

IMPRESSIONS

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Boxes & Paper & Boxes & Books



By the van-load!



By the skid-load!



By the container-load!

It won't be long before another truck pulls up outside our warehouse with another large skid of boxes containing blank paper, raw material for EPI books. And it won't be long before those blank sheets of paper are transformed into good books about the Bible. This process of transformation never ceases to amaze and thrill the hearts of all of us here at Everyday Publications.

After the books have been printed and bound and trimmed, they are taken to the warehouse for a short rest before being packed into boxes, ready for shipment. Boxes of books destined for customers in Canada are shipped via Canada Post. Boxes of books whose final destination is in the United States are loaded into the Beach's van (also known as the EPI transport truck) for the short trip across the border to the US Post Office in Buffalo, NY. Most international shipments (usually 10 boxes or less) are also taken to the US Post Office and sent via International Surface Airlift (ISAL) M-Bag (Mail Bag) to their final destination. Larger international shipments whose final destination is near a sea port or major freight terminal are loaded onto a wooden skid, wrapped in plastic, and sent via ocean freight. These orders are usually consolidated with other freight in an ocean-freight container such as the ACCTS containers sent via MSC-Canada. Really big international shipments such as our last two shipments to the D. R, Congo have required our own purchase of a 20-foot ocean container.

You can read more about projects such as the D.R. Congo container, as well as the latest news and updates, new titles and revisions, at our website, www.everydaypublications.org.

Correction!

There was a mistake in the last edition of Impressions! What happened was that the Lord enabled us to print our newest title, *Look Straight Ahead—A Call to Men for Moral Purity*, much more inexpensively than previously anticipated. Therefore the projected selling price of \$9.34 has been reduced to \$7.12 and the special introductory price, valid through the end of 2008, has been reduced from \$7.50 to just \$5.00!

Beach Preach

I have a confession to make: The other day I danced in the office. I did not dance the foxtrot, the samba or the tango but I did dance a somewhat dignified jig for joy. The staff was amazed, the volunteers were shocked, and my wife was embarrassed. But, I had a very good reason! Barb Mac-Dougall had just shown me a cheque we had received that morning, from an anonymous US donor, for \$10,000 specifically designated for the shipping of the Congo Container! How could I not be excited! We have been praying that the Lord would provide the necessary funds to ship the container and then there, right before my eyes, was God's provision. He provided in His own way and in His own time. He did it in a way that left absolutely no room for doubt as to Who had provided. He did it in answer to prayer.

Whose prayers? Everyday the EPI staff who work in the office in Port Colborne get together for a short time in the Word and for prayer. Those working from their home offices

also join us before the throne of grace. And dear saints around the world also bring this ministry before the Heavenly Father, asking Him to lead, direct, and provide for this ministry that He brought into existence and has been pleased to bless for these past 44 years.

Whose ministry? This ministry is headed by the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and by His Beloved Son. He asks only that we acknowledge Him in all our ways, personally and as a ministry, and He has directed our paths. All we have to do is to trust and obey. May God keep us faithful and obedient to Him in all things pertaining to this ministry. This is His work and we are His servants. To Him be all the praise and honor and glory.

This is why I get so excited at times. I have told the staff and volunteers and especially my wife that I will try to restrain myself in the future. However, if God continues to bless, I can't make any promises!

A Word From The Word

For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel..

Ezra 7:10

Ezra had made a conscious and determined commitment in his heart to know the Word of God. When the Scriptures say that he prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord it meant that he had decided to give the Word of God its proper place in His life and that he was following through on his decision.

Not only was Ezra determined to know the Word of God, he was determined to obey it. He was not going to be just a hearer of the Word, he was going to be a faithful doer as well. He knew that if he sought the Word he would find the truth of the Word and that that truth would demand a response: obedience.

Finally, Ezra knew that the Word He sought and obeyed must not be kept to himself but it must be shared with others. Ezra was committed to being a teacher, one who is dedicated to doing whatever it takes to communicating the truth of what they have learned to those who need to learn that truth.

Congo Container

All dressed (packed) up but no place to go! As of this writing, the Congo Container is still in our parking lot. Renewed fighting in the region as well as the realities of the D.R. Congo's communication infrastructure has greatly hindered our efforts to confirm the details of the container's transport from Kampala, Uganda to Bunia, D. R. Congo. Please pray along with us that God will overrule in His perfect time and in His perfect way and work out these last remaining details. We are eager to see this precious cargo on its way but even more eager to wait for His will to be done in the way that brings Him the maximum glory.



Volunteers

An integral part of the work of Everyday Publications is carried out by our faithful team of volunteers. Over the past 44 years many dear saints, some now promoted to glory, have served as unpaid volunteers in a multitude of capacities in the various locations that EPI has called home. Our current team of volunteers consists of 8 fellow-laborers from here in the Niagara region. These dedicated servants of the Lord come in once a week as needed to help out in the print shop with the binding and trimming. It is not an exaggeration to say that without their help, the work of EPI would be severely limited or even impossible. The recently completed order for the Angola ACCTS container involved the in-house printing of over 62,000 books in less than two months! Our volunteers definitely went “above and beyond the call of duty” as many of them came in twice a week and/or worked extra hours to get these books ready on time. Not only is this a great team of workers, but their love for the Lord Jesus is so evident that they are a great team of encouragers as well.

Please allow me to introduce (from top to bottom):

Tom & Hilda Parkinson— Tom & Hilda come down from St. Catharines, ON, for their weekly “workout” as often as their busy retirement schedule will allow. They faithfully take their place on the perfect binder machine or on the automatic cutting machine. They bring a lovely bit of English charm to EPI.

Desmond & Gayle McCurry— Desmond & Gayle also come down from St. Catharines where Desmond also serves as an elder at Scottlea Gospel Chapel. They are the dedicated and skilled operators of the perfect binder machine, capable of binding more than 500 books in a single hour!

John Storm— John is a retired truck driver who now serves as a chaplain with King of the Road Ministries, a ministry dedicated to reaching truck drivers with the Gospel. John operates the saddle-stitch binding machine and almost always has a picture of his latest grand or great grand-child ready to share. John is also a proficient baker and periodically brings in some delicious goodies for us to share at tea break!

Jimmy Rollo— Jimmy is a retired firefighter from Scotland who now resides in Port Colborne. Jimmy works with John on the saddle-stitch machine or wherever else he is needed.

Arthur Robinson— Art is a former board member of Everyday Publications living in Port Colborne who has always had a very keen interest in the ministry. Art helps out on the cutting (book trimming) machine and will often stop by at various times during the week when he has a spare moment to see where he can help out.

Don DeBaeremaeker— Don (not pictured) is a commended worker from northern Ontario now residing in Pelham. Don comes down to work on the cutting machine whenever his busy ministry schedule will permit. Don also volunteers his time and expertise at Agape Valley Bible Camp.

Please join us in thanking the Lord for these faithful brothers and sisters. Please pray for encouragement and health and strength for them and for additional laborers to come alongside them in this vital ministry at Everyday Publications.



Quarterly Report Highlights

Production

With the completion of printing for the Congo Container and the receipt and printing of a large order for Angola, the Lord enabled production to increase by an incredible 54.62%! over the previous fiscal year. What makes these numbers truly encouraging is the fact that this increased production does not represent books destined to languish in the warehouse but books that have already been packed and will be shipped in October.

Distribution

As of September 30th, the Congo Container was ready to ship as was a large order of Portuguese books for Angola and a large order of Spanish books for Chile. Since these orders were essentially completed at the end of the fiscal year (September 30th), waiting only to be picked up by the freight company in October, they

are included in the distribution activity for the fiscal year. Also included in the distribution numbers are the Test Booklets that are provided upon request at no charge, not only to assembly-commended missionaries and national workers but to all customers. These numbers were included so as to give a much more comprehensive picture of the volume of literature that the Lord has been pleased to send out, or is just about to send out, from EPI. The total for the last fiscal year, inclusive of containers and test booklets, is 300,628 pieces of literature, an increase of 189% over the previous fiscal year! If the Congo Container is excluded, since it has been in process for more than just the current fiscal year, the total distributed becomes 203,817 pieces of literature, an increase of 95.98%!

Finances

We praise the Lord that once again, at the end of the fiscal year, all bills were paid with sufficient funds on hand to carry the ministry into a new fiscal year. This has been our testimony for the past 44 years and we are confident that He that began this good work will be pleased to continue it to the day of Christ Jesus.



Letters & Testimonies

We were encouraged to receive this note from a prisoner, forwarded to us by our co-workers at New Life Prison Ministries: "This is the most interesting and moving course I have come across since I have been doing Bible studies. How did the author gain such a vast knowledge of the Bible – Mr. R.E. Harlow? I'm highly inspired by his deep knowledge of the Bible and highly motivated."

We have been praying for the Lord's help in introducing the ministry of Everyday Publications to a new generation of assembly-commended missionaries and national workers. Therefore we were greatly encouraged by the following email from a missionary couple serving in Malawi:

"We are keen to open a Christian bookstore in Zomba. There is already a Catholic bookshop, and one run by the CCAP church (Presbyterian) but there is a real lack of quality evangelical material. I have been making enquiries from suppliers of books in the UK, but a friend who used to run a bookstore in South Africa recommended that I contact you for a list of the titles you have available.

Until the present, a large part of our work in Malawi has

been focussed on the rural areas, however we feel that the time is now right to spend more time developing a work in our local town of Zomba. Zomba is a university town with a population estimated at around 80-100,000. Typical of Malawi, a significant part of the population lives in severe poverty and with relatively poor levels of educational ability.

(A shipment containing a sample of every English title is currently being prepared. Please pray for its safe delivery and for God's blessing in the establishment of this new bookstore.)

Finally, we were also encouraged by the following note from a missionary in Ecuador:

"Thank you for the discipleship books '12 Lecciones Para Nuevos Creyentes' (Food for New Believers). The [test] booklets on 'Proverbios' (Proverbs) are handy to have also. Thank you for your service to us that is unto the Lord."

You are very welcome!!