

run of somewhere around 10,000 to 20,000 in English and the possibility of doing a Spanish edition to reach the many Hispanics now living in the USA. Pray for the organisation of this and for the funding to get it all to happen on time. I don't know if you realise it or not but there are about 14 million Hispanics in the US who have come in from places like Cuba and Mexico and are presenting us with a unique mission field. We would value prayer for other churches who would like to use the paper in the US in light of what we are doing with the Hope Baptist Church in Las Vegas. We would value prayer that we can combine our print runs so that we can keep costs to a minimum and arrange for shipping to the various churches particularly to Ohio.

Pray for our rep there Doug Cornelius and his wife Mary who do a great job in getting out the gospel. There are also opportunities to work with other ministries like Living Hope Community Ministries which is working in the city of Cincinnati and is being directed by Mike Wright ably and wonderfully supported by his wife Tammy. They are reaching out to the multi housing areas located in and around their area. A large percentage of people in the US have moved into multi housing accommodation for reasons of costs and downsizing so this gives a great opportunity for getting the gospel into these homes. We would value prayer for wisdom as to how God is going to bring all of this together for the year 2007 and beyond.

We want to make this year a year of consolidation and God-ordained development. The great needs are for a new editor for the Challenge paper, for increased funding for all of the work that we are doing both here and overseas and for wisdom for the promotion and development work that needs to be done both here and overseas. Continue to pray with us as God is doing something special through the work of Challenge newspaper for which we are greatly humbled and enormously thankful for the privilege of being a part of it.

FUTURE PROSPECTS At this stage we have a number of future prospects but I'll just keep myself to three in particular. First of all **Nigeria** is a country we are very interested in getting into and have had just very basic discussions with Ireland Outreach International headed up by Jim Gillett. Jim and this ministry are using the Emmaus Bible Study courses for ministry in Nigeria and a number of other African countries and we are keen to enter into a similar arrangement with them that we have with World Hope Prison Ministries in South Africa and Botswana. This would involve running an add in the paper for Emmaus Bible Study courses. The only problem is that Jim has indicated a minimal print run that he would like to start with is 100,000. So we are really looking to try and at least fund a print run of 30,000 and see how things go. Pray for wisdom on this matter.

Then secondly we've had initial interest putting out an Arabic edition of the paper into **Egypt**. Our great desire is to be able to reverse the process if you will of Islam moving south from the more Arabic countries in northern Africa so that we can get the gospel into these countries via the printed page. Again we are working with a sponsoring church in Las Vegas in Hope Baptist Church. At this stage we are only having discussions and nothing actual has been decided or definitely planned. But you can imagine what an Arabic edition of the paper could be used for in these Muslim countries.

And then thirdly I've had some very encouraging discussions with Asia Evangelistic Fellowship headed up by Jonathon James here in Perth. Jonathon has indicated that he would be very interested in getting a Hindi edition of the paper to complement the radio ministry that they have in Hyderabad in **India** called Destiny. Jonathon and I are hopeful of visiting Hyderabad together possibly in early March to see how we would go about this and make sure that we have got the infrastructure in place to make it fly. Again you are looking at a State of some 40 million people so a print run of 20,000 or 30,000 is almost insignificant but we have to start somewhere.

So please pray that God will raise up princely givers for these various projects both for the ones that are already in progress and the possibilities for future outreach. Again may I just say thank you to all of you who pray for the work and give so generously because we just simply could not do any of what is done without your wonderful backing and support.

Warm regards to you all, your servant in Christ on behalf of the Challenge Team.

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I thought at the beginning of February 2007 I'd take the opportunity to give an overview to our prayer warriors of the work of Challenge as it stands at present. We are working in 10 nations with different editions of the paper, which is a huge endeavour in view of the small size of the organization, and of course a very limited budget. But it is testimony to the Challenge team as to how things are managed both practically and financially as well as prayerfully. So I just want to go through each area for your information and intersperse each section with both prayer and praise points as you read through it.

AUSTRALIA At present the distribution of the Challenge newspaper in Australia varies each month from 55,000 – 60,000 papers which often includes special orders. We have been around this figure for some time now and are burdened about seeing the distribution grow. It was hoped last year that we would be able to start up a venture of sponsored editions but unfortunately that hasn't worked out. We are limited in our staff to do the type of promotion and development work that really is necessary around this nation but we do have help from various people in Victoria, NSW and to a lesser extent in the Northern Territory. So we would value prayer for the growth of distribution so that we can see it develop and grow to a figure of some 75,000 per month. We would value prayer for not only the increase in the growth of the paper but also for increased effectiveness of the paper. It's quite one thing to get an increase in the distribution but to see people coming to Christ on an ongoing basis is quite another.

We also want to pray for the layout and presentation of the paper and that God would inspire our laydown and desktop guys as they design and produce the paper each month.

NEW ZEALAND New Zealand distribution on a monthly basis is somewhere around 7,000 to 10,000 papers, depending on special orders. We work with the Challenge Weekly organisation in Auckland who are a totally different organisation to ourselves. We have a partnership by which they print and distribute the paper and we provide them with the PDF printer files for that. Our prayer is that God would begin to grow the paper in New Zealand and out of that will also come growth for Challenge Weekly. So I do also want to encourage you to praise God for the responses we have seen in New Zealand and whilst I don't have exact figures it has been encouraging over the last four or five years.

SOUTH AFRICA We have now been working in South Africa five years and in that time we've seen the paper grow from distribution zero to a peak of some 320,000 papers. We are doing a main edition for South Africa which is also used in Botswana, Zimbabwe, and Zambia and in a smaller way Lesotho and Swaziland. We also produce a prison edition whereby Multi Ministries works hand in glove with World Hope Prison Ministries and at last count we were doing around 65,000 prison papers for South Africa and Botswana. There are some 252 prisons in South Africa and around 250,000 prisoners, whilst in Botswana there are 32 prisons (approximately 6,000 prisoners). By far and away the most fruitful edition of the paper is the prison edition where we are seeing somewhere between 600 – 700 responses per month.

We would value prayer for the improved distribution of the prison edition of the paper. We have had commitments from around 140 of the prisons in South Africa which tells us that the paper is not finding its way into all the prisons in the way that we would like and with the effective distribution. So we would value prayer for chaplains in the prisons and that God would touch their hearts to use the papers wisely.

With the main edition of the paper that we use for South Africa, Zimbabwe and Zambia we value prayer for more finances to consolidate the paper in South Africa and to increase our print run. The reason for this is at best we are distributing around 150,000 copies of our main edition into South Africa which has a population of some 50 million people. So you don't need to do great maths to find out that what's happening there is really only a very small drop in a huge ocean of human need, spiritual and practical.

So please pray that God will undertake both in South Africa and here in Australia and the USA for the support that we need to increase the work and the effectiveness of distribution. Also please pray for our partner organisation in South

Africa, Multi Ministries which is headed up by the Rev Harold Peasley and the Rev Errol Wesson. This partnership has been an incredibly blessed partnership whereby both organisations have such a common heartbeat for the gospel. So we want to praise God for men like Harold and Errol and the fantastic work that Multi Ministries does as a team in getting out the gospel not only via the newspaper but through various mission teams, training programs, crusades and the like.

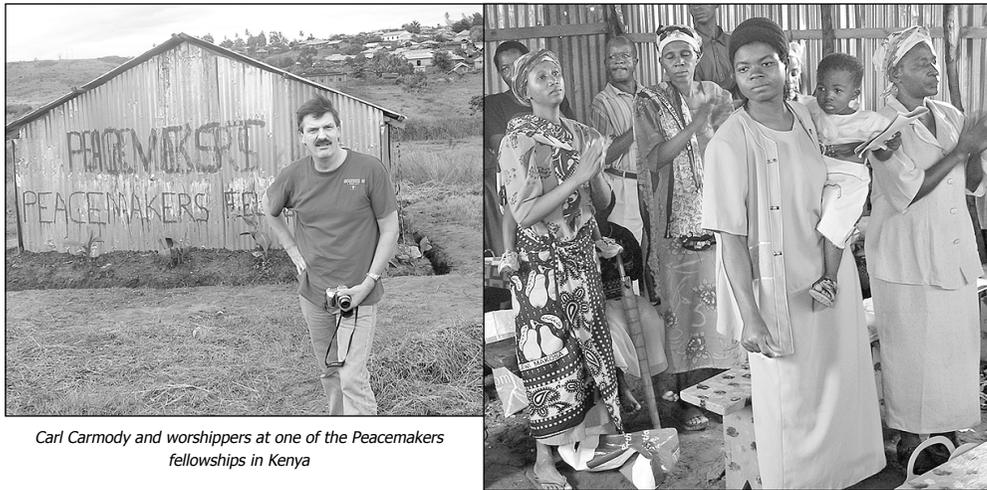
BOTSWANA We do two editions for Botswana and as I've mentioned already above we put out a main edition and a prison edition. We are working with an organisation called Botswana Ministries which is really the brainchild of Andrew and Sandra Freeman who formerly worked with SIM. They are an outstanding couple who do a wonderful job of getting out the gospel in a country that is really an anomaly in southern Africa. The reason is that they are barely 4% Christian where many of the surrounding countries are 20-25% Christian. They have quite a strong economy with gold, diamonds and other mineral interests in their country.

The distribution of the paper goes very well but we only see a limited response. We value prayer for an increased distribution of the paper and an increased effectiveness in that distribution. We have no doubt that as God's people begin to pray it prepares the hearts of people for the seed of the gospel.

Also please pray for the prison edition of the paper which at this stage gains a modest distribution and response. We would also value prayer as we endeavour to do one or two stories for the Botswana edition in the local language of Setswana. This is becoming a growing need both in South Africa, Botswana and other countries where doing a testimony in a local language is a real blessing. In our most recent southern African main edition we did one story in English and again that story in Zulu.

KENYA Kenya has been a tremendous blessing in seeing how organisations can partner together for the common goal of expanding the kingdom of God. We want to praise God for the incredible work of Partners International based in Sydney who have been funding our 15,000 print run every two months in Kenya for our partner organisation called Peacemakers Fellowship International. This is headed up by Pastor Paul Dondo and he has been working furiously over the last fourteen months in distributing the paper and planting churches. At last count we praise God for church number 14 having been planted. We also praise God for the incredible response that we are seeing to the paper which was underlined recently when I visited the city of Mombasa on the coast of Kenya. We saw some 13,000 papers distributed in that city and at last count we saw over 200 responses of which some 40%, just over 80 of them were from Muslims which was just a thrill both to my heart and of course to Paul Dondo. This highlights the fact that the printed page speaks when we least expect it to those that we probably expect little or no response from.

There are some real needs though for Kenya and I just want to ask for prayer for a Hi Ace van around the value of \$5000 to \$6000. At this stage we have \$750 towards a van but we would love to be able to get the full amount. We'd also like to be able to contribute more finances to the generous support we get from Partners International to increase the print run for Kenya as we are seeing a good response to the paper.



Carl Carmody and worshippers at one of the Peacemakers fellowships in Kenya

Also pray for another 10 bikes which can be purchased at around \$100 per bike. Also with these bikes we provide a Heart Chart and a Way of Salvation booklet so that those who use these bikes have the means by which they can convey the gospel on the street in the villages and so on. Pray for Paul and his wife Ann.

ZAMBIA It's been a great burden for myself and the Challenge team to develop our distribution of the paper much more into Zambia and Zimbabwe. Zambia at this stage receives only a trickle of our main edition mainly because we've had difficulties in getting the paper across the border and also to have an organisation by which we can gain proper distribution and follow-up. We want to praise God for the work of Pro Christo in Zambia headed up by Coen Shultz. Coen is one of the most passionate guys that I have met for getting out the gospel. He has a real passion for God and an incredible passion to see people genuinely come through into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. Pray for Coen as he oversees Pro Christo. Pray for his wife and family also as Coen has had some serious illness in recent days and there are all sorts of challenges that he has to face. We praise God that none of these have dulled his hunger and passion and desire to get out the gospel.

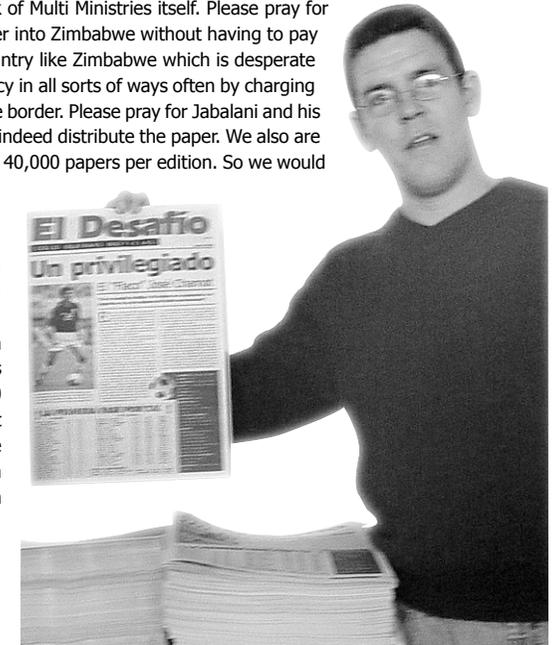
Pray for the first main edition of 10,000 papers to Zambia in February and for the effective distribution of the paper to key areas in Zambia. Also we will be running one story in English and again the same story in the native language of Chuchaywa. Please pray for accurate translation for that story.

ZIMBABWE Zimbabwe is another of those countries whereby we could be doing so much more if we had the necessary means to do it. Multi Ministries has an office in Bulawayo and the director of the work is Jabalani Madenda who does an outstanding work in organising much of the ministry that goes on in that country via the work of Multi Ministries itself. Please pray for the Lord to overcome the problem of getting the paper into Zimbabwe without having to pay exorbitant duties to get across the border. With a country like Zimbabwe which is desperate for foreign currency, it endeavours to gain that currency in all sorts of ways often by charging rather large amounts of money to get goods across the border. Please pray for Jabalani and his wife Zondewa as they faithfully oversee the work and indeed distribute the paper. We also are keen to see our distribution grow to at least 30,000 or 40,000 papers per edition. So we would appreciate increased funding for this to happen.

ARGENTINA Our first language edition of the Challenge paper has been done in Spanish and we've had the privilege of having an excellent working relationship with Word of Life in South America. We have started our work in the Argentinian city of Cordova which is about 5 hours north west of the capital, Buenos Aires. At present we are doing a print run of 10,000 papers six times a year and again distributing that number of papers is not at all hard. We would value prayer for Will and Ale Herndon. They are doing a wonderful job and again I'm so blessed by the passion that Will and Ale have for getting out the gospel. We would value prayer for the funding for this edition of the paper as we have struggled from time to time to be able to continue funding it. We need about \$1500 per edition to print the 10,000 papers. As we increase the print run the unit cost decreases so we would really like to see the print run pushed up to say 15,000 per edition.

We have been encouraged with the interest we are getting from other countries such as the possibility of Uruguay using this Spanish edition also. So pray for Will and Ale and their family as they serve the Lord in this city and as we have the privilege of partnering with them in getting out the good news of Jesus Christ.

UNITED STATES In February of this year we plan to put out a US edition of the paper starting in Las Vegas. It is anticipated that we would be doing a print



Will Herndon in Argentina with the first Spanish edition of Challenge