

*For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*
ISAIAH 9:6



Challenge UPDATE

What an amazing year it has been here at Challenge and we stand in awe of all the Lord has done through this ministry to Glorify Himself and to bring the hope of the gospel to many around the world.

This is a very brief overview of some of the prayer and praise points for each area we are working in.

Australia: A huge effort has been made this year to promote the work of Challenge here in Australia, mainly focusing on New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia. As the work has expanded it has brought to light the urgent need for a full-time editor to oversee the different editions being produced. We also need a journalist to replace Charissa as she will be leaving in May/June 2011 to work overseas. We are praying to see the paper increase to 75,000 per month, not for the sake of numbers but that much seed will be going out and for a desire to proclaim the great and mighty name of Jesus throughout this nation. We praise the Lord for the responses that have come in and for discipleship that is taking place. There is a constant need for personal and general support funding to continue the work here in Australia and globally.

South Africa: The highlight for this year has been the Soccer World Cup edition where 570,000 newspapers were distributed to all the soccer venues around South Africa and beyond. One ministry described the paper as probably the best resource tool provided during the Soccer World Cup which testifies to what God is doing through Challenge in South Africa.

The 2010 Impact Africa trip was a blessing for those who participated and people who were ministered to in prisons, squatter camps, kids club and on the street. We saw many respond to the printed message in Challenge and we continue to pray many will complete the discipleship courses they have commenced. Challenge continues to have a significant financial commitment to Southern Africa and Harold Peasley (Multi Ministries) visited Australia in September to share about the work to churches in rural Queensland and the Northern Territory.

S.A. Prisons: There are currently 75,000 prison edition newspapers being printed and distributed bi-monthly into 197 of South Africa's 252 prisons. At present 29,300 prisoners are doing a discipleship course offered through the paper and World Hope Ministries. We have just taken the opportunity of doing an audit of paper distribution throughout the prison system and as a result we hope to get a better circulation of the paper and increase the print run to 100,000 to go into the remaining 55 prisons. We are excited about what a difference Jesus is making in prisons and trust that the Holy Spirit will lead many more prisoners to accept Jesus as their Saviour.

The discipleship material is currently being updated and new books being added to the program. This is a crucial part of this ministry and is promoted in the prison edition of the Challenge. We desperately need to have the paper funded from Australia on a regular basis. Willie Dengler of World Hope Ministries has just completed a month long visit to Australia and many have responded as he has shared the gospel and encouraged believers to make a difference for the kingdom right where they are situated.

India: The paper is titled Destiny and we have produced four editions this year, printing 100,000 copies each time. The focus was the Commonwealth Games edition where 80,000 papers were provided to 50 organisations working in and around the Commonwealth Games facilities. Those who distributed the paper said it was easy to use and that it was gladly taken by those it was given to. This highlights the importance of what we are doing and the acceptability of what we are doing wherever we go in the world. The next step for Destiny in India is bi-lingual editions so we can reach both Hindi and Tamil language groups. This will require a significant boost in resources in the area of translation and finances so we commend this project to you as we seek to significantly increase our quarterly print run.

Malawi: Jonathan Newell visited Australia in August and shared about the work in Malawi and the impact the paper is having in many communities. Distribution has been good, and discipleship is continuing on a small group basis with an emphasis on understanding the Bible. We praise God that the work in Malawi is fully funded through a church in Western Australia.

Kenya: Kenya is going through a change as we look to move our printing operation to Uganda. Our goal is to have the papers for this central region of Africa printed in one location with a good printing press where we can distribute into not only Kenya but also Uganda and then surrounding countries. This will require an increase of approx 40,000 per edition.

Botswana: Continues to move forward and this year we have had four editions of the Challenge newspaper distributed. The papers have been going out very well and have been getting considerable response.

Zambia: We are putting out 20-30,000 papers bi-monthly but really need to supply 40,000 papers consistently as there is a huge need for a tool such as Challenge. We have the opportunity to work with Ireland Outreach International and this would require an additional 40,000 per edition on top of what we already supply.



Zambian children

USA: English edition is still being received well. Distribution continues through Urbancrest Baptist Church with a team of volunteers wrapping. Print numbers are down for the year. Please pray that staff numbers can be bolstered to expand the work.

Argentina: Will Herndon continues to be a faithful Director and we are seeing God do some encouraging things as far as getting into Central and South America. The Soccer World Cup edition mid-year was a welcome innovation and as a result we went through 100,000 papers easily. The sporting event helped us get into other countries such as Paraguay, Bolivia, Chile and Peru. We are in the process now of negotiating how we can print in other countries in South America.

Future: Uganda, Nigeria:

We continue to work with other organisations and want to forge a partnership with Ireland Outreach International working in Nigeria, Kenya and Zambia. There are other countries like Liberia where we can develop the partnership further. They use the Emmaus Bible Correspondence course which has been very successful.

The interest in the paper continues to grow wherever we go and our concern now is for financial stability and growth to not only maintain but to grow what the Lord is doing. We are grateful for what has happened and for the gifts that have come in.

The office, accounting and general administration of the work in Australia is going well and we are endeavouring to upgrade computers so we can do our jobs even better. We are reliant on computers for all that we do and want to see the work continuing to be able to handle the increasing volume as well as improve the presentation and layout of the paper.

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