



# 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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**“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times**, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness ... belief ... incredulity ... Light ... darkness ... hope ... despair ...”, and with these words from long ago Charles Dickens describes the ongoing condition of the human race in each generation. (A Tale of Two Cities)

**No less was the case during the time of young King Josiah.** (2Kings 22-23) Fifty-seven years of utter pagan godlessness preceded his reign. The Word of God was unknown and unrecognizable. The politics were absurd and corrupt. The Temple was in shambles. Society’s morals and practices were a sham, yet God’s light prevailed once more for a season and shone forth through a mentor, a priest, a prophetess, and a young regent. Revival broke out and held the day for a while, and the people in the land celebrated God.

**The Bible promulgates hope**; hope for nations, hope for families, hope for individuals locked tightly in seemingly inextricable and hopeless situations and circumstances. In the worst of times arose “a king who turned to the Lord with all his heart.” (2Kings 23:25)

**Is there hope** for our nation? Is there hope for the stricken and impoverished countries of the world? Is there hope for our families? Is there hope for you? Is there hope for me? **“Hope (in Jesus) an anchor of the soul.”** (Hebrews 6:19)

*Thanks to all for your roles in helping ICLD endeavor in its sole mission of sending Bibles and Christian books free-of-charge to the needy places of the world. (John S.)*

### Excerpts from letters we have received at ICLD:

From a Christian brother in **Kenya**: “Oh yes brethren, we need your books by God’s grace and by His will we can share the same. This is the only hope for these people suffering terrible diseases in these places. Thank you very much for your continued support. We are still praying for additional Bibles no matter how few you may be able get us. My country is a third world country where people live below \$2 a day”.



From a Pastor in **Ghana**: “I want to express my sincere gratitude to you and your sponsors for such a wonderful gift to me, especially the bible aids which are going to go a long way to enhance my ministry work, training of leaders and discipling new souls etc.”



From **Malawi**, National Prisons Service Chaplain: “The distribution of Christian books and Bibles has a significant impact on the lives of prisoners and staff members in Malawi. By providing hope, comfort, guidance, and a sense of community, these books help prisoners to cope with the challenges of incarceration and to make positive changes in their lives. They also support the spiritual and emotional wellbeing of staff members and contribute to a more positive and supportive environment with the prison.”

**Shipping Needs**

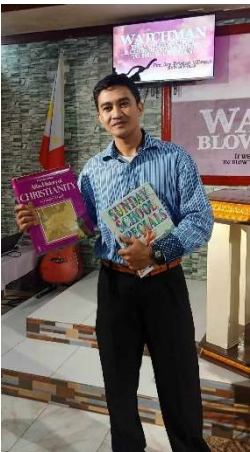
To make shipping to developing countries happen, ICLD needs: 1) a reliable shipper, 2) Kingdom-minded recipients and in-country distributors, 3) hopefully a USA contact person/coordinator. Please notify ICLD of your connections in these categories in order to further ICLD’s mission to countries of the English-speaking world. ([ICLDBooks@gmail.com](mailto:ICLDBooks@gmail.com))



Balikbayan boxes (Philippines)



Barrels (Sierra Leone)



**Financial Giving:** Checks, PayPal, RMDs, Real Estate Giving

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

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**Dropoffs:**

<u>(Please Call First)</u>	<b><u>Building Open Hours</u></b>
Guy Somers 651-739- 3244	Most Wednesdays 8:30 am to Noon
Mike Jorgensen 612-202-8431	Please call to verify <b>612-822-7065</b> or <b>651-739-3244</b>
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<b>SHIPPING REPORT – Winter 2023-2024</b>		
<b><u>Country</u></b>	<b><u>Boxes (Barrels)</u></b>	<b><u>Weight</u></b>
Tanzania	79	2,699 lbs.
Zambia	10	282 lbs.
Ethiopia	10	436 lbs.
Malawi	40	815 lbs.
Philippines	6	930 lbs.
Sierra Leone	5	176 lbs.
Benin	2	60 lbs.
<u>Sierra Leone</u>	<u>2 barrels</u>	<u>385 lbs.</u>
<b>Totals: 152 boxes/2 barrels</b>		
<b>Total weight: 5,783 lbs</b>		

**Reminder:**

In the course of 2024 ICLD will begin using its new name, Global Gospel Books(GGB), when the new Logo, Web Site, and Email address are in place. Please keep praying for ICLD’s transition.