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THE WHY'S and WHEREFORE'S of ICLD

By John Stacknik, ICLD President

The Role of 'The Word of God' in Salvation

ICLD's theme verse says it all, "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." (Romans 10:17) God chose to reveal Himself to humankind through the Bible, the Word of God. Jesus is the "Word made flesh." When people diligently seek God, they gravitate toward the truth of Scripture. Largely, people make the decision to receive Jesus Christ as Savior through reading the Bible and hearing the Bible preached. "And God said ..." begins the third verse of the Bible. It is conceivable that some people come to know God through the testimony of God in the natural world: "... the heavens declare the glory of God." (Ps.19:1), as well as some recognizing the imprint of God on each and every life (Ecc.3:11; Acts 17:27; etc.); however, "How can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (Romans 10:14). ICLD exists to bring glory to God in providing quality Gospel literature free-of-charge to developing countries of the English-speaking world.

What Materials Does ICLD Send Overseas?

For a comprehensive list of materials which ICLD sends overseas, please view the web site: www.icld.org. Basically, the boxes sent to pastors and ministry leaders and evangelists and Bible teachers fall into seven categories: *Bibles & New Testaments*, *Theology topics* (Who is God, person & work of Christ, Authority of Scripture, the Holy Spirit, End Times, the Church, Man/Sin/Salvation), *Commentaries on Books of the Bible*, *Reference works* (OT/NT background, a Bible dictionary/handbook/atlas concordance, Bible languages, etc.), *Topical studies* (preaching, marriage & family, Christian counseling, etc.), *Sunday School materials* (youth, teens, adults), *Gospel tracts & devotional literature*. Those receiving ICLD materials can see these categories outlined on the ICLD Order Form available on the web site for downloading or on a copy placed in every box

shipped out. Diligent ordering over time will eventuate in a fairly complete set of resources for any pastor or ministry leader. The way the Order Form is configured will hopefully provide the side benefit of enabling pastors and ministry leaders to see the topics as an overall view of the breadth of Christian teaching, orthodoxy, and equipping.



"Junk and cult literature."

Why Bother with BOOKS?!

Yes, electronic devices are available worldwide; nevertheless, the cost of buying gadgets, the electricity to run them, the tech support to maintain them, the reliability of securing them – these things are not necessarily a given. Plus, two other things about "books" still surpass the electronic way to go, as far as many are concerned: 1) owning and holding a "book" still has appeal, 2) to those of us who have researched and studied a Bible text or a topic with an array of books simultaneously open on a table before us contributes to the immersion experience of Bible study in a significant way. In my opinion 'Christian books' will be in demand in developing countries for at least another 20 years (although ICLD is sending out more and more CDs and DVDs).



Volunteer Larry B. presented an initiative at the Annual Meeting to have ICLD posters hung on church bulletin boards throughout the Twin Cities. Interested in one for your church?

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WORLD SNAPSHOTS



Zambia

Greetings to the faithful saints serving the Lord in His harvest.

You give us Bibles and books that we were using for a long time. Since from 2014 April was when we received the books and Bibles. We have a crusades meetings of Christmas and Easter. We want you to help us with your Bibles and

books that we should be using for our work. We lack books and Bibles entitled *King James* with concordance, Bible Dictionary, and *Good News* Bibles, etc. **Malawi**

TWO PRAYER REQUESTS

1) Whether it is the age we live in or whether it is the enemy 'sowing tares' among the wheat, there is a disturbing influx of cult materials, New Agey 'aquarian' junk, and old-fashioned heretical books and booklets making there way into the donated materials. (Are Christians reading these things, then passing them along to ICLD?!) Pray for our discernment and due diligence. Everything is sorted piece by piece.

2) ICLD needs a few discerning and administratively oriented volunteers who have an attitude of learning and are able to make a regular commitment of time.

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MISSION STATEMENT

A Christian organization spreading Gospel literature to the world.

ICLD Shipping Report 2016

Boxes to Individual Churches/Ministries:

Jan. 2016	185 boxes	3343 lbs.	\$9,797.99
Apr. 2016	200 boxes	3492 lbs.	\$10,231.56
Jun. 2016	<u>162 boxes</u>	<u>3072 lbs.</u>	<u>\$9,000.96</u>
Total:	547 boxes	9907 lbs.	\$29,027.51

Boxes via containerized shipping through Love Packages; Butler, IL

Feb. 2016	305 boxes	10,500 lbs.	\$870.00
May 2016	267 boxes	9,200 lbs.	\$790.00
Jul. 2016	<u>265 boxes</u>	<u>9,000 lbs.</u>	<u>\$790.00</u>
Total:	827 boxes	28,700 lbs.	\$2,450.00

A mural project is still available for ICLD's outside north wall.

Interested?

THANK YOU TO ICLD DONORS

Since early 2007 when the U.S. Post Office ended "surface mail" by boat and the inexpensive means of shipping 'printed matter' in canvas bags, ICLD has done its best to keep the organization alive and still keep a trickle of materials going overseas free-of-charge (about one-fifth of pre-2007 amounts), and ICLD has implemented more qualifying criteria, diligently weeding through those sending "multiple requests" and sending personal letters to implore pastors to form "Central Libraries" in their areas. Not one day goes by without those of us at ICLD failing to maintain **thankfulness to God for those of you out there praying for ICLD and sending in your monthly donations and naming ICLD in your estates and placing ICLD on your church budgets.** *Thank you to all of you who recognize the strategic importance of ICLD.*