



# ICLD NEWSLETTER

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

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## God's Christmas Love All the Time

John Stacknik, ICLD President

As I stood next to the bed of my close friend in ICU and held his hand and tried to nudge this brother to repeat after me some words of Scripture, I began with John 3:16, the first verse that emerged from my mouth *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but shall have eternal life."* God loved His creation in the garden in the beginning. He has loved His creation through our fall into sin and through our endless wanderings. He loves us in our communion with Him as born-again believers in the work of Jesus on our behalf at the cross of Calvary. Christmas is all about the commemoration of God's love for fallen mankind manifest in the coming of God the Son to earth.

The Word of God reveals what God wants people to know about Himself, His love, His power, His ongoing presence, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit until Christ shall return to earth. Our humble team of volunteers is grateful to serve the Lord Jesus Christ by sending Bibles and quality Christian books free-of-charge to the developing countries of the world, knowing that *"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."* (Romans 10:17) The demand for the printed Word remains high overseas.



Since 1961 countless tons of these Christian materials have reached the hands of men, women, and young people throughout Africa, the Philippines, India, the Solomon Islands, Myanmar, and beyond, and these materials announce and explain the love of God, the saving work of Jesus Christ, and the ongoing ministry of the Holy Spirit. ICLD's efforts are impossible without the materials brought to our doors, the dedicated volunteers, and the generous provision of funds for shipping. **Thank you to all who donate and who serve and who pray.**



**We are so thankful for all of our donations.**



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## RECEIVING NEWS

Twice this year some of us fell into the category of “Ye of little faith!” The Bibles were 80% depleted, the “filler” reserves were totally exhausted, study booklets and tracts were few, and the shelves for children and adolescent Sunday School materials looked like a ghost town. Then God brought people into the life of the ICLD organization and provided “more than we could ask or think”; not once, but two major times. A special acknowledgement to The Gospel Coalition and to International Bible Givers for their excellent contribution of Bibles and other Christian books to replenish ICLD’s stocks; not to mention individuals, churches, and pastors donating their libraries, and so on.

## SHIPPING

After four years of basically placing most of Nigeria “on hold”, God brought a Nigerian shipper to ICLD, along with two Nigerian pastor-brothers, who have combined to make up the lost years to Nigeria with less-expensive shipping, as well as in-country distribution; all enabled by the behind-the-scenes data entry work of the ladies at the computer and the tech support volunteer, and the sorters and packers who got the materials ready and the boxes packed, and the shippers who shipped. So, since May 2017 ICLD has sent out about a dozen Special Shipments to Nigeria. May 2019 was 9,033 lbs., and in August 2019 10,373 lbs. – over 10 tons just to Nigeria in 3 months; besides ramped-up amounts to Liberia, Ghana, Camerouns, and the Philippines. **No wonder the shelves were looking bare!** (Other places await ...)



Pastor Matthew from Nigeria just got his worker’s permit.



## DONATED FUNDS

Because of the fragile nature of a small organization of “senior” volunteers, together with the normal human tendency toward caution, our leadership has been discussing “faith” – not exactly throwing caution to the wind, but leaning more in the direction of God’s instruction to Elisha to “... set out vessels ... not a few”. (2Kings 4:3) In other words, we are sending out amounts which stretch our faith, even as we ask, “*Will our reserves be too diminished? How much can we afford to send out? Will God provide either adequate funds or cheaper shipping? Will new approaches to the ministry of sending become known to us?*” Please pray with us in this new chapter even as you maintain or increase your giving. God uses His people to keep ICLD going.

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## AUG.–OCT. 2019 SHIPPING REPORT

Commercial ----- 7,000 lbs

Private -----13,858 lbs

Other ----- 505 lbs