



ICLD NEWSLETTER

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Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. - Romans 10:17

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“IMMANUEL: GOD WITH US”

Matthew 1:23 “*The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means, ‘God with us’.*” Christmas season is soon upon us once again. Christians (and others) commemorate and celebrate with church services and concerts, family events, gift giving, and on and on. **A Merry Christmas with much gratitude to all the ICLD prayer warriors and contributors and volunteers who have enabled ICLD to enter its 55th year of sending Bibles and quality Christian literature to individual churches and ministries** in the English-speaking developing world free-of-charge. Those of us who volunteer our time at ICLD feel as if *we are bringing the Christmas message of “God with us” to the world every week.*

Let’s just imagine how durable and constant it is to own a Bible or a New Testament; to open its pages; to *reflect and wrestle over* its contents; to notice our hearts softening as the Word of Life penetrates our resistant hearts; to see God’s Spirit at work in bringing us to His Son, Jesus; then to shape and form us into the disciples He wishes us to be. **Yes, new sweaters and kitchen**

gadgets and toys and electronics are lovely gifts, but to own your own Bible for the first time in your life really endures. The accompanying reference and topical study books and Christian education materials which ICLD sends are way **better than those extra ‘stocking stuffers’** any day of the week (or the year), as well.

If you are wondering this year – among all the other pleas and petitions you receive – where to send “that something extra”, please consider ICLD as your choice. One box to India, or to the Philippines, or to a country in Africa – or a recipient of your choosing, if you so desire – costs about \$52 for shipping. If you like, your name can be sent along with the box – even just your first name – **with a note from you** expressing your thoughts to that recipient.

Just a thought. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

John Stacknik for the ICLD Volunteer Family

2016 – VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES at ICLD

Words cannot express **how grateful the ICLD volunteer family is for the “World War II crowd” which got ICLD ‘off the ground’ in 1961.** As we highlight from time to time, a few of them are still with us and working as hard as ever, or so it seems. We also thank God for a **handful of wonderful workers who have joined us in the last couple years** to fill important slots – Mary Jo, Denise, Al, Marilyn, and now Shirley & Larry. One or two others are on the horizon. Trevor has been a booster to ICLD behind the scenes. Seeing new faces arrive to help at ICLD has been an encouragement to all of us. Thank You, Lord Jesus, for the new faces, *as well as the dearly appreciated long-term volunteer helpers at ICLD!*

Looking forward, ICLD would truly benefit from the addition of a few select volunteers to our existing ICLD family:

- 1) Someone to work with **fund-raising and public relations.**
- 2) **One or two individuals with a love for Christian literature**, theology, books in general, and who is/are able to move boxes around.

3) Someone who would enjoy **developing a broader media selection** for distribution overseas via our boxes shipped – **CDs and DVDs.**

4) **A techie person** – there is always groundbreaking to do for the right IT person.

5) Someone into **remodeling and decorating** – ICLD has a functional old building; emphasis on old. An **exterior wall mural** has been on the drawing board for 4 years; many starts and stops on this project in the interim.

(PLEASE NOTE THAT HOURS and DUTIES CAN BE ARRANGED TO MATCH YOUR APTITUDE and YOUR SCHEDULE.)

Please contact John S. if you are curious or interested. 612-272-9863

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WORLD SNAPSHOTS

This is truly a great help for my ministry here. In behalf of my family and my congregation I



Malawi

would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your unending support to the ministry He entrusted to me in this area of service. I am still hoping and praying that you will include us in your prayer and never cease to send your support for my

ministry by sending us materials for the cause of spiritual growing of the believers in the service to the God our King. God bless. **Philippines**

We are a growing church, and we need good and sound Bible teachings. I am so glad to see your website. We

are sending this request to you. We hope you will contact with us very soon. God bless your ministry. Many many thanks.

Pakistan



Myanmar

We are so thankful as a college for your literature. They are of great help to our students in their research, class work, and sermon preparation. Please continue sending us more. Please make a visit to our college in the near future. We will be happy to see you. **Kenya**

The books send to me have been of great help to me as a lay leader who has served in the position of an elder for 24 years.

Your books have helped me move from where I was to another level, a change which has been



Nigeria

seed by many people. Your books have encouraged me, comforted me and also made my preaching and teaching improved. I don't know what I would have been without them. To those that I have shared with have also expressed gratitude such that I have ended losing some of them.

Really may the Lord bless this ministry and that His mighty hand also be upon this ministry. **Nigeria**

2016 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Every once in a while we hear of a person who actually follows through on a New Year's resolution. **Resolutions are noble and beneficial by nature.** Here is a suggestion to all of us; young and old alike. **Make sure we have an up-to-date will in place.** *"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."* (Psalm 24:1) We are mere stewards of God's resources until our time on earth is finished. Some of us have never considered **naming a Christian beneficiary.** Please do so. **Perhaps a few of us will name ICLD as that beneficiary.** Perhaps several will indelibly proclaim the name of God's Son, Jesus, by underwriting the cost of a shipment of 200+ cartons of Bibles and Christian education materials at between \$10,000 and \$11, 000. Specific requests could be arranged, as well; for example, if someone specified that he or she wished an entire shipment to Nigeria or to Myanmar, or to wherever. **Thank you for reflecting on this important resolution,** and please feel free to ask someone from ICLD to visit you about your bequest. *ICLD exists for the sole purpose of placing God's Word in the hands of brothers and sisters in the developing world free-of-charge.*

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