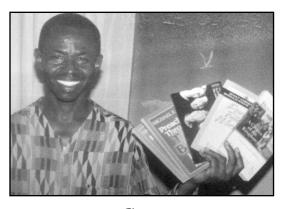
Just to give the word of thank you! For first receive of books and Bibles which a great blessing for youth ministry. With this, Lots of thank you from youth ministry. **Solomon Islands**

I am very thankful for another box of beautiful Bibles. books and tracts you We are so sent. blessed by reading the informative most books you gave. The books are very useful for the Pastors and also for the students of our Bible Seminary. We keep on reading the books everyday. **Philippines**



Myanmar

We are doing the work of God effectively. We have been serving people who are effective to come and borrow books to edify themselves with the word. Still we are distributing tracts for evangelism to those who are having mission trips as we also reach one to one where God sends us. **Kenya**



Ghana

WEB SITE

Please keep your eye on ICLD's Web Site in the months to come. The Lord has provided a capable and committed person to keep it up-to-date and improve its look where and when improvements are needed. Praise the Lord! www.icld.org

MISSION STATEMENT

A Christian organization spreading Gospel literature to the world.

COST OF SHIPPING BOXES

Large Flat: (about the size of a birthday sheet cake) — \$52 Small: (about the size of a sofa throw pillow) — \$38 Large: (about the size of a volleyball) — \$55

A plate of food these days in a 'comme ci, comme ca' restaurant is about \$10. Please think of one family's meal out as feeding a village in Africa with God's truth for the rest of their lives.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO ICLD

As mentioned often, because ICLD's ministry is accomplished through 100% volunteer efforts and donated materials and funds, all money received goes toward sending Bibles and Christian literature overseas after it is sorted and packed. Thousands of letters and emails arrive each year – each one is given personal attention. Your donations and Estate Giving are scrupulously and diligently applied toward this end. Building costs and supply costs are minimal. Be assured of ICLD's integrity and stewardship of your trust these last 54 years; now in its 55th. Come visit ICLD. Arrange for someone from ICLD to visit your home or church. Give one of us a call. Keep praying. Tax receipts provided with each contribution. God's best to you all.

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