

ICLD NEWSLETTER

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

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"Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind." (Psalm 107:31)

Psalm 107 is a psalm of thanksgiving to the Lord God. Seems like we have been hearing this message frequently of late. Our Pastor Matthew has reverberated this thought in his sermons. Brothers Friday and Niran from Nigeria included this exhortation at a recent ICLD chapel service. Volunteer Donna at ICLD chapel this past week suggested that "thanksgiving" is the pivotal attitude to maintain in our daily walk with Jesus, then Brother John from Liberia prayed a prayer of thanksgiving and gratitude to the Lord for all the little bit ICLD is able to contribute to the Lord's work throughout the developing world, and both Donna and John led our prayers and thoughts especially to Uganda this past week.

ICLD certainly has had an amazing couple of years of late. God has parachuted a few "private shippers" into our midst, which has resulted in thousands of pounds more of boxes going out at significant discounts. Boxes to Ghana, Liberia, and Cameroons have gone out at token costs (\$15 to \$25 for medium-sized boxes versus \$67 to \$70 via commercial shipper). Larger boxes to Nigeria going out at \$40 to \$60 per box versus approximately \$90+ per that size box via commercial shipper, and now God has brought to ICLD's acquaintance a few Nigerians who are undertaking to do in-country distribution for their respective Nigerian "states": Ekiti, Lagos, Akwa Ibom, so far. Do you know of 'private shippers' to acquaint ICLD with?

The preparing and packing and paperwork have been almost furious in recent times in our little ICLD beehive. Amazingly, God has kept the donated materials flowing into the back door, as well, and our 12 to 15 'senior' volunteers are skilled and faithful kingdom workers. Praise the Lord for all this. In short, God is showing up all over the place in ICLD's little corner of His vineyard field. And to top it off, God has seen fit to keep enough funds rolling in to keep the ministry rolling along. Whoever is out there praying for ICLD, bringing in materials, and donating shipping funds, please keep doing what you're doing.

> <u>Thankful to God and to our family of supporters and prayer warriors</u>, John Stacknik, ICLD President on behalf of all the ICLD volunteers

CRUCIAL NEED:

ICLD needs a new/used computer: Windows 7 or 10 operating system required, Microsoft Access a bonus. Desktop or laptop. Will be used to print labels for boxes that go overseas, etc. If you have one to donate, please email icld2@juno.com.

ESTATE GIVING

If you are looking for an all-volunteer organization which emphasizes placing Bibles and Christian literature free-of-charge into waiting hands in developing countries, please name ICLD in your estate. Thank you and may God bless you.



Joyful Nigerians receiving Bibles



Nigerian students receiving Bibles

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TWO SPECIAL SENIORS

ICLD honored its two most elderly volunteers at a recent Chapel service led by Mission Pastor Jeff Anderson from Grace Church, Eden Prairie. Marge Erickson, 98 years old, still labors at ICLD each Wednesday morning and calls it 'the highlight of her week.' Gordon Kanten, 96 years old, is less mobile, but Jim or Marilyn take him bags and boxes of Bibles and books needing patching, which takes place on his little dining room table. (It may be worth mentioning that they both grew up on farms in Norwegian families.)



Volunteers and special guests recognized Marge Erickson and Gordon Kanten for their many years of service to ICLD



Pastor Jeff Anderson

Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 20:18-10)

Shipping Updates

1. Jim Nelson headed up a load of 160 small and medium boxes leaving ICLD via commercial shipper at a cost of \$9,100. These boxes went throughout the developing world other than to countries where ICLD has a private shipper to use.

2. Another special major shipment to Nigeria is in preparation; goal of about 140 "large" boxes (think 'reams of paper' boxes and/or small U-Haul boxes) – estimating somewhere near to \$6,000 or so. This load will include some boxes to God's people in areas where Boko Harem has been operating. Please pray fervently.

3. Overage and overstock has been going to Love Packages in Illinois for containerized shipping. Last fall a lady, Doris, from Wisconsin told ICLD, "Don't pay anymore for shipping to Illinois. My husband and I will swing by and get your Love Package boxes and take them personally." This can be up to five tons per year. Praise the Lord for this provision, as well.



African missionaries visited ICLD on March 1

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