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## Devotional Thought

by Bill Johnson

In the final chapter of Ephesians, Paul calls on his readers to see every activity of life through the lens of godliness. Children should obey their parents because it is God's will. Parents should consider the will of their heavenly Father as they guide their children to a rich, full life. Employers and employees must have a heart of godliness in all their relationships. This can only happen if we all focus on the power of God. The key is found in Ephesians 6:10, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

This verse looks back to our responsibilities to the community of people with whom we associate in daily life. It expresses the source of strength giving us the ability to treat everyone with love, kindness and respect.

Then it looks forward to the elements of personality required to bring the power of God to bear in relationships. We must know what truth is. We must be able to detect the

## Be Strong in the Lord Ephesians 6:10

difference between right and wrong. It is also necessary for us to understand the principle of peace through Christ. These elements of personality rest upon our faith in the power of God to enable us to live out the principles taught in His Word, the Sword of the Spirit. Working together will enable church members to contribute to the spiritual maturity of fellow members. It will also cause a deep desire to reach those in our community and the world with the glorious gospel of Christ.

Remember Paul's statement asking for us to pray always, earnestly asking for God's guidance and protection of every born-again person. As Rita and I continue to follow Him in the ministry of reaching the children of the world, I ask that you pray for us. Pray that God will comfort your hearts through love and His grace so that you will have faith to enjoy the peace of God in your work for His glory. Be strong in the Lord.

## John's Notes

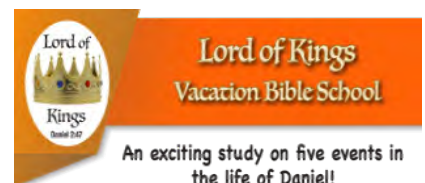


## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

I have spent many hours each week trying to finish the editing of our VBS *Master of the Sea* with hopes that it can be sent to our translators in the Philippines and printed in time for their summer Vacation Bible Schools. We are close, but there is still a lot to do, including writing the songs for each lesson. Eventually, this material will be translated into Spanish, Swahili, Burmese and Tagalog.

Our first VBS project, *Lord of Kings*, has already been translated into these 4 languages.

Prayerfully, there will be a time when both studies will also be translated into the Romanian and Russian languages. Pray for the children who will one day be learning about the *Master of the Sea* and for those who have already been introduced to the *Lord of Kings*!



Contact us if your church would like to use this Bible centered curriculum.





Moses and Titus are enjoying the benefit of the new folding machine provided by the churches. "This will lower the costs and time taken in having books folded," Moses acknowledged. He is translating CCfL Teacher's Guide for Module 2. They have planned for a teachers' training session in Nairobi during February.



Children of Kenya enjoy their first ever CCfL Sunday school leaflets.



Last month, Jacob shipped CCfL materials for five hundred children to a pastor along with instructions. The pastor responded very positively. However, because of the political chaos, Jacob and his wife have begun to email the files so that the far-away pastors can print their own material.

**Civil War Escalates**

The government will enforce mandatory military service for all men between ages 18-35 and all women ages 18-27. While this indicates that the civil war is not going well for the ruling generals, it means very dangerous times are ahead for those who work with the ministry of ICP/Myanmar.

Project director, Jacob Tubal, says he would be glad to defend his country against a foreign enemy, "unfortunately, the fight is against its own people." He and the others will continue to serve the Lord even amid this great crisis. Please hold the people of Myanmar in your prayers continually! This they continue to do under great stress and anxiety.



Packing literature for children in the far corners of Myanmar.



Burmese children enjoy coloring pictures in the CCfL lesson leaflets.

In all the chaos, Jacob is praying for a larger building for the church where he serves.

This new church has already reached more than the capacity of one hundred in their building. Adjacent to the church building there is a vacant lot which would cost about \$20,000. If you know of a church that would like to take this as a project, please contact Brother Bill Johnson.



While Bill and Rita along with John Sanders, Shane Saulsbury, and Dr. William Henry prepare to go to the Philippines in March/April, the staff there are hard at work planning activities for the

stay. Deither Santos is finishing up CCfL Module 3 for preschool children. We plan to print enough of these for six thousand children as soon as possible. Florence Paguio has distributed several hundred sets of Primary leaflets and many VBS sample kits. Pastors are learning to find the new home of ICP/His Offspring Ministry and they come pick up the materials.



ICP translator Deither Santos preaches to elementary school children every week.



Eduardo Nieto has completed translating the first two modules of *God's Character and Me* curriculum by Brother Weeks DuBose. These

books will be printed in Spanish for Mexico, Columbia, Costa Rica and other Latin American countries. This will be the first materials for ICP to print in Spanish for teens and adults.



**Thank you!**

God is providing for the increased funds to enable the ministry to reach goals set for future expansion. Several first-time offerings have been received from both churches and individuals. Other churches have increased their offerings, especially for the need of shipping the container to the Philippines. I estimate that about one thousand dollars of the increased budget amounts of three thousand dollars has been reached. Thank you, Lord, for the generosity of your great people. We will reach more of the children of the world with the precious gospel of Christ.