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To begin the year 2024, God has given the ministry of ICP new windows of opportunity. Translator Deither Santos in the Philippines has made substantial progress with translation of *CCfL* curriculum. Florence Paugio is learning to operate the printing press. We will need to send Shane Saulsbury, the Ryobi pressman, to

complete Florence's training. Then, we can begin printing the curriculum for hundreds of churches and thousands of children.

Moses and Titus in Kenya have been very busy teaching churches to use the *CCfL* curriculum. We have provided funds for printing enough curriculum for about 1,500 children. They have translated all six modules of the Intermediate *CCfL* curriculum and three modules of Primary. Estimated cost will be over two thousand dollars. They have also translated the VBS series, *Lord of Kings*, and will need to print many of these.

Please pray that God will supply these funds as well as funds for the monthly budget increase of about \$3,000.00.

The chart shows how many children can have printed *Character Code for Life* materials with your donation.

Number of Children	Printing Cost
1 class of 10	\$ 64.00
1 class of 25	\$ 130.00
1 class of 50	\$ 237.00
10 classes of 50	\$2,370.00

We are praying that "God will provide," and that God will use His people in His provision.



Please make this an object of prayer and, if it is His will, send your love offering to PO Box 2587, Texarkana, TX 75504 or give online at www.icplit.org

Devotional Thought

by Bill Johnson

The Apostle Paul Tells His Story

In these uncertain times, we can take refuge in the unchanging love of God for all the people of the world! This was especially evident in Paul's final words of praise in his epistle to the Romans. It is Jesus' story of our redemption. Here is the way I understand that doxology, found in Romans 16:25-27.

Now I give praise to God, who is the only one who really knows how the universe operates (v. 27). He is the one whose awesome light now

and forever fills the universe through Jesus Christ (v. 25). According to Paul's gospel, or story about God, it is He who has power to help us stand firm in these difficult times (v. 25). Paul's story includes the message of Jesus Christ. God has given us an understanding of His message of redemption of mankind. This message has been available for man since the beginning of time; it was there, in the writings of the prophets. But mankind has only been able to understand it since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (v. 26). This is the continuing story of redemption; the story that people of all nations are being called to commit their faith in Jesus Christ, and their lives to Him in worship and service.

The entire theme of Paul's epistle to the Romans was that of the righteousness of God as revealed in Scripture, from Genesis through Revelation. "The just shall live by faith," he wrote in Romans 1:17. (See also Hebrews 10:38.) The righteousness of God is accounted to everyone whose faith is in Christ Jesus.

God will be triumphant and our devoted dedication to Him and His story of redemption will bring rejoicing forever! This will be the source of a sparkling spring of rejoicing flowing through all nations of the world.

Since we know this, let us stand firm in the faith we have in the righteousness and justice of our almighty but loving God.



Moses and Titus have proven to be faithful to the ministry of helping children of Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda learn about Jesus. We are proud to see Moses' son, Haggai, scoring high enough on the Kenya National Examination to qualify for going to high school! Since there is no free high school in Kenya, Moses has used his Christmas bonus for the cost of tuition. Titus has asked for prayers for his wife, Marolyn, who will give birth to their daughter by C-section.



The new folding machine has been delivered to the office in Nairobi, Kenya. This will make it possible to quickly fold and finish the children's books. They already have several hundred printed and ready for folding. Thank you to Glazier Peau Missionary Baptist Church and other churches and individuals for helping with this project. Total cost was about \$5,000, of which, almost \$2,000 was received as designated offerings.



Ruben, Florence, Obet and Deither have been busy with translation, painting the gate and planning



for workshops to train VBS and Sunday school teachers to use the materials we will be printing for them. Florence is busy making plans for receiving the container shipped in December. Rita and I, and John and Sharon Sanders are making plans to be in the Philippines in April to help with distribution of the contents of the container. There are pianos, church pews, hymnals, hygiene kits, pillowcase dresses for girls, shorts and T-shirts for boys, and over one thousand Backpacks to be distributed.



Jacob reports continued danger from the civil war in Myanmar. He and his family are very cautious about leaving home during nighttime darkness. But this has only caused more zeal for proclaiming the Word through the printed page. The children's home has now become a haven for teens who are able to escape the fighting to come to the home for high school. Because of generous gifts, we have been able to help with expenses of the high school, as well as providing Christmas for the children of the ICP/Hope Children's Home.



John's Notes It was a joy to be part of a distribution of gifts and food bags to 125 children and 18 needy families in Shereshevo, Ukraine. This project was led by our Russian language translator, Pavel.

