



# ICLD NEWSLETTER

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## TO TELL THE OLD, OLD STORY

**John Stacknik**

When we prepare to write a little something in service to the Lord Jesus, we often begin by praying over it for a while. Then we try to watch for nudgings of the Holy Spirit. Often a thought or a Bible verse begins to emerge. Lately, I began asking myself, "What can I say that's fresh and new?" Instead, what arose in my thinking was "repeating what's old and proven and satisfying." I remembered hearing our pastor last week speaking about Jesus delivering, teaching, and healing in Luke 4, and it sounded so familiar, yet I was glad to hear it again. An elderly missionary lady called us yesterday and referenced the stones of remembrance in Joshua 4, and we were glad to be reminded of this beautiful metaphor. When last week's Alpha series film clip proclaimed "He bore our sins in His body on a tree" (1Peter 2:24) to an audience of seekers, it was so familiar, yet tremendously appropriate. When a Philippines mission representative reiterated ICLD's own theme verse to us during ICLD's Chapel service recently, it was music to our ears. **"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."** (Romans 10:17)

Hearing something more than once can vivify. It makes our hearts glad, especially when it is something we love and enjoy – like a favorite song; like the Word of God and the Gospel story. ICLD's role in the world is to take surplus printed Christian materials and send them overseas free-of-charge. The task has not changed since 1961. Bibles, books, Sunday School materials, pamphlets, and booklets are sent to the far-flung reaches of God's world and received into waiting hands. These newsletters come to you folks to apprise you that ICLD's doors are still open. That ICLD maintains its vision and its mission. That the need and desire for Gospel materials continues unabated. ICLD asks your help going forward to the glory of God. **"Search the Scriptures . . ."** (John 5:39). Many today await these wonderful words of life.

## Excerpts of Letters from Recipients

**A pastor from Nagaland, India:**

*"As you know the world is watching America religiously and politically. God bless America. Thank you so much for your help."*

**Testimonies sent by a pastor in Kenya:**

*"We joined a deep rural church . . . Just started and has 7 Members. We enjoyed the sounds of drumming as Praise and Worship went on in Singing and dancing to the Lord. The Lord led us in standing in the gap for the rural area where a lot of Witchcraft and evil traditional practices have taken deep roots. The Lord is penetrating and has victory over all!!!"*

*"After he dreamed of a snake biting him, Naphtali woke up in pains and saw himself dying. Today he rejoices after Lord rebuked the poisonous enemy (death) and set him free."*

*"Demon possessed Sister Mary nearly bit several ministers ministering to her, the screaming, shouting and physical reaction could not hinder the fire of the Holy Spirit to cleanse the house; Praise the Lord she is now set free, peaceful and delivered."*

## ESTATE GIVING

On occasion an estate gift bequeathed to ICLD covers all or much of a major shipment; for example, 2+ tons/200+ boxes @ roughly \$60 per box. ICLD's volunteers marvel at how the Spirit of God has so moved in someone's life to make this kind donation possible and the impact of the Word of God on countless thousands of lives in the process. Praise the Lord, and thank you to ICLD's benefactors.

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### **"SPECIAL" SHIPPING to NIGERIA**

Due to high shipping costs and unprecedented demand, shipments to Nigeria have decreased these last few years. In the last year a Nigerian container shipper and two Nigerian pastors who are brothers, one in Minneapolis and one handling things in Nigeria, have been used of God to open a door for shipping more. This has resulted in about a 40% savings, which allowed ICLD to send two special shipments in 2017 and one this past January. ICLD would love to send considerably more to the 180+ million people of Nigeria. Would you like to help with either the logistics or the funding? Right now would be a good time. The door is open. Contact John or Sharon at ICLD.

### ***SHIPPING REPORT February 2017-January 2018***

Illinois Containers:	9,000 lb.
Individual Boxes:	15,769 lb.
Personally Carried:	242 lb.
Special Africa Shipments:	7,435 lb.

### **PERSONAL CONVEYANCE of MATERIAL**

ICLD is always open to furnishing Christian literature to individuals and church groups who would be willing to distribute these materials on their overseas' business trips, mission trips, youth group trips, and vacations. Please contact ICLD if this is something you would like to budget and prioritize in your travels to developing countries of the English-speaking world. Also, if you know of some 'bargain' shipping rates for ICLD's Christian literature, please let us know asap. Thanks.

### **Materials Sought**

As always, ICLD especially needs Bibles/ Study Bibles, as well as Bible concordances and dictionaries, OT & NT reference books, books and CDs or DVDs on Christian counseling, marriage and family, theology and doctrine, spiritual warfare, spiritual gifts, apologetics, prayer, etc.



### **ICLD WEB SITE**

*Remember to take a look at ICLD's web site from time to time for updates of all sorts.*

*See [www.ICLD.org](http://www.ICLD.org)*

### ***ICLD VOLUNTEERS GOING ON MISSION TRIP TO MALAWI***

On March 1, three of ICLD's faithful volunteers will be heading to Malawi for a nearly month-long mission trip. Pam Nersesian will be leading the group, accompanied by Sharon Stacknik and John Towah from ICLD, as well as nine others. They will be ministering in prisons, hospitals, schools, churches and rural communities, bringing teaching materials and other supplies with them. Sharon, a registered nurse, will be teaching health classes; and John, who is originally from Liberia, is excited to be returning to his home continent of Africa for the purpose of ministry and teaching on the Gospel of John.



*Pam Nersesian, John Towah and Sharon Stacknik*

The team will be visiting three Christian schools in Muslim communities and will have the opportunity to share the gospel and bless them with needed supplies. In addition, they will be visiting four new rural churches near Mozambique, also in Muslim communities. The purpose will be to encourage them, do health teaching, worship together and pray for the needs of the people.

***Please keep them in your prayers!***

### ***ICLD MISSION STATEMENT***

*A Christian organization spreading Gospel literature to the world.*

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