



ICLD NEWSLETTER

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"Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

Romans 10:17

Mission Statement: A Christian organization spreading Gospel Literature to the world.

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CHRISTMAS 2023: A FEW THOUGHTS

Merry Christmas still applies. Above all other people, Christians have a truly reasonable belief and hope in a risen Savior, Jesus Christ, and in the world to come, a world without end. Amen. Whatever everyone else is living for is anybody's guess. Pascal's "Wager" has some merit if paraphrased, "Why not live for God? The worse that happens is that you lived a moral and ethical life." True belief is still essential.

Beyond all the noise out there in society, the wars, the hatred, monetary inflation, and confusing redefinition of lifestyle choices, let's remember and resolve this coming year to keep God central in our daily lives. *"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof..."* (Psalm 24:1) *"All that we have is from God and from His own do we give back to Him."* (1Chronicles 29:14) *"O, the depths and the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God. How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out."* (Romans 11:33) Thanks to all ICLD's friends for another year. (John S., ICLD President)

ANNOUNCEMENT of ICLD NAME CHANGE

"Global Gospel Books" – This will officially become the new name of International Christian Literature Distributors (ICLD) in the near future. After the last 5 or 6 years of concerted prayer for the future of the ICLD organization and a string of circumstances that seem to us to be indicating God's leadership, our ICLD family of volunteers has hired a Christian consulting agency to modernize ICLD and take us by faith into the 21st century in a major way. This will involve rebranding, logo, web site, search engines, data base analysis, social media, video clips, recruitment, finding church partnerships, and so on. More news to follow. At 75 years of age and after many efforts and initiatives to try to recruit individuals and churches to move ICLD forward, I and the ICLD volunteers felt it was time to prayerfully make a bold step of faith (Proverbs 16:9). Please pray for ICLD/Global Gospel Books as we all buckle up for the journey and adventure before us. ICLD is a great ministry. We sometimes dream and imagine about the tens of thousands of pounds of Bibles and Christian books which have gone throughout the world and their potential impact. Even if all those materials did not make it to their destination, we say, "The worst thing that happens is that a criminal got a Bible." Thanks so much to all of you who make this ministry possible through prayers, funding, and donating materials. God bless you all. Grateful to God and to all of you behind ICLD all these 62+ years.

John (and Sharon) Stacknik, ICLD President since 2008



Excerpts from letters we have received at ICLD:



From Malawi: I really appreciate for your help to let us know more about the Creator and for the Literature to be available in the community. We have put the books in a reading room where everybody can have an access to it.

From Philippines: Praising our LORD and Savior for using you as an instrument of sharing the Gospel of salvation to other. We have shared the Bibles and some Christian literature you generously gave us to other missionary workers and elders of our ministry. They were delighted and praised the Lord the moment we handed to them these precious tools of transforming others to be followers of Christ.



Praying over barrels



Boxes packed for the Philippines

From Zambia: We would be pleased if you could support us with your Christian Literature, like Bibles, different versions, Study Bibles, Commentaries, etc. We will be highly appreciate it.

From Kenya: Sir, we are reaching many who are financially poor that they cannot afford to buy a copy of a Bible due to poverty way of living and they are eager to read.

From Ghana: I really appreciate your Noble ministries for the wonderful work your great Outfit is doing to spread the holy Gospel to Save the Lost Souls. Sir we have been able to save more souls through our free bibles distribution Campaign and we are targeting about 3000 newly souls during our end of year mega evangelism program which will be coming off this year in December.



Boxes packed for Zambia



Picking up books in Kenya



Picking up boxes for shipping

From Kenya:

My dear brethren, first I want to thank you for your work you are doing to spread the Word of God worldwide. My aim of writing this short message to you is that I need your help. I'm a Pastor and I'm having the good learners who want to know more about the Word of God. I have set up a kiosk for library and I'm lacking reading material. If you can support us with some materials I will have to appreciate.



Shipping Report

FALL SHIPPING REPORT 2023

<u>Where To:</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Kenya	1	62 lbs.
Uganda	64	2,433 lbs.
Sierra Leone	1	61 lbs.
Cameroons	5	91 lbs.
South Sudan	2 barrels/2 bins	673 lbs.
Zimbabwe	7	180 lbs.
Benin	1	16 lbs.
Philippines	2	285 lbs.
Uganda	1	12 lbs.
Tanzania	5	199 lbs.
Egypt	3	101 lbs.
Arab World	1	21 lbs.
E-W Interknit	2	62 lbs.
Zambia	53	1,402 lbs.
Malawi	86	2,214 lbs.
Congo DRC	1	12 lbs.
Zimbabwe	30	698 lbs.
Totals:	267 boxes/bins/barrels	8,522 lbs.



Thanks to your donations, last quarter we shipped to 16+ countries. PTL!



Trustee Work at ICLD

Our few volunteers achieved a lot of necessary fixing up at ICLD this year, plus those things needing hiring out; a new skylight in Receiving room, a new furnace (the old gravity octopus is finally gone), a 21st c. photocopier, carpentry and stucco repairs on our old building and garage, partial reshingling on the roof, painting, etc. Thanks to those who helped and to those who provided funds.



Prayer



Dropoffs:

(Please Check First)

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We send forth material backed by prayer. Please join us in praying for ICLD.

Building Open Hours

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**Receipts will be sent for all
donations.**

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organization.



ICLD's last fiscal year was slightly over 40,000lbs. shipped; an amazing year. Will God allow us another one? Please keep praying. So many details involved ... as you can see, sometimes it is just one box or suitcase full at a time.