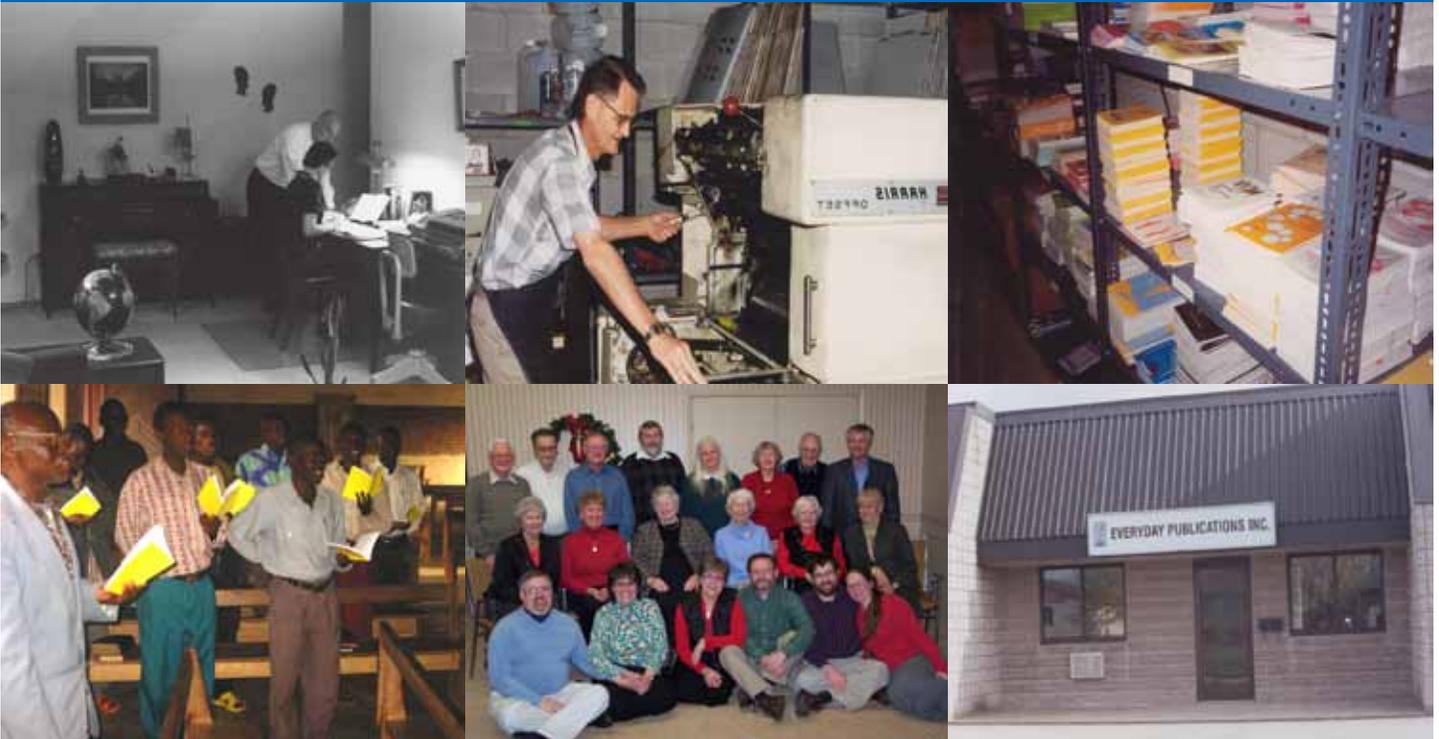


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Celebrating 45 Years of God's Faithfulness



According to *No Time To Quit*, the biography of Dr. R. E. Harlow, Everyday Publications began with the marriage of Ed & Gertrud in July of 1964. This means that July 2009 marks the 45th anniversary of this remarkable work of God. I have spent a lot of time over the past two years going through the archives and files, I have found it to be a history that is indeed remarkable.

It is remarkable because it is so obviously a work of God. How else could a Christian publisher continue in operation for 45 years when it chooses not to join in the pursuit of the next, great evangelical Christian best-seller but rather focuses its energies on producing easy-to-understand books promoting the understanding of the world's all-time best seller, the Bible? How could a publisher stay in business when approximately two-thirds of its annual "book sales" are actually "book donations"? How could a publisher produce a quality product with only one trained printing professional on staff, an administrator with no publishing experience, and a largely volunteer production staff whose average age is between 70 and 75 years of age! EPI has not only survived but prospered against all human odds because, and only because, of God's enduring faithfulness. It is He, and He alone, that has provided the wisdom, the enabling, the leadership, and the provision for His work known as Everyday Publications, Inc.

For 45 years, God has been pleased to use the obedient hearts of a few, faithful servants to produce and send millions of books about the Bible to the uttermost parts of the earth. Most of those books have cost the recipients little or nothing. Someone asked me the other day how EPI is able to produce a quality book at low cost and then just give it away. The answer is simple: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.— Psalms 118: 23

Beach Preach

Hudson Taylor was quoted as saying, “God’s work, done in God’s way, will never lack God’s supply”. While these words were spoken to describe one of basic operating principles of Hudson Taylor’s life and ministry, I think it also is a very apt description of Everyday Publications. Let me try to explain what I mean.

This is God’s work—All of us at EPI are very conscious of, and committed to, the fact that God is the Head of this ministry known as Everyday Publications. He is not merely a titular head, or a figurehead, but He is the literal CEO of this organization. The board and staff passionately acknowledge that they are all servants of God, sinners saved by grace, set apart to this work known as Everyday Publications.

This work is done in God’s way—God is the One, the only One, who in His wisdom opens doors of ministry for EPI. He has faithfully led and guided us for these past 45 years. Our desire has always been, and by His grace & enabling will always be to be found following close after Him. How else could we witness what we have seen Him do in us and through us and for us these past 45 years?

This work has never lacked God’s supply—Part of my role at EPI is to manage the day-to-day finances. As a holder of a Masters Degree in Business Administration (MBA) I can confidently assert that EPI flies in the face of every financial management principle known to man save one; God’s work, done in God’s way, will never lack God’s supply! By His grace may it always be so!



An Encouraging 2,000 Words!

If a picture is worth a thousand words then these two photos are worth an entire edition of Impressions.

The picture on the left shows the Congo Container on the ground, on the grounds of Shalom University, in Bunia, In the Democratic Republic of Congo. Why am I overemphasizing this point? Because it is THERE, not HERE!! The door to the container is open and the container is not quite as full as it was. This can only mean that these books are now in the hands of some of those who have waited so patiently for so long!

The picture on the right shows two of our brethren, our brothers in our Lord Jesus Christ, each holding a box of spiritual food in their hands. Look at those smiles! To me that is one of the most encouraging sights I can imagine; brothers who we have never met, and probably will not meet this side of Heaven, joyfully receiving what we, by the grace and power of God, have been able to send them!

What a joy it is to be part of this work! Thank you so much for your prayers, your gifts, and your support of what God is doing in and through His work at Everyday Publications!

“You give them something to eat!” - Mt. 14: 16

In the late 1950's, Gertrud Harlow was part of the translation team who helped produce the first version of the Bible in Congo Swahili. Almost fifty years later, Gertrud was exercised by the Lord to undertake a complete linguistic revision and re-typesetting of the Congo Swahili Bible. By God's abundant grace she was able to finish this formidable task earlier this year. When the original publisher showed no interest in publishing this new revision, it was prayerfully decided that Everyday Publications would undertake the responsibility of publishing the Revised Congo Swahili Bible!

Working in cooperation with CMML, MSC, and CrossWorld (formerly Unevangelized Fields Mission) we have seen the Lord provide the funds to print 20,000 Bibles. A 20-foot container will be loaded full with 18,000 Bibles and shipped directly from the printer to the same brethren managing the distribution of the last Congo Container at Shalom University in Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo. The remaining 2,000 Bibles will be stored in the Everyday Publications warehouse in Port Colborne to be used for fulfilling requests for Bibles from missionaries and national workers in the DR Congo.

As is our custom, EPI is printing and shipping these Bibles without cost to the believers in Congo. Those distributing the Bibles may decide to charge a nominal price for them but as far as Everyday Publications is concerned, the invoice for these Revised Congo Swahili Bibles is already paid in full. Freely we have received and so freely we will give!

Please pray with us for the successful printing and safe delivery of this first print run of the Revised Congo Swahili Bible. Please pray also for God's wisdom and provision regarding future printings of this Bible.

Another EPI Project - New Printers

Almost all of the books published by Everyday Publications are printed in our own print shop using two Sharp digital printers. These machines were put into service in the summer of 2005 and since then have been used to produce more than 20,000,000 pages each! These faithful servants will need to be retired next year when their service & maintenance agreements expire. We have been much in prayer concerning the replacements for these printers and believe we have found the Lord's answer in a new digital printer manufactured by Océ International. This printer will be able to replace both of the Sharp printers as it has the capacity to produce twice the volume in half the time and at a much lower cost than our current printers.

Another silent servant in the EPI print shop is our Xerox Color Printer. This machine is used to print book covers as well as other jobs requiring printing in color. This printer has produced well over 350,000 color impressions and is also due to be replaced next May when its service & maintenance contract expires.

We are grateful to the Lord for his provision and maintenance of such high-quality equipment and praise His name for all of the high-quality literature we have been able to produce with them.



Well Used Tools

EPI's Sharp digital printers (left) and Xerox color printer (right) have produced more than half a million books since entering service in 2005.



Quarterly Report Highlights

Production

Production figures for the third quarter of this fiscal year were down 6.22% over the same period one year ago. Year-To-Date production figures show a decrease of 28.12% over the previous fiscal year. This decrease was due to the fact that there were no large orders in production such as the Congo Container or the Angola ACCTS container.

Distribution

Distribution figures for the third quarter of the fiscal year decreased 39.71% over the same period one year ago. Again, this was due to the fact that no large orders were shipped this quarter (The large shipment to Zambia via the ACCTS container was included in the previous quarter's distribution figures). Year-To-Date distribution figures are up 413.91% over the previous fiscal year. This is due to the fact that the Angola ACCTS container shipped in October 2008 (the first month of EPI's fiscal year) and the Congo Container shipped in January 2009.

Finances

Once again we can stand as witness to the faithfulness of God as we report that all bills are paid and there are sufficient funds in the coffers for operations to proceed, "full speed ahead!"

Volunteers

The average age of an EPI volunteer is nearly 75 years of age! We greatly appreciate these dear ones and acknowledge that our work would be much more difficult, if not impossible, without them. However, I am sure that they would greatly appreciate some "younger blood" coming alongside to help. Would you pray with us about this matter?

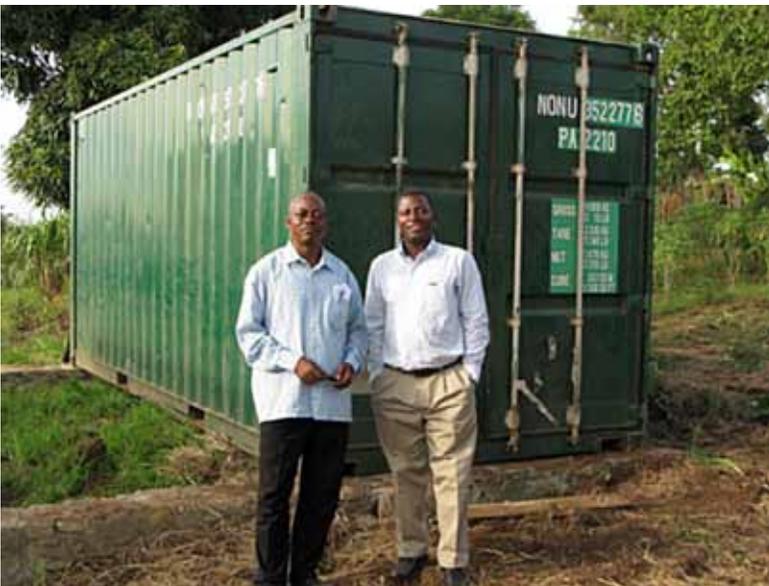
Word From The Word

And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end--it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

Habakkuk 2: 2, 3

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



Dr. Bungishabaku Katho (pictured, at right) is the president of Shalom University in Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo. Dr. Katho's leadership and expertise have been invaluable to EPI in the distribution of the Congo Container. He is also involved in the Revised Congo Swahili Bible Project. Please pray for strength for this dear brother, he is a very, very busy man! Also, please pray for his health and for the health of his family as well. This family has indeed suffered much for the sake of the Gospel in the Congo.