



Bill and Rita Johnson



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BILL JOHNSON'S NEWS

Since our last Newsletter, Rita and I have been privileged to speak in churches in Georgia, Arkansas, Florida and Alabama. We also attended the MBA of Texas. We appreciate all prayers and expressions of love from everyone.

I should make special note of the Pleasant Way Baptist Church and Pastor Bill Watson of Naylor, Georgia. The church followed up our visit with a generous offering to help pay the credit card charges to purchase paper and make press repairs in printing the Tagalog language VBS materials.

JOHN SANDERS' NEWS

Since our last report, Sharon Gay and I have enjoyed visiting churches in Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri and Arkansas. On November 5, Sharon Gay and I traveled to Romania where we joined with Liviu Clinciu to conduct two teacher training seminars and met with a number of pastors to help expand the ministry in that country. Please read my full report on that trip later in this ICP Newsletter. We rejoice that there are now fourteen churches supporting us monthly. As a reminder, my salary support should be sent to First Landmark Baptist Church, 402 W. Center, Sheridan, AR 72150. Ministry support for all ICP ministries should be sent to International Christian Publishers, P. O. Box 2587, Texarkana, TX 75504.



John and Sharon Sanders in Brasov, Romania where they labored for the Lord ten years establishing three churches and four missions. They were there as ICP representatives.

CONTAINER SHIPPED TO THE PHILIPPINES

The annual container was loaded and shipped the second week in November. It is scheduled to arrive in Manila, Philippines the day before Christmas. The container carries thirty thousand sets of VBS pupil leaflets for the children of the churches of the Philippines. There are also an estimated one thousand pillow case dresses for the little girls and many sets of



(above) Brother Joel Meredith stands with boxes of hygiene kits to be loaded for the ministry in the Philippines. (below) Brothers Bill Johnson and J. W. Dobbins stack boxes in the container. It was completely filled with supplies for the Lord's work!

short pants and "T" shirts for the boys. Also included are a few thousand hygiene kits, about two tons of math and science books for the high schools, hymnals, Sunday school books, one pallet of Tagalog language and one pallet of Ilicano language booklets of John and Romans and so many other things to help in the ministry of ICP/His Offspring Ministries.

Thank you to our sending church, Calvary Baptist Church of Hamburg, Arkansas for the ministry of World Wide Literature and Missionary Supplies and Missionary Joel and Frances Meredith. The ministry of WWLMS is vitally important to many foreign ministries as well as the ministry of ICP.

FAN BOX NEWS

"We certainly want to have a greater part in the work of ICP," Brother



Chuck Chapman, the AV technician, said as we gathered the gadgets, wires and devices and put them into the laptop computer case. Rita and I were at the Tuscanooga Baptist Church of Groveland, Florida. Just a week later the check came reflecting their commitment to additional monthly support as

Land & Building Fund	well as the
Nov, 16, 2015	\$1,000 offering for
Received - - - - \$ 15,820.56	the Philippine Land
Goal - - - - - \$ 129,000.00	and Building
Needed - - - - - \$ 113,179.44	Fund! Tus-

canooga, Interim Pastor Casey Ferguson, is now the newest member of the "Isang Labong Club." A Fan Box has been sent to the church. Tuscanooga church and former pastor James Madison have been faithful supporters of ICP since its inception.

The landlord has given us a six month lease on the current office building in San Fernando; however, I am reluctant to send the printing equipment before we have a permanent home for the ministry.

The new home will make it possible to expand the ministry to reach all the nations of the Asia Pacific rim. We hope to have space for the printing ministry and also for an orphanage for some of the thousands of street children of the area.

Will you become one of one hundred to receive a "Fan Box"? Send your contribution (in any amount) to ICP Philippine Land Fund, P. O. Box 2587, Texarkana, TX 75504. We have extended the Fan Box awards until the end of December. A Fan Box will be awarded to those who contribute \$1,000 or more.

With the help of God's people, a permanent home in the Philippines can become a reality.

—Bill Johnson

From Sea to Shining Sea

As He walked along the shores of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus called Simon and Andrew to leave their nets saying, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of



"Morong Bay and this outrigger Filipino boat reminded me of Jesus saying, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men. Matt.4:19' Jeremiah wrote about their visit there.

men." (See Matthew 4:19.) From this beginning, God has been with His churches until today. But there remains many people who have not heard the truth. ICP/His Offspring Ministries Philippines Director Jeremiah Abay has found



one such group on the extreme northern coast of the Island of Luzon and along the western coast of the province of Bataan where so many Americans and Filipinos gave their lives at the beginning of World War II.

Jeremiah's family vacation turned into a mission ministry as he drove from Bataan in the south to Laong in the extreme north. (See Google map.) In the

village by the South China Sea, near the the town of Marong, they ministered to a Baptist church we came upon last July, giving them Bibles and hymnals. The church building suffered damage as a typhoon swept through the area in September. Pastor Rod Anilao serves the church faithfully even though the tiny congregation is unable to pay a salary.

Jeremiah's heart for ministry compels him to try to help fulfill every need he finds. As they traveled north, Jeremiah stopped and visited churches and pas-



Gabriel and Joel, Jeremiah's sons, learning to be a missionary helper. With Pastor Rod. Please notice the top part of the stage torn apart by recent typhoon.

tors along the way. At Laong City (see map) he found a church and left Bibles and other materials.

Their vacation turned out to be a family missions trip as wife Eleine gave boxes of Bibles to one pastor's daughter along the way. The pastor will distribute the Bibles to church members and oth-



Eleine handed boxes of Bibles to the daughter of the Pastor of Isabela Baptist Church, as they passed by it on the way to Lauang City (see map)

ers who have never seen or possessed a Bible. Meanwhile, sons Gabriel William and Joel Sandre helped their dad give

hymnals and Bibles to Pastor Rod at the fishing village near Marong.

Farther north, the family noticed a farm of wind driven electric generators at an otherwise pristine beach on the far north at Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte (see map). Not far from there, as they played



Modern wind generating farm on the far northern shores of Luzon Island, Philippines. Modern science and technology reached these seashores before the message of Christ and salvation.

along the beautiful, tropical beach, they spotted a man living alone in a small hut. Handing him a Tagalog language Bible, Jeremiah brought the gospel to this man on the shores of the Luzon Strait, between Luzon and Taiwan to the north.

In giving this simple man a copy of the Scriptures and witnessing to him of God's saving grace, Jeremiah helped in bringing the gospel from the shores of Galilee to the strait between the Philippine Sea on the east and the South China Sea to the west.

One can easily understand why Jeremiah, standing on the north shore of Luzon, thought about Jesus calling His disciples.

—Bill Johnson



At the very north tip of Luzon, name Pagudpud Ilocos Norte. The Abay family dropped by to see the very beautiful oceanic view, and this lonely man came out so we handed him a Bible. He's hoping for an Ilocano Bible.

John and Sharon Sanders Encourage the Work of ICP Romania

Sharon Gay and I enjoyed a trip to Romania November 5-17, Sharon's first time back since leaving over twelve years ago. While there we accomplished a lot for the ministry of International Christian Publishers.

On Saturday, November 7, Sharon and I joined our ICP Romania General Director Liviu Clinciu in presenting a Teacher Training Workshop at the Otopeni Baptist Church near Bucharesti. We were pleased to have fifty teachers and pastors in attendance representing eleven Romanian Baptist Churches.



Liviu explained how to use all the materials which are available in the Romanian language. Sharon addressed the need for teachers to have a passionate heart for the lives and souls of their students. She also spoke about the earthly and heavenly rewards for faithful Christian workers. I spoke about the importance of reaching this generation of children and teens so that future generations can know to trust in God, rejoice in His mighty works and be obedient to His commands.



On Sunday morning I preached at the Otopeni church. We then traveled to Feldioara Baptist Church where the

Lord led us to start our first mission work twenty-two years ago. We were thrilled to see former members from all three churches we organized in Romania. Sharon was overcome with emotion.



It was a special joy to spend two nights with Florin, Lidia and Terra Izdaila. Florin moved into our home from the Brasov orphanage in 1996 and later moved with us to the States. After he and Lidia married they lived with us three years in Loveland, Colorado, where Terra was born nine years ago.

During the week I had meetings with four American missionaries and a Romanian pastor. I also shared the ministry of ICP with a Romanian friend who is helping plant churches throughout Europe; countries where many of the four million Romanians migrated in 2007 after Romania was accepted into the EU.

We also spent two days assisting Liviu fill literature orders for a Romanian congregation in Spain and the missions of Missionary George Cormos. Brother Cormos is blessed to have a U. S. sponsor whose support to ICP is designated



to cover the cost of his literature order. More such sponsors are needed.

On Friday we traveled eight hours to be with Missionaries George and Mia Cormos in northwestern Romania, arriving in time to attend their Friday evening Bible Study in Tatarus where ICP materials are used with every age group.



On Saturday we conducted a second Teacher Training Workshop with teachers from both of Brother Cormos' works and two other nearby churches.



On Sunday, November 15, I was privileged to preach at Sacalasu Baptist Church in the morning and at Tatarus in the evening service. The people were very gracious to say they understood every word I spoke (Romanian language). I certainly enjoyed myself and pray that God was honored by the messages.

Our time in Romania was extremely beneficial to the work of International Christian Publishers. We were able to introduce our literature to a number of pastors and teachers who were not yet aware of the availability of biblical Sunday School and Vacation Bible School materials and to renew ICP's commitment to greatly expand the distribution of these materials.

—John Sanders