

## CHALLENGE WORLD UPDATE

I think it fair to say the Lord continues to do amazing things through a small organisation called Challenge. We are spread around the globe working with a family of newspapers including Goodnews paper in the UK.

**Australia** – This edition continues to hold its own and we have been making inroads in terms of promotion into South Australia and New South Wales for the last three years. The struggle is always to get churches to see the importance of evangelism, and Australia continues to be difficult in terms of churches seeing the vision to use something like a newspaper. **Pray** that churches will be open to what we do. **Pray** for the continued growth of this edition.

**South Africa – South Africa + Prisons, Botswana, Zimbabwe.** The South African hub continues to be our biggest where we produce around two million newspapers annually that go all over South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and all the way up to Malawi. Despite what we see in terms of numbers, there is a constant need to be praying for finances, and especially as we struggle to get enough funds to keep this large hub running year after year. Just to give you a glimpse of what can happen in South Africa, we are seeing over the last couple of years around 10,000 prisoner responses to the gospel. We follow up each person with discipleship notes and a Bible for which we are thankful to the NSW Bible Society. **Pray** for Cobus and Christa Britz as they work on the promotion and development of South African editions. **Pray** for ongoing finances as we look to employ further staff.

**Malawi** – Is a place we continue to put in a lot of time and effort, to help missionaries Ananda and Grace Pula who work under the banner of Emmaus Bible Correspondence. We are working in a good number of the total 27 prisons throughout Malawi as well as churches and the like. We do not have much information regarding responses but from personal experience, we have seen overwhelming results to the gospel especially in the prisons. **Pray** for the continued translation work of discipleship notes into Chichewa. **Pray** for a good supply of stories for this edition, used in street and prisons outreach.

**Kenya** – We were in Kenya some time ago working with Emmaus Bible Correspondence but decided to pull back from that and wait on the Lord to see if we could find another partner to work with us. We are now working with Paul Dondoh who is with Peace Makers Fellowship. Paul is keen to provide a prison edition of the paper for Kenya (106 prisons, about 85,000 inmates). **Pray** for Carl with Graeme Jacques as they visit Kenya in December to meet those who will be involved in this endeavour.

**USA – Main + Spanish + Prison** – We produce Main, Spanish and Prison editions for the USA and there is no doubt the prison edition is gaining the most traction in terms of fruitfulness. Last year we saw 1063 first time responses to the gospel that were all followed up by Crossroads Prison Ministries, who do a great job in terms of discipling new

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converts. I love doing this sort of work because it highlights the importance of partnering with the right organisation. **Pray** for Andrew and Karen Trezona as they head up the work there. **Pray** for ongoing funding to grow the prison edition. **Pray** as we look to employ further staff.

**Canada** - A new venture for us, working with Hans Ostren and the work of Athletes in Action. We have seen some very encouraging news where recently 10,000 papers were used for outreach in Toronto, considered the most multi-cultural city on the planet. We saw papers picked up and read by Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, and about 50-60 first time responses to the gospel. **Pray** for Hans and the team as they labour to grow this edition.

**Military** – This edition is for southern Africa and goes across some 11-12 countries regularly and we are starting to see a trickle of responses and these are followed up by the Military Christian Fellowship. **Pray** for Peter and Di Louwrens as they lead this vital ministry.

**UK** – Our sister paper (Goodnews paper) **goodnews-paper.org.uk** continues to do an amazing job. It is headed up by Andrew and Mandy Holloway, working in a very multi-cultural environment. At the moment the UK Goodnews paper is printing around one million papers annually. We are thankful to the Lord for our ongoing partnership. **Pray** for the team there as they continue to promote and grow the work.

**Other projects** – Cuba, Haiti and Swaziland where we work with a group called *A Childs Hope International*.

We have been doing a Spanish edition for Cuba and are praying the Lord will open up our ability to print our own edition in-country so we can provide at least 15,000 papers every two months to both the Western and Eastern Conventions of the Baptist Union.

We have recently supplied 10,000 papers for Haiti in Creole language. Haiti is an island country that has been devastated by storms in recent years and much infrastructure has been badly damaged.

We also have been doing an occasional edition of the paper for Swaziland.

We have had enquiries from : Philippines, India, Sierra Leone and Ethiopia. This is a wonderful problem to have but not an easy one to fix. We could do so much more if we had the funding so please continue to **pray** with us. There are many open doors and golden opportunities to gossip the gospel through the paper into these places, so please **pray** the Lord will clearly show us the way forward.

Many thanks for all that read this prayer letter and pray for the work the Challenge. Your role is incredibly valuable as you partner with us in spreading the net across the globe and to gossip the gospel to those who have never heard.

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