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Stop the Presses! The Congo Container has arrived!!



Brethren of Congo



Shalom University—Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo

Your copy of Impressions is arriving a little late this month but we knew you would want to read all the exciting news of the Congo Container's long-anticipated arrival at Shalom University in Bunia, DR Congo. The container arrived on Wednesday, April 15th, was cleared through Customs, and was in the process of being unloaded by Saturday, April 18th.

The Customs officials who were responsible for clearing the shipment were amazed that the container was full of Christian books, and nothing else. However, their amazement didn't stop them from trying extort an exorbitant amount of Customs duty. Their attempt was rebuffed as they were told that the believers did not have that kind of money and that they would have to take their payment in the form of books. They quickly reverted to a more reasonable (and legal) amount because, as they said, "We don't know anything about selling Christian books!" They were each given a free book which we trust will result in great blessing in their lives.

The next step is the distribution of the books. This is being managed by capable brethren with staff and facilities made available through Shalom University. The contents of the last container took just three weeks to be distributed and it is likely that once again, demand will exceed supply. Please pray for an equitable and efficient distribution of these books and for continued patience and grace for those who find themselves waiting just a little bit longer for their turn to read these long-awaited books. The brethren in Congo are very hungry and have been very patient as they waited for this spiritual food.

While we do not yet know if another Congo Container is in His plan for EPI, He has kept us quite busy as He opened the doors for Everyday Publications to print and send more than 18,000 books to Zambia (via ACCTS container), Kenya, and Malawi during the first four months of 2009. Praise the Lord for these opportunities! The numbers are encouraging but the real excitement comes from seeing God open a door, enable His servants, and build up His church through the use of the printed page. To Him be all the glory!

Beach Preach

When I share a presentation on the work of Everyday Publications, I usually conclude by asking those in attendance to do just two things: Pray & Say

PRAY:

- That EPI would continue to be used around the world. My open doors stay open and faithful “customers” continue to be helped.
- That EPI books would continue to find new open doors into eager hands. Pray that the Lord might lead us to missionaries and ministries that don’t know, but could benefit by, EPI books. (Is. 54: 2)
- For the EPI team of commended workers & volunteers. He is our Head and we are His servants. Pray that we might always be profitable servants.

- For the Lord’s continued wisdom & enablement. We can do what we do “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says the LORD of hosts.” - Zech. 4: 6
- Every day for Everyday. This is more than a trite “tag -line”, more than anything else we need to be upheld by the prayers of the Lord’s people.

SAY:

- Make sure that missionaries and commended workers you know, support, and visit with know about the ministry of EPI. We would love to come alongside and be a help to them.
- Make certain that your assembly has current information about Everyday Publications.

A Word From The Word

“Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,”

Jonah 1: 1

The word of the Lord came to Jonah. What a rare treat in those days before the provision of the written word! But Jonah did not treasure the word that had come to him, neither did he obey it. Instead he regarded it as something loathsome and to be avoided at all costs. How could he do such a thing? He knew that the word was not of man but that it was the very word of God. How could he disobey and run away?

Yet I must ask the same questions of myself; for how of-

ten have I let my Bible sit alone on my desk, how often have I not obeyed because it was loathsome to my flesh (but certainly not to my spirit!), and how often has the word come to me...but has not gone any farther than my preoccupied mind!

The word that came was direct; Arise, go, & cry. The word that comes in must be followed by the action of obedience in the proclamation of the truth received. And yet Jonah would not, he could but he would not!

This begs another question: Have I arisen to go and cry or gone below to sleep while it is still day?

An Encouraging Word

We get a lot of letters and emails at EPI. Many are requesting books or sending along a gift to be used for the ministry. All of these are encouraging to our hearts but I think that the greatest encouragement comes when someone writes simply to say, “I am thinking and praying for all of you at Everyday Publications!”

Imagine how encouraged I was when the following email appeared in my Inbox I couldn't wait to share it with the rest of the team:

Dear Sir,

Greetins in the blessed name of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!!!

I am Tika Ram (T.R.) Baral from Nepal, doing the blessed ministry of the blessed Lord Jesus Christ in the eastern part of Nepal.I happened to read about Everyday Publications Ministry in a Magazine. How it is trustiing solely in the Lord. I praise God for your ministry. Plz know that one more knee in the world is added to pray for your ministry.

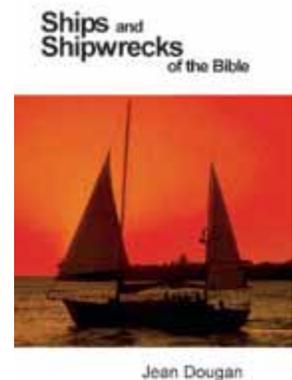
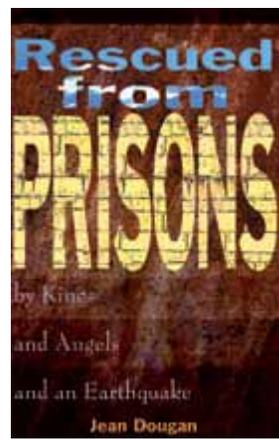
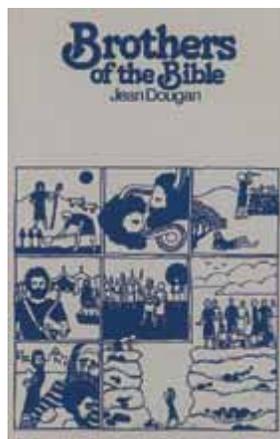
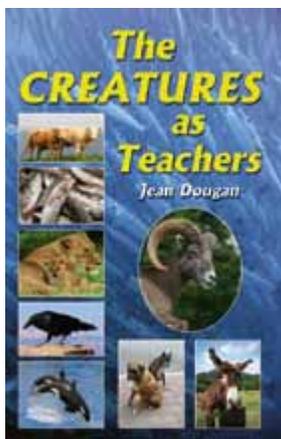
God bless,

T.R.Baral

Author Spotlight

The pen of Jean Dougan has been still for several years but her books live on as do the timeless truths they teach us. Mrs. Dougan was a beloved Bible teacher and poetess who hymned God's Word for campers to remember and to enjoy. Judges 2:10 tells us that after Joshua died the next generation did not know the Lord nor even the stories of His miraculous provisions for their forefathers. As a result they wandered into sin again and again. Is it possible that our generation is in similar danger? Whether you choose *Creatures as Teachers*, *Brothers of the Bible*, *Rescued from Prisons*, *Ships and Shipwrecks* or others of Mrs. Dougan's 20 book you will find yourself immersed in these Bible stories afresh. And you will gain a renewed appreciation for the God of the Bible and the men and women He chose to use. These stories are told by a master story-teller with skill and accuracy, with wit and detail, and always with a devotional application for our generation of readers. *Biography written by Marilyn MacMullen.*

To order these or any of the EPI books authored by Jean Dougan, please visit our website at: www.everydaypublications.org



A New Arrival!

EPI is pleased to announce the arrival of a new addition to our family! Weighing in at a healthy 209 kg. (460 pounds, 12.3 ounces) and measuring 202 cm (6 feet, 7.5 inches) long, Nagel Foldnak 8 Bookletmaker/Online Nagel SP Plus Spine Presser (Nigel for short) was joyously welcomed by his/her loving family on March 31, 2009 at approximately 11:03 am!

Nigel is already hard at work producing high quality, saddle-stitched books about the Bible to be sent to locations around the world. Visitors are always welcome to stop in and visit Nigel in his home at 310 Killaly Street West, Port Colborne, ON L3K 6A6. Volunteers who would like to learn how to feed and change Nigel are especially welcome!



Keep In Touch!

We would like to setup an email distribution list so we can quickly inform our prayer partners of late-breaking, and sometimes urgent, news and prayer requests. We would greatly appreciate having you on this list. Please send us an email (which will give us your email address) with your name & address (so we can update our database) and the words, "Everyday News Updates" in the subject line.

Quarterly Report Highlights

Production

Production for the second quarter of this fiscal year was up just 1.55% over the same period one year ago. While this modest increase may not seem like much, if any, reason for optimism, it is encouraging to realize that this means the completion of the Congo Container Project has not meant a slowdown in production. In other words, while production in the second quarter of FY2008 was largely focused on printing for the Congo Container Project, the focus in FY2009 has been on printing to enable fulfillment for an increasing number of smaller orders. The bulk of the printing in the "Other" column continues to come from our support of New Life Prison Ministries and Niagara Shorthills Christian Ministries (Agape Valley).

Distribution

We can see further evidence of God's continued blessing in that the

"increasing number of smaller orders" mentioned in the previous paragraph has represented an increase in distribution of 74.91% over the same period one year ago! This is after subtracting the Swahili and French books that were shipped with the Congo Container in January! Praise the Lord!

Finances

While the newspaper headlines report a global economic downturn, we at EPI can report that there has been no downturn in God's provision for the needs of the ministry. We rejoice to report that all bills have been paid in full and on time and that there are sufficient funds in the bank to continue operations. In fact, God has already begun to supply the need for the replacement of our digital printers, which will need to happen by the summer of 2010.

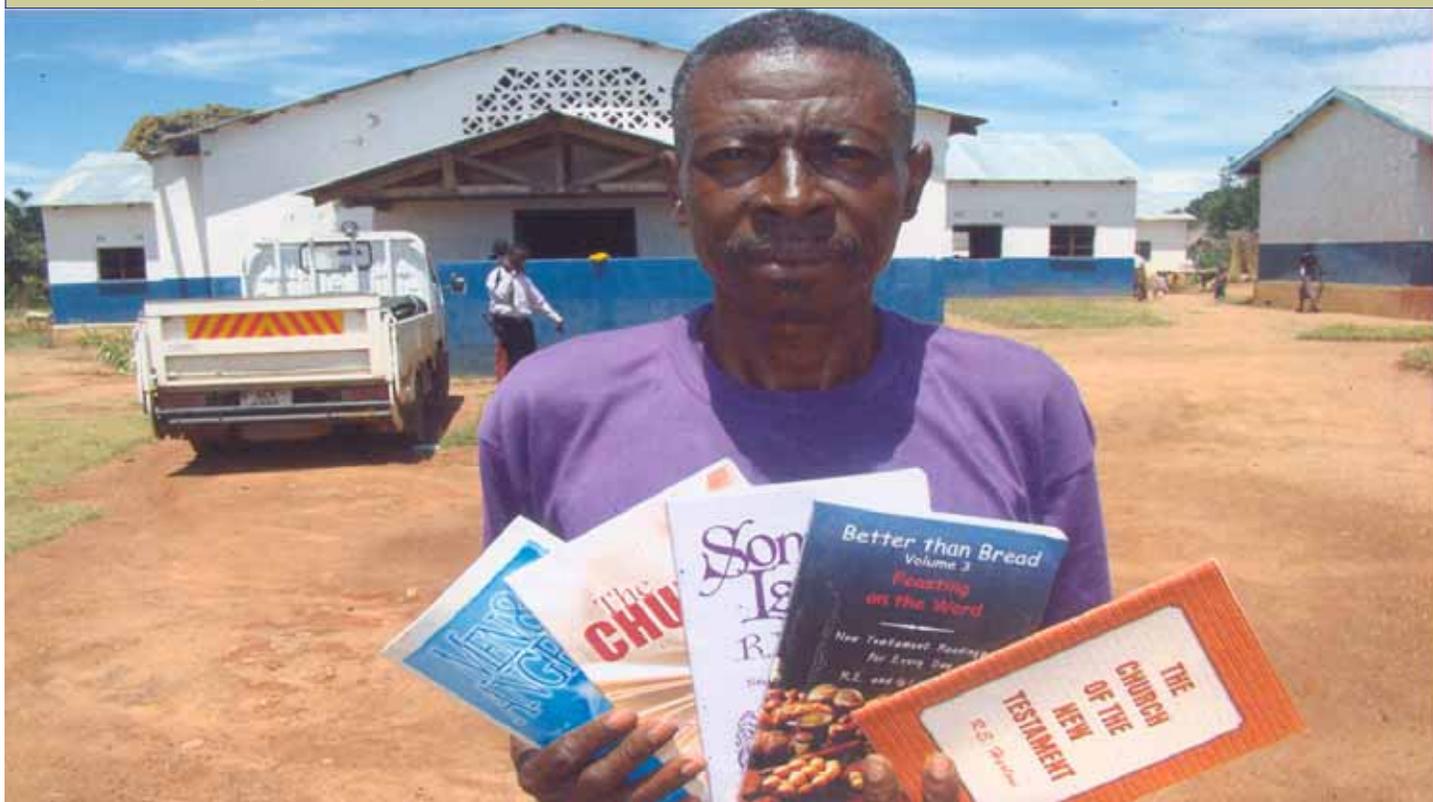
ACCTS Containers

The 92,019 Portuguese books sent to Angola on the October ACCTS container arrived safely in January. Marjorie Beckwith was on hand to help oversee the unloading. At this writing we have more than 10,000 books waiting to be shipped to the new ACCTS warehouse in Toronto for shipment to Zambia in late April.

More Books for Africa

We were privileged to work on a couple of not so small orders during the second quarter. Stephen & Gail Harper, commended from the UK, requested a full skid of books (5,000+) for a bookstore they have opened in Zomba, Malawi. Additionally, we have been please to work on an order for 200 copies of 13 EPI titles to be distributed to the attendees at a Workers & Elders conference in Nairobi, Kenya in May.

Brethren, Pray for Us...II Thess. 3:1



Pray for Leonard Ngosa—Full Time Christian Worker in Zambia