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

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FEARLESSLY EXPECTING BLESSING

From: John Stacknik, ICLD President

Even though Zechariah chapter 8 is addressed to the Jewish remnant in Babylonian exile, certain of these verses jump out at me, and I wish they were directed to ICLD, whose ‘glory days’ often seem to be in the past. **Verse 13:** “. . . . *You will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong.*” **Verse 15:** “*So now I have determined to do good, says the Lord Almighty.*” **Verse 23:** “*We have heard that God is with you.*” It seems that I recall a quote attributed to Navigators’ founder, Dawson Trotman, “*I claim all the promises of the Bible, Old Testament and New Testament, as my own.*”

To many of ICLD’s volunteers, it is amazing that ICLD continues to exist – 56 years after its humble beginnings in June 1961 as Minnesota Bible Fellowship. Materials keep coming in; sometimes a trickle; sometimes a whelming flood. A faithful ‘couple dozen’ of volunteers keep the organization running; whether Wednesday or Friday morning, or behind the scenes. Shipping funds, at times a sword of Damocles, remain adequate for present-day scaled-down operations – a box the size of a volleyball about \$59 to send to a developing country (still sent ‘free-of-charge’).

Slowly it seems like the Holy Spirit is piecing things together for a renewed future at ICLD. Some wonderful, key volunteers have emerged in the last couple of years. ICLD systems, databases, and equipment are modernizing. Significantly, God seems to be revealing possibilities of cheaper and creative shipping of materials bound for Nigeria (especially), Liberia, Philippines. Where it says in **Zechariah 8, verse 23** (about the Jews), “*Let us go with you because we have heard that God is with you,*” may this be the reality of all of us at ICLD and all who receive Bibles and Christian literature from ICLD, and all of you reading this letter. Thank you for your support and prayers.

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Hoping to have a shipping report in the next ICLD newsletter.

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MISSION STATEMENT

A Christian organization spreading Gospel literature to the world.

Jumbo Boxes: On or about June 2 a new Nigerian friend will be shipping out 31 boxes we are calling “jumbo” (about 4 times those volleyball-sized boxes) for about one-sixth the usual cost for such volume. Pray that: 1) Boxes arrive as intended and materials trickle down as hoped for; 2) God will replenish ICLD’s inventory; 3) This initiative will multiply with the objective of more materials reaching overseas.

OLD-TIMERS and the CHILDREN of OLD-TIMERS: From time to time someone calls or writes to ICLD and says, “Mom or Dad passed away. Please remove their names from ICLD’s Mailing List.” In some cases, Mom or Dad wills the family to make a special donation to ICLD in their memory. This is so beautiful. We at ICLD would like to encourage two things: one, that parents pass along to their children a love for Gospel ministry; two, that the children of the Old-Timers consider continuing to pray for ICLD and keep their family’s flow of prayer going forward into the next generation (Ephesians 6:18). If you no longer wish to receive these newsletters, please call or write to let us know so that we can remove your name from our mailing list.

Championing a Country: Are you someone who loves to serve the Lord and believes in the centrality of Scripture in a person’s coming to faith in Jesus Christ? Does going to bat for a certain place in the world to receive gospel literature excite you? If so, give ICLD a call and talk to us about becoming a “champion” for gospel literature to an English-speaking country of the developing world. Hard work. Many details. Great gratification.



Nigeria

Visit from the children of Tillman Amstutz: Speaking of “old-timers,” on May 24 we were privileged with a visit from the son (Kenneth Amstutz) and daughter (Lillian Phillips) of Tillman Amstutz, together with their spouses. You may recall that Tillman Amstutz was the first chaplain of this ministry under the name of Minnesota Bible Fellowship and was with ICLD for 31 years! What a joy it was to hear about how the Lord has used this family in ongoing mission work around the world, including Vietnam during the war there.



Zambia



Kenneth and Mae Amstutz, Lillian and Dick Phillips



South India