



ICLD NEWSLETTER

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Hearing by the Word of God
Romans 10:17

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ICLD SHIPPING

After ICLD's July 2020 Annual Meeting we hope to present a more-detailed description of the boxes and weights and destinations of materials shipped for fiscal year 2019-2020. For now, let me describe what we have waiting in the garage for the shipping lanes and docks of the world to reopen – that which the ICLD volunteers have been working on preparing since the beginning of the year and the ensuing pandemic shutdowns.



NIGERIA – 3 of its 36 States:

Rivers State: 82 boxes 1036 lbs.

Ogun State: 35 boxes 669 lbs.

Lagos State: 69 boxes 1389 lbs.

Other: 4 boxes 167 lbs.

(Note: Lagos City is the largest city of Nigeria, its main port city, its former capital, and, and as important as New York is to the United States. Please pray for Nigeria and its strategic aspects as a crossroads of Africa north to south and east to west.)

LIBERIA – ‘care of’ Pastor Bimba in Monrovia, who facilitates in-country distribution in Liberia, as well as inroads into neighboring Sierra Leone where Christians and Muslims live side by side. Pray as God leads your heart.

34 boxes 1284 lbs.

INDIA Our friend Ray in Minnesota recruited ICLD to pack and send 120 small boxes (1484 lbs.) to rural pastors in heavily populated India. Using a commercial shipper the cost was somewhat high – about \$40 per small box. 48 of the 120 boxes came back to ICLD via the U.S. Postal Service, having apparently been blockaded in India by the pandemic shutdowns. No word on whether the rest of the boxes reached their intended recipient or are en route back to ICLD. Major expense and effort. Major need for prayer.



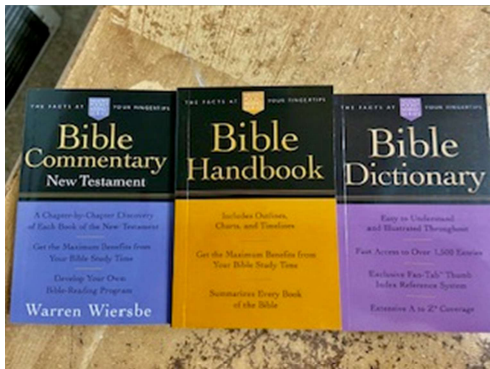
VOLUNTEERS

About a half dozen individuals have been working right through the covid shutdowns – staggering hours, wearing face masks when someone crosses paths, sanitizing surfaces, washing hands, praying. A few others have been working at technical aspects behind the scenes from home. A big shoutout to the volunteers who have put together all the tonnage of the last several months, as we have viewed sending Bibles and Christian materials to far-flung and desperate places as essential to a soul's well-being by the grace of God.



MATERIALS

In the month of December the ICLD family of volunteers – about 15 at this point – did an in-house fund-raiser to procure some specific pastoral reference books – we raised almost \$2500 for mini-paperback Bible dictionaries, handbooks, and commentaries, as well as some books on prayer and pastoral training – all arranged through Next Step Resources. In addition, Next Step cleared out some of their overstock and together with their regular donation of children’s Sunday School and VBS overage, their provision to ICLD this



winter was fairly enormous. And, in accordance with Ephesians 3:20-21, *God did exceedingly abundantly above all that we could ask or think* in having The Gospel Coalition provide even more Bibles, Bible commentaries, books on theology and doctrine and expositional preaching and pastoral leadership. So, guess what went into all the boxes packed since January this year? Please pray all this material out of ICLD’s garage as soon as possible.

FUNDS

Shipping will always be the biggest expense. The volunteers keep contributing hours. The Lord’s people keep contributing materials – including grandmas here and there sending a box of devotionals or New Testaments, and so on.

ICLD volunteers and prayer intercessors are praying in enough funding to keep the machinery oiled and rolling along at a pace which we are currently capable of maintaining. Thanks to you all. Please remember Estate Giving if you can and would wish to make a legacy statement to your family. Please pray for more Private Shippers who can provide lower costs, too.

HOURS of OPERATION

With the government-mandated shutdowns due to the virus the public hours are basically suspended; however, someone has been in the building on Wednesday and Friday mornings. A few people have made a call, and we put on a mask and go out to the driveway and unload their dropoff into the building entryway or the ICLD garage. What will the new normal look like? We are all wondering.

P.S. We are speculating that only a handful of us will attend our ICLD Annual Business Meeting in July and that it may well be held in the parking lot or in the ICLD garage. Hoping to keep it short. No luncheon will follow this year.

A large thanks to all who love and support ICLD – founded in June 1961 – 59 years of sending quality gospel literature to developing countries free-of-charge.

Yours truly,
John Stacknik – ICLD President

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