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

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MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

to all ICLD's friends, prayer warriors, and supporters. You all have kept ICLD going into its 56th year by God's grace and by your prayers and your donations of quality materials and funds for shipping. Thanks from all the ICLD volunteer family.

"God's doing ... marvelous in our eyes" (Psalm 118:23)

A STEP of FAITH: Malawi, Africa by Pam Nersesian

Has God ever put a dream in your heart that wasn't fulfilled until years later? When I was about eight years old, God put a dream in my heart to one day serve Him in Africa. That seed was planted by missionaries who shared stories and pictures about their work in Tanzania. As I grew older, I read book after book about missionaries, and to this day I enjoy meeting those involved in missions. Over and over God continued to plant seeds in my heart for Africa, but it wasn't until years later, after our children were grown, that the dream became a reality. I began praying more seriously about how God wanted to use me in this new season of my life. In 2007 I took my first short-term mission trip to Malawi with a nearby church group. I went back again the next year, and since then I have made nine trips to Africa, mainly to Malawi, but also to Burundi and Ethiopia. His purpose for my going to Africa was much bigger than my expectations. Jeremiah 29:11 and Ephesians 2:10 take on greater meaning for me as my love for Africa, missions, and Malawi grows stronger.

At the end of my first trip in 2007, God said to me, "Return home and pray for these two pastors." It was the only direction He gave me, but it is out of those prayers to encourage and give support through ICLD that my work began. God showed me how I could be a blessing and encouragement through my prayers, but I also saw the great need for Christian literature. I began sending Bibles and pastoral study books through ICLD to help in Bible Schools and pastoral libraries. Home Bible studies began using books from ICLD as their study guides. Children received teaching with ICLD's Sunday School materials.

As I pray and read His Word, I am assured that He is the One guiding this work -- work that began only with prayer and a package of ICLD literature sent to

two church leaders. What has come out of that "small beginning" continues to amaze me. Even now, as I see the future possibilities for God's Word to go forth, I am in awe. The village leaders and community members welcomed us warmly during our evangelistic crusade, even with our Christian teaching. They want an education for their children, but they are now seeing a change; even in their children's behavior. Some former Muslims are now in the church because of their children. Again, God is using the work of ICLD to bring blessing to these people as they provide God's Word to young and old. Much of what they use is Sunday School materials and *Children's Bibles sent through ICLD*, along with flannelboard equipment that match the Bible stories.

(Note: Since that first trip to Africa Pam has followed God's leading and "divine appointments" and entered open doors for return trips leading especially to Malawi. Pam has enjoyed seeing God bring about involvement with Malawi Prison Fellowship, Alpha training for pastors and prison chaplains, sewing and baking classes, rural development projects, CEF Good News clubs, youth work, and so on. New teams, prayer, and planning are in place looking forward to further ventures for the Lord in Malawi and beyond; including strategic efforts in unreached Muslim communities while using Christian materials and curricula. Please pray for Pam and her co-workers in the months and years ahead. ICLD is grateful for its tiny role in all this momentum. Js)

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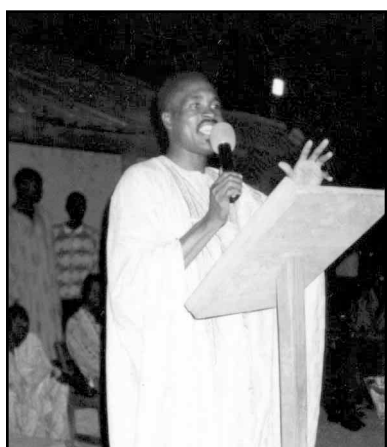
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WORLD SNAPSHOTS

Warm greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who is coming very soon.

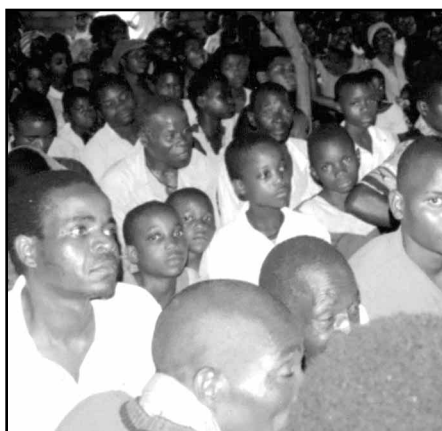


Nigeria

Thank you very much for your support of different Bibles, teaching books, children Sunday School materials, etc. I want to say again thank you, all of you who donate those materials. One day you will receive your reward from God.

(Hebrews 6:10). There are many Evangelism opportunities here in Ethiopia, Baptist church here in Ethiopia actively involved in church planting specially in Muslim areas. **Ethiopia**

Our love and greetings to you all there in the sweet name of Jesus Christ who has appointed us to be His own people, holy people to declare the Good News to all people to receive Jesus as their Savior. I Peter 2:9 and John 15:16.



Malawi

Thank you for the good work you do to dark areas and win souls to Christ. Thank you for the Bibles. We request you we shall have a big crusade in the midst of October 2016. Kindly send us Bibles for new converts. **Kenya**



India

ADDING A “GOD-COMPONENT” TO YOUR TRAVELS ABROAD OPTIONS

Christian vacationers, business people, students, and mission-trippers here in North America are frequently traveling to or through countries in the English-speaking developing world, and it would not be terribly difficult or costly to make an intentional effort to: 1) take some ICLD literature to one or more ICLD recipients; 2) visit one or more ICLD recipient churches or ministries and see where ICLD's literature winds up and let us know your findings; 3) finance a personal trip and do a round-up tour of an area or region; visiting a number of ICLD recipient churches and ministries; and let us know your findings. 4) find someone interested and capable of such a “look-see” trip and help that person with logistics, encouragement, finances, and prayers.

Doesn't this sound interesting and worthwhile for God's Kingdom purposes? Doesn't this sound like something which God will more than multiply to you according to your faith, effort, and sacrifice? Let ICLD know if you can do something along these lines -- where you're going or would like to go, and let's talk over the possibilities. (By the way, ICLD is open to missionaries overseas doing some leg work for the ICLD organization, but we have hesitated asking them to take on “something else to do”. Here we are talking to the broader Christian family.)

ESTATE GIVING

God chose to reveal Himself and His plan of salvation for mankind through Holy Scripture. “Faith by hearing... hearing by the Word of God.” (Romans 10:17) Can you think of any better way to leave a legacy in this world than by placing Scripture and Bible materials into the hands of the poor and needy throughout the developing world? This includes some “limited-access” countries and countries neighboring these countries. Shipping is more expensive than ever. ICLD has scaled back the sending to about one-fifth pre-2007 levels, but the work continues. Can you help expand the sending once again? All workers are volunteers. No one derives a dime from donations to ICLD. All funds relate to getting quality Gospel literature overseas. Please be in prayerful consideration. Thank you for keeping ICLD's doors open another year.

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