



ICLD NEWSLETTER

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

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THE JOY OF VOLUNTEERING FOR ICLD

Donna Doft, ICLD Volunteer

I love volunteering for ICLD! It started last November. Although I had known about ICLD for many years, and occasionally made a financial contribution or donation of books, and even though I had been retired for a few years, it didn't occur to me to volunteer. That is, until the newsletter last fall when there was an appeal for volunteers with some administrative skills. Since that is a large part of my background, I considered it. Then I received a thank-you note from Marilyn Johnson on behalf of ICLD. She suggested that I come and help out.

So, on a Wednesday morning in November, I ventured from Brooklyn Park to the ICLD office in south Minneapolis. There I met a small but dedicated group of volunteers who faithfully meet together on Wednesday mornings to process requests from around the world, sort donated materials, package literature to be sent, and ship the items as finances permit. What a pleasure to see two people in their 90s doing their part to continue the work of the ministry. Marge, who is 96 years old and a former missionary to Bolivia, says that it is the highlight of her week to come to ICLD.

We have other former and current missionaries, including ICLD president John Stacknik and his wife Sharon; Pam, who has a ministry to Malawi; and others who have connections with people in various parts of the world. I have met volunteers and supporters from Liberia, Nigeria, India, Thailand, and even Canada ☺!

One of the things I love most about ICLD is the fact that it is all run on donations—donations of books, Bibles, tracts, CDs, DVDs and other Christian literature; donations of funds to send the materials; and donations of time by the volunteers. NO ONE at ICLD receives any financial compensation for what we do. And some of the volunteers donate much more time than coming in on Wednesday mornings. Jim Nelson recently painted the garage; painted the front of the building as well as installing and painting a new, badly needed front door, with the help of Larry Carlson's expertise; and replaced two non-working air conditioners—all in a matter of a few weeks! He also oversees the newsletter mailing process and runs many, many errands for ICLD.

And I don't want to forget Gordon, Guy, Jeanette, John T., Judy, Ken, Marilyn, Mary Jo, Paul and Sandy and who are usually faithfully at ICLD on Wednesday mornings, as well as others who can come occasionally. In addition, there are the behind-the-scenes folks, including Diane, Doris, Larry, Shirley and others who handle some of the IT functions and email as well as other administrative tasks. Every one of our volunteers provides truly valued services on behalf of the many people we serve.

What a joy and privilege it has been to be a part of the work that International Christian Literature Distributors does to provide Bibles and quality Christian literature to pastors, evangelists and teachers in parts of the world who could not afford to purchase these materials. I really feel that we are doing something to help fulfill the Great Commission. Peter said that we are to look for and hasten the coming of the day of the Lord (2 Peter 3:12). When I think about "hastening the coming" of the Lord, I remember what Jesus said about when that will be: "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come" (Matt.24:14). That's the one thing I know we can do to hasten His coming—get the gospel out to the whole world.

As you can probably guess, there is much work to be done and the laborers are few. If you could spare just a few hours on Wednesday mornings—especially if you have computer skills, administrative or organizing abilities or writing skills—we need YOU! Come and check us out! We would love to have you visit us and take a tour of our operations. You may not want to leave!

ICLD Visits and Updates

If you would like someone from ICLD visit you or your church or group or Sunday School class, please send an email to icld2@juno.org. Or, call ICLD at 612-822-7065. Or, call John Stacknik, ICLD President, at 612-272-9863. Thank you.

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Speaking of volunteers . . .

“Champion Volunteers” needed at ICLD

- 1. A Champion of prayer** for ICLD’s ministry – someone to lead the First Friday prayer time, to gather and disseminate specific prayer requests, to be an ongoing intercessor in prayer for ICLD. Would it not be great to have a season of besieging the Lord Jesus with prayer?
- 2. Champions per country** – to pray over each country village by village, recipient by recipient, of those receiving ICLD materials. To explore possibilities for alternative, less expensive shipping; to find partners with affinity for your country or who travel there. Nigeria, Ghana, Philippines, India, and others need special attention in their desire for Bibles and Christian literature.
- 3. Technical Champions** – people to take ICLD to new levels of global mapping, technical innovations, promotions through social media, and so on.

General Giving and the Cost of Shipping

In nearly every newsletter we remind everyone of the high cost of shipping individual boxes free-of-charge to pastors and ministry directors in developing countries. You folks have been praying and providing for many years. Thank you. The need continues. That ‘volleyball-sized box’ often referred to **now averages \$59**. ICLD is waiting to hear from a Twin City Nigerian shipper with whom we entrusted 31 jumbo boxes to Nigeria at a much-discounted cost. If this is successful, we will try to do a larger amount though we keep looking for a broader range of possibilities to Nigeria and elsewhere. So many details and logistics and moving parts. Keep praying over this with us, please.

Additionally, please let ICLD know of any individual or group going to an English-speaking developing country who would like to take some gospel literature with them. Also, if you folks know of cheaper shipping alternatives, which are verifiable and trustworthy, please let ICLD know. Lastly, thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and for naming ICLD in your estates. (Please remember that all ICLD workers are unpaid volunteers.)

SHIPPING REPORT

	<u>Boxes</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
January	222	4,131
May	205	3,652
August	181	3,360
Average cost per box:		\$53.69
Average pounds per box:		18.23

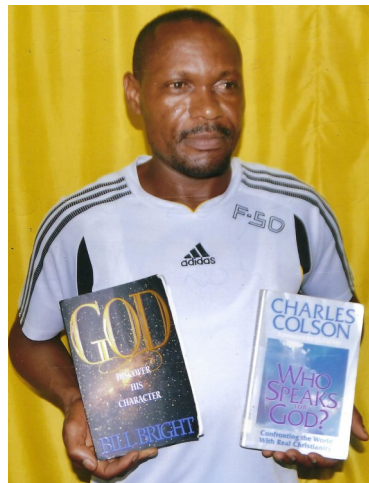
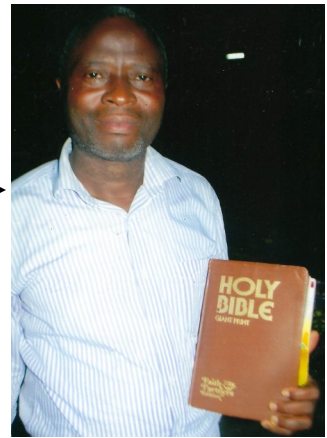
Additionally, several tons of ICLD materials are sent overseas annually through Love Packages of Butler, Illinois and by personal courier.

From Nagaland, Northeast India: “I did my Theological degree Master of Divinity. I have a strong desire to study more about God’s word including Commentary and Bible Dictionary as well as other books. But no book is available at home and there is no library available since I live in an Indian small village. Hence, I do heartily and humbly request you to kindly send me some books to read so that I can improve my knowledge about God’s word and prepare a sermon well.”



Orphan children from Cheppad, India, who benefit from literature received from ICLD

From Cameroon, West Africa: “This is Obase Jacob Eboli. You gave me books that I’ve read today. I’m training others. God bless you.”



Also from Cameroon, West Africa: Elder John Limo, the Apostolic Church Mutengene

MISSION STATEMENT

A Christian organization spreading Gospel literature to the world.

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