

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

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God's Peace upon you all in this Christmas season and in the New Year soon upon us.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4

Dear Friends: Uppermost in most of our minds, and perhaps the minds of many throughout this troubled world, this year has been COVID, the George Floyd killing, and the rampant political polarization. Many have died seemingly before their time this year, and perhaps many of us have been brought to the Scriptures above or to others like them which speak of momentariness of life, the fixing of our sights on things of eternal glory, and faith coming to bear on our waning hearts. As our pastor has said many times, "If all is taken away; our health, our loved ones, our wealth ... is Jesus enough?" These are times to try a person's faith, to let us find out what we really hold dear, to find out what our lives are really and desperately all about. May God have mercy on us. May ICLD stay its hands to the task of sending out Bibles and Christian materials free-of-charge to pastors and Christian workers in distant lands; even to places with greater troubles than those we face here in America. Thank you to all who keep ICLD alive and moving forward.

Current state of ministry at ICLD

Close to nine months or so since the pandemic has had its grip on our country ICLD moves forward by the grace of God. Please see our Shipping Report (page 2) for the second half of the year. A stalwart cadre of volunteers keeps showing up to sort, pack, ship, and take care of the administrative and caretaking aspects of producing shipments for Africa, India, the Philippines, and so on. We practice distancing and masks and protocols when



Liberia Shipment

necessary. Our open hours and hours of operation are amended and adjusted as proves expedient to our ability to serve God's work. Funds seem to correspond to what we spend on the ever-expensive shipping costs. We thank God sincerely.

SHIPPING REPORT (since July 2020)

Boxes to Individual Pastors and Ministries:

Philippines (private shipper) 30 boxes5,355 lbsLiberia (private shipper)41 boxes1,460 lbsCommercial world shipping158 boxes3,173 lbs

Love Pkgs. (containerized) 166 boxes 3,222 lbs

TOTAL:

13,210 lbs



the boxes at ICLD

From packing

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And the joy of

unpacking

To finally

arriving in the Philippines



To Pastors and Christian workers picking out what they need.

Needs at ICLD: --Shipping funds – The more funding available, the more we can ship. --Workers – A few folks skilled in administrative-type skills, networking, promotions; can work from home.

From UGANDA:

Thank you so much for the Bibles, New Testaments, different book of theology accorded to us... I had asked my Parish Priest to retire from this work but he encouraged me NOT TO BE TIRED IN GOD'S WORK. December this year I will be 89-years-old. I thank God who has help me to survive during these days of KORON VIRUS which has killed many of my people in the world! I was help by 1 Cor. 10:13 and Rom 8:31-38. God bless you dear in your good work for the Lord.

From KENYA:

The Pandemic that has affected the whole world are provoking and challenging but let's go closer to the Lord. I thank God that we received one carton of Bible and other books in the safe way. School and colleges here are still closed.



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