



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

ICLD NEWSLETTER

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A BASIC PRIMER of ICLD by John Stacknik; ICLD President

God has granted me the leadership of ICLD since early 2007, when Mike Ondov stepped aside and became President Emeritus. Together with my wife Sharon, we have watched the elderly volunteers step aside or go to their eternal reward, except for two: Marge, about to turn 98 years old, and Gordon, about to turn 95; still working; lives well-lived, to say the least. We have also watched a trickle of new volunteers come into the organization by God’s grace to keep the literature going overseas. We love ICLD and what it does and what it stands for; namely, sending quality Gospel literature free-of-charge to developing countries since 1961. To think of all the tons and tons of Bibles and Christian reference and topical books and Sunday School lessons and materials sent overseas overwhelms us with amazement. ICLD’s existence testifies to its stand on the authority of Scripture and bears witness to its theme Bible verse every day: *“Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”* (Romans 10:17)

In this issue of ICLD’s Newsletter, as is often the case, we will try to communicate the essential nature of ICLD’s non-denominational effort; that is, to spread the Gospel abroad, while challenging you to find even some small way to get involved or to help our all-volunteer team. Thanks to all of you for your interest in and prayers for ICLD.

ICLD MISSION STATEMENT

A Christian organization spreading Gospel literature to the world.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - The Founding of ICLD –1961

In 1961 several Gideons got their heads together and decided to expand on the Gideon work, and send Bibles and Christian literature around the world to peoples that had no access to GOD’S WORD.

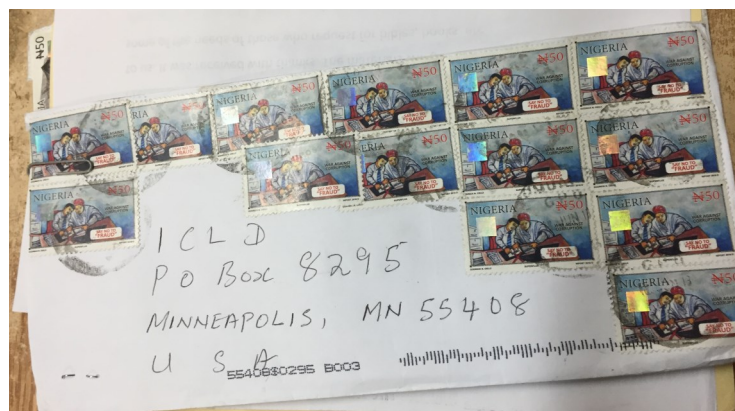
To better know where the specific needs were, Cliff Anfinson and his wife went west around the world. Likewise, Cal Katter and his wife went east around the world. They met in Africa and toured Mission stations in the bush for two weeks, where they found many needs. Typical was visiting one tribe of 4,000 people who had one Bible. The tribal people each took a page of the Bible, digested it and then traded pages with another person. This is one of many findings and needs they found.

They then returned home and founded the **Minnesota Bible Fellowship** and started collecting Bibles and Christian literature. . . . After a few years they bought a building at 3446 Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis, our current workplace.

In the early 1970’s, to better identify the organization’s work, the name was changed to **International Christian Literature Distributors**. . . .

The Lord has given us volunteers who sort, package, repair Bibles, catalog materials, etc., and **hundreds of you dear people provide the funding for our ministry**.

[Most of the volunteers over the years have been older, retired people, but all are welcome to join us!] All receive the same pay for their efforts—GOD’S BLESSING!



Recipients of ICLD materials do whatever it takes to get their requests to us!

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Things to set aside for ICLD to use:

Rubber bands (lots of them); staplers; scissors; used large envelopes; postage stamps; copy-machine paper (all colors or even one-side-used copy paper/ICLD will print on the reverse side); paper products (t.p., napkins, paper towels – small or large quantities appreciated); markers or sharpies (partially used is okay; all colors); pens (all colors; used is okay); snacks (with shelf life; something for coffee break after chapel on Wednesdays); Styrofoam cups; business-size envelopes; liquid soap; dish soap

Larger items needed from time to time:

4x4 wooden shipping pallets; one or two new box-taping dispensers; manual tape guns & tape; shrink wrap rolls; clear tape (large or small)

Volunteer labor needed:

On-call persons for loading or preparing shipments
On-call persons for mass-mailings
On-call persons for packing boxes
On-call persons for computer data base work
On-call persons for special work projects
Someone to reproduce CDs & DVDs

Giving Financially:

Thanks to those who have already named ICLD in your estates.
Thanks to those who give generously and pray regularly.
Thanks to those who are currently praying over giving to ICLD at this time.

Shipping Logistics and Costs:

1. Always ICLD's dominant expense.
2. Always a pursuit to find cheaper and more cost-effective alternatives.
3. A volleyball-sized box via private shipper to anywhere averages \$67.
4. Much material sent overseas through other agencies when possible.



Ministries in India that ICLD has helped by sending Christian literature



An amazing testimony from Nigeria:

“Now I do introduce myself to you . I am a typical Islamic terrorist sent to this nation by the Islamic nations to terrorise the people of Nigeria. I do terrorise so many people in the eastern part of Nigeria. Our believe is that killing is the Key to heaven. But we captured a man and put them in our den and this man holds a tract entitled: ‘You are the One.’ I collected this tract from him to read. Indeed when I read this tract I was highly touched because he taught me many things I need to know about Jesus Christ and I received Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and I passed this same tract to others and few of them who read this tract were also touched and when the other terrorist gang heard this news of been converted to Jesus Christ they killed some of us so this make us to run from our den to this town to start a new beginning with Jesus Christ and we worship God with 49 members and I managed to buy 2 Bibles for our study.”

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