



A MINISTRY OF PRAISE TO GOD

“Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee, O let the nations be glad and sing for joy” (Psalm 67:2, 4).

Helping the people groups (nations) of the world praise God by providing Bible training materials for churches and missions in foreign countries is the goal of ICP and the Johnsons. The work is endorsed by Calvary Baptist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas. At the invitation of a missionary sent by a church of the ABA, they go to a country, locate and train translators, provide equipment and print the books in the country where they will be used.



Bill and Rita
Johnson

The ministry has offices in Texarkana, Romania, Philippines and Thailand, and translators working in Kenya and Myanmar (Burma). In addition to Brother Bill and Rita, there are a total of seven full-time, two part-time and seven volunteer workers in foreign offices.

Let the People of Romania Praise God. In July 2000, Brother Bill went to Romania, at the request of John Sanders, with a compact disc of a BTC book. He purchased a computer and showed Liviu Clinciu, an eighteen year old Romanian convert, how to open the files. Within an hour the first BTC leaflet was translated and printed. Upon seeing it, John’s wife, Sharon, almost shouted with joy, immediately seeing its value as an aid in helping Romanians understand the Scripture.



Unloading printing press shipped by
Joel Meredith in June 2007.

Since then the entire curriculum of Baptist Sunday school literature (about 50 books)



Romanian Sunday
school book.

has been translated into the Romanian language. The Vacation Bible School curriculum has been produced annually since 2004. The first year fifty-six professions of faith were made in VBS in Brasov. Brother Bill remembers, “mothers coming with children, bringing the VBS leaflet and asking for help in understanding the Scripture.”

Let the People of Thailand Praise God. The ministry in Thailand began when Nicky Barnett saw the need for printed materials to train new converts. In Thailand, a country almost totally given to Buddhism

and animism, the people have difficulty understanding the Bible. ICP printed one thousand each of five books of Baptist doctrine in the Thai and Karen languages. Today, the ICP ministry has offices in Chiang Mai and Udon Thani, Thailand. ICP translators have translated several Sunday school books.



Thai boy reads Sunday School lesson to his class. Photo Oct. 2009

Let the People of Myanmar (Burma) Praise God.



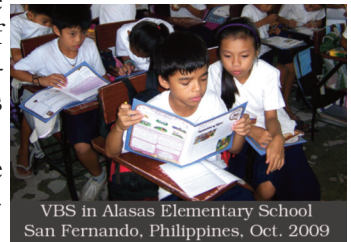
Children of Kenetchu, a village in western Thailand, listen attentively as Brother Johnson tells the Bible story of Adam and Eve.

In 2003, Bill lectured in an existing Bible school in Yangoon, Myanmar. While there he taught Paul Van Hre how to use the computer to translate. Paul has translated and ICP has funded the printing of Dr. Ray O. Brooks' *Christian Doctrine* in Falam Chin and Burmese, three children's Sunday school quarterlies and five adult quarterlies. Sixteen thousand books have been distributed in the Burmese and Falam Chin languages.

Let the People of Kenya Praise God. Missionary Ernie Hopper approached Bill about coming to Kenya as early as 2004. When he and his wife went, Ernie introduced them to a devoted young man named Moses. To date, Moses has translated several books into the Swahili language. Two thousand copies of one of these books have been printed on the ICP press in Romania.

Let the People of the Philippines Praise God. Thirty thousand VBS leaflets have been printed and used by the churches in the Philippines. Thousands of tracts and Sunday school and BTC quarterlies in the Tagalog and Cebuano languages have been printed and distributed.

Two full-time translators and one full-time graphic artist and three volunteer copy editors work in the office in San Fernando, Luzon Island. Bill and Rita go there every year to work with the translators and to conduct VBS workshops throughout the islands.



VBS in Alasas Elementary School San Fernando, Philippines, Oct. 2009

There is no greater thing a person can do than to bow down his heart to the Creator God and commit, from his heart, to serve Him. To serve is to worship. We all can serve God by helping individuals in every people group in the world learn to worship God. ICP has translated hundreds and printed thousands of books in nine languages helping people learn to exhalt God. To help, you may contact Bill Johnson at 903 278 2648 or email billjohnson@icplit.org.