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“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). This verse could well be the theme of the translation and publishing ministry of Missionaries Bill and Rita Johnson. Since 2003 when Bill resigned as editor in chief of publications, ending seventeen years of dedicated service to the churches of the American Baptist Association, the Johnsons, endorsed by Calvary Baptist Church, Hamburg, Arkansas, have been providing teaching materials for churches and missions in foreign countries. They go at the invitation of a missionary sent by a church of the ABA, locate and train translators, provide equipment and print the books in the country where they will be used.

The ministry now has offices in Texarkana, Romania, Philippines and Thailand and translators working in Kenya and Myanmar (Burma). A total of seven full-time, two part-time and seven volunteer workers serve in foreign offices.

Let the People of Romania Praise God. Beginning in July 2000, Brother Bill worked with Missionary John Sanders in Romania. Bill went there with a compact disc containing a copy of a BTC book. He purchased a computer and showed Liviu Clinciu, a Romanian

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convert, how to open the files. In an hour the first BTC leaflet was translated and printed. When Sharon Sanders saw it she shouted with joy, noting the saving in time and effort and the possibility of providing teaching materials for all the children of the missions and churches.

Since that small beginning the entire curriculum of Baptist Sunday school literature (about 50 books), with the exception of the young teen materials, has been translated into the Romanian language. These books are given freely to any missionary from an ABA church. One thousand Sunday school books per month are being



At age eighteen, Liviu Clinciu translated the first book in Romania.



These Romanian children enjoy their Sunday school books, 2005

distributed to churches in Romania. The ICP office is located in the facility of the Otopeni Baptist Church. Liviu Clinciu, and his wife, operate the office including the two-

color printing press, an on-demand printer and associated equipment.

The Vacation Bible School curriculum has been produced annually since 2004. The first year, Missionary Jerry Chandler reported fifty-six professions of faith during VBS in Brasov. Brother Bill and Rita helped in VBS in several of the



Unloading printing press shipped by Joel Meridith in June 2008.

missions that summer. “I can remember mothers coming with children, bringing the VBS leaflet and asking for help in understanding the Scripture,” says Brother Bill. They were there in July 2010 and helped in VBS in two churches.

Let the People of Thailand Praise God. The ministry in Thailand began when Bill and Rita went to work with Missionaries Nicky and Beverly Barnett. Nicky had seen the need for printed materials to train new converts. In a country almost totally given to Buddhism and animism, the people have difficulty understanding the Bible. One thousand each of five books of Baptist doctrine were translated and printed in Thai and Karen lan-



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

g u a g e s . Today, the ICP ministry has offices in Chiang Mai, working with T a w m R o s e n d a l , wife of Missionary Brent Rosendal. Missionary Danny

Jones has also made office space available in the facility in Udon Thani, where translator Kak has



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

translated several Sunday school books. Both offices have computers and other equipment for the ministry. ICP has also begun translating several doctrinal books for adult Bible classes in Thailand.

Let the People of Myanmar (Burma) Praise God. 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 translator Paul Van Hre digs well for 2008 typhoon victims

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.



Brother Bill looks over a Swahili language leaflet just off the press. Five thousand books have been printed in Romania for shipment to Kenya. Photo July 2010 by Rita Johnson

Let the People of the Philippines Praise God. Lilibeth David is one of three volunteer editors of the translation ministry of International Christian Publishers in the Philippines. Mrs. David is an administrator at the Alasas Elementary School near the ICP office in San Fernando. Translator Jeremiah Abay and his wife, Elaine, go there regularly to teach the children about Jesus using the Tagalog language VBS leaflets.

Since 2005, thirty thousand VBS children's 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 now go there every year to work with the translators and to conduct VBS workshops throughout the islands.



Filipino Elementary School with their principle and ICP translators. Photo July 2010

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 serve by helping every people group in the world learn to worship God.

While the churches are sending more missionaries to foreign people groups today, it is necessary to supply literature in the language of these people. It is the goal of Calvary Baptist Church of Hamburg, Arkansas and Bill and Rita to supply the literature.

Thousands of books have been translated and printed in nine languages: Tagalog, Cebuano, Falam Chin, Karen, Burmese, Thai, Lahu, Romanian and Swahili languages. Advice and counsel has been given to missionaries in Mongolia, Albania, Lithuania, Russia and Moldova.

The foreign language literature ministry of Bill and Rita Johnson is indeed helping the people of the world learn to praise God, according to the Scripture.

For more information about the translation and publishing ministry you visit the website, www.icplit.org, contact Pastor Joseph Pemberton at 318 617 7776 or call Brother Bill at 903 278 2648. He will be doing deputation until December 2010 and will be willing to visit any ABA church in the USA.

The need is great, but our Lord is able to supply. Thank you to those who have faithfully supported the ministry!