

ministryupdate

What an amazing year it has been here at Challenge. We are 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. Here is a brief overview of some of the areas we are working in.

AUSTRALIA: A busy year of promotion and development with visits to South Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland. We have been encouraged with a recent influx of orders for the Christmas/New Year edition. We value prayer for the Australian edition of Challenge as it remains our priority, and we would love to see the distribution continue to grow. Pray for a full-time editor to oversee the different editions being produced. Pray for wisdom and direction for the Board in 2017.

SOUTH AFRICA: Population 55 million; Director – **Cobus and Christa Britz**; distribution of 250,000 main edition six times per year. This hub continues to be our largest with papers distributed from South Africa into Botswana, Zimbabwe and Malawi. We distribute 30,000 x three editions of our Military edition into 10 African countries. Pray for Cobus and Christa as they continue to promote and develop Challenge newspaper. Pray for their personal support and for the level of self-sufficiency to increase for this work.

South Africa PRISONS: In partnership with **World Hope Ministries** headed up by **Pastor Willy Dengler**. Prison population 200,000; distribution 75,000 x six editions into 250 prisons. We have worked with World Hope Prison Ministry since 2003 and have found the

paper to be an exceptional tool for prisoners as the paper can go into every cell where we can't. Since 2003, 42,000 prisoners have participated in a discipleship course which involves four books in Series One and two books in Series Two; and we continue to see between 400-1000 responses per month. Pray for continued open doors into all prisons, and for the team that follow up with prisoners once a decision has been made. Pray new believers in prison will be quickly introduced to fellow Christians to encourage them in their new faith.

MALAWI: Population 18 million; Director – **Ananda and Grace Pulla**; distribution 60,000 x four editions. This edition is mainly distributed around Blantyre and Lilongwe (both with populations over one million), into local churches and this year we have commenced distribution into a number of prisons. Pray for the Lord's protection over Ananda and Grace and their children. Pray for the prison ministry and open doors for Ananda to visit regularly and **Emmaus Bible Correspondence** as they do the follow up.

KENYA: Population 47 million; Director – **Lazarus and Jane Kisau**, and **Henry Managua** who has responsibility for prison ministry; distribution 10,000. At the moment we produce a prison edition with future plans to include a main edition. Kenya has 104 prisons and at the moment we have entry into 20 prisons in Nairobi. Pray for the development of this paper and for continued open doors into prisons. Pray for conversions in the prison environment. Pray for the **Emmaus Bible Correspondence** team as they follow up responses.

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ZIMBABWE: Population 16 million; Director – **Jabulani Mudenda**; distribution 50,000 x six editions. This edition is used in various areas including door-to-door ministry, street and prison ministry. Jabulani has asked if the order could be doubled to 100,000 per edition. Jabulani reports the paper is such an encouragement as there is such uncertainty in Zimbabwe and the paper gives people hope. Pray for each paper being distributed, that lives will be changed; at the moment we get 2,000-2,500 responses per month. Pray for Jabulani who often receives calls from people seeking prayer and counselling after being challenged and convicted while reading the paper.

UNITED STATES: Population 325 million; Director – **Andrew and Karen Trezona**; distribution 35,000 x six editions. Three different editions are produced being main (10,000), Spanish (5,000) and prison (20,000). The prison edition is the stand-out and continues to grow at a rapid rate with prison editions going into every prison in Ohio (33 prisons), Texas (110 prisons) and Florida with a handful of other prisons around the country and Canada. Responses are encouraging with 750 inmate commitments recorded this year. Pray for Andrew and Karen as they have a huge task in promoting Challenge across this country. Pray for chaplains to be on-board in prisons, and for churches and individuals to step up and support the prison ministry.

USA initiative: –

Through the Trezonas in the USA, a relationship has formed with Larry Bergeron of **A Child's Hope International**. Child's Hope, in Ohio, package high nutrition food parcels, and for gospel content, include Challenge newspapers. These are placed in shipping containers. Deliveries in 2016 went to Haiti (Creole) and Swaziland (English). In 2017 there are plans for seven deliveries to Haiti, Swaziland and Zambia.

<http://thechildrenawaiting.org/portfolio/hope-boxes/>

ARGENTINA: Population 44 million; Director – **Will & Ale Herndon**; distribution 15,000 x four editions. Distributed to churches (totalling 55) who work closely with SCORE International which is a sports ministry. The paper is also used in street ministry by American mission teams. Pray for Will and Ale in their combined role with SCORE and Challenge and as they work with churches to encourage individuals to share their faith. Pray for safety as teams go into the streets to share with people. Pray for the needed funding to increase the number of papers

PERU: Population 32 million. A new distribution hub for us with 10,000 being produced as a trial run. Two Christian businessmen saw how the paper was used and were so impressed they decided to sponsor the paper themselves. Pray for the necessary people to step up and help with distribution. Pray for people to respond to the gospel through the printed page.

FUTURE PROJECTS:

CUBA – population 11 million. Cuba has around 46,000 house churches. We have had a request for 80,000 x four editions. We do not have funding for this initiative. Pray the Lord will open this door at the right time and pray for the necessary funding to come in to allow a regular production of a Cuba edition

CANADA – population 36 million. We have a trickle of the USA edition going into Canada but have been approached to do a couple of Canadian editions being a main and Spanish paper. At this stage we have produced one edition for main, and Spanish for a group of Southern Baptist church planters. Again we have to wait for the necessary funding to be available. Pray for the various churches involved to get on board to get the paper into production.

As we prepare for 2017 we are looking to the Lord for future direction. There are many areas that we see Challenge moving into and we desire that our focus be wholly directed to where the gospel speaks to the needs of the lost. The Challenge newspaper reaches into nations, communities and prisons. We rely upon God's provision and guidance as to where He wants the Good News to be shared. Please pray with us.