

It's time for another review of how we are going in countries where Challenge newspaper is produced.

AUSTRALIA. At present distribution is steady at 40,000 per month and we continue to be burdened about seeing the growth of the work on home soil. With so many financial pressures experienced by churches today we are finding the paper is not being seen as the vital tool it once was. We continue to see commitment slips coming into the Perth office and believe the paper can be a very effective evangelism tool. We have gazetted two trips to the Eastern States for 2013 to invest time in the promotion and development of the newspaper. Please **pray** for Challenge staff as we seek the Lord's direction and wisdom for each edition; **pray** for the steady flow of funding to assist in developing the ministry; **pray** regarding the visa application for the Newell Family to come to Australia February 2014.

INDIA. Early December we were able to translate our Christmas edition of Divya Destiny (Challenge) into Hindi. We printed and distributed 10,000 papers in New Delhi, Mumbai and Hyderabad. Around 10,000 people attended a Christmas program in Bhopal (capital city of Madhya Pradesh) and we had the opportunity of distributing the newspaper to many people including political and top state leaders. Please **pray** for continued funding to be available for each edition; **pray** for unity of vision between the Perth office and staff in India; **pray** for effective distribution of the paper; **pray** for development of follow up with people coming to Christ. (*Sushil George – Director*)

MALAWI. We thank the Lord that Challenge office in Malawi continues to function effectively. We are trying to get testimonies from more sportsmen/women and have finally sourced some from the national netball team who have been African champions for the last two years. We print 50,000 copies per edition and the paper is extremely well received wherever we can distribute it. Each edition's contents are now two thirds in Chichewa and one third in English; and this has proved to be an ideal mix of languages for readers. Fuel shortages sometimes limit distribution. A major issue will be our departure from Malawi in July 2013 and the future of the Challenge office. Given our plans to move to Perth in 2014 I may be able to supervise the work from there; but in reality a missionary is needed in Blantyre, to oversee the office. **Pray** for the collection of genuine testimonies from all walks of life and age groups; **pray** for effective distribution as widely as possible across the country; **pray** the Lord will provide a new missionary to oversee the office once we leave. (*Jonathan Newell – Director*)

USA. There has been a very encouraging response to the prison edition which is currently being distributed in every prison in Ohio (32) as well as in some prisons in Texas. The prison edition was recently shown to Chaplains in New York and as a result a small trial amount are being sent to them and a few other detention centres. The general edition continues to be well used and we are seeing commitments coming in from both editions. Please **pray** for the Trezona family as they serve in the USA, for schooling, health and continued funding for them from Australia; **pray** for open doors and receptive pastors and church leaders; **pray** for Challenge USA board as we look forward in putting legs to the 5-year plan;

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pray for approval to extend the visa which is underway now; **pray** for new opportunities to speak in churches and Bible study groups. *(Andrew Trezona – Director)*

UGANDA. We have advanced the Challenge paper into secondary schools especially in Mbale where I have had opportunities to share in meetings with students and a number of students have committed their lives to Jesus. We also distribute to several universities (with the assistance of leaders of the Christian union) in and out of Kampala city. In Mbale many schools have set up Challenge clubs and they share testimonies from the paper with un-saved students. Please **pray** for the provision of a van to help me distribute the paper; **pray** that the Lord may open many doors so we can expand the Challenge to the very end of our country; **pray** for the various schools and institutions that are untapped and this poses a great work ahead; **pray** that the Lord may open a way for me to meet the needs of my family alongside the ministry needs of the paper. *(David Wetaka – Director)*

SOUTH AFRICA. We continue to see the paper increase in distribution and work towards self-sufficiency. We produce a main edition of the paper for South Africa as well as Zimbabwe. We are hoping to start production again in Botswana sometime this year. We also produce a prison edition whereby Multi Ministries works together with World Hope Prison Ministries. Cobus Britz is

the Challenge Director for South Africa and is constantly on the road visiting churches and sharing the vision of Challenge. Please **pray** for Cobus and his wife Christa (married September 2012) as they balance work and home life; **pray** for the continued growth of the paper which will allow them to be self-sufficient; **pray** for ongoing finances for the printing and distribution of the main edition; **pray** for the ongoing supply of testimonies

PRISON, South Africa. The Challenge continues to be our main link into South Africa's 250 prisons. As the Challenge newspaper does the walking through the corridors of the prisons, the paper spreads the good news so every prisoner can hear and receive new life in Christ. Inside the newspaper is a slip which can be sent back to Mayfair Baptist Church and a series of discipleship booklets are sent to each prisoner who acknowledges they have received Christ as their personal Saviour. **Pray** for the Mayfair Baptist staff who mark the Discipleship courses, that the Lord would grant them wisdom as they look at each prisoner's answers; **pray** for the power of Satan to be broken so many prisoners may come to know Jesus; **pray** for the teams as they go daily to visit prisoners that the Lord will give them boldness and that the Holy Spirit will prepare hearts. *(Willie Dengler – Director)*



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