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Assisting Flood Victims in Bolivia



Road to Verdun, near Trinidad in Beni, Bolivia

In late April, 2007, missionary Enoel Suarez invited Bill Letkeman to accompany him on a trip to Bolivia to assist flood victims. The flood waters brought disease such as Dengue fever, and left muddy roads as seen in the picture at the left. Children and adults alike walked barefoot through the mud which brought on other problems like parasites from chickens, dogs, pigs and other animals walking freely in the same areas.

They were able to purchase and distribute medicines, food, some clothing as well as EPI literature for victims in the northern province of Beni. Nine small villages were visited and more than 500 people received some form of assistance.

Another Container

Starting in late spring of 2007, Harold MacDougall, staff and volunteers began printing and packing approximately 90,000 books in French and Swahili into another 20 foot container with destination, D.R. Congo. The container sent in 2006 arrived safely with more than 70,000 books that were distributed within a matter of weeks. Reports from national believers and missionaries visiting the area are most encouraging. Requests for a duplicate shipment were promptly received from national believers. We praise the Lord for the opportunity of helping to supply sound biblical materials to missionaries and national workers in this needy and war-torn country. It is hoped that the container will be ready for shipping before the end of 2007.

Please visit our new web-site

For the past several months, Noel Bondt has dedicated his time and talents to the task of creating and installing EPI's new web-site. The basic site is now ready and has been launched. It offers news about EPI staff, as well as information about all of the books that we offer. The site will be updated on a regular basis, attempting to keep you informed about activities and events connected with this ministry. You may place an order for books, share our daily prayer requests or send us your comments or questions.

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Wedding Bells

EPI's web master, Noel Bondt and his fiancée, Dwana MacDougall announced their engagement in the spring of 2007 and set the wedding date for August 25, 2007.

The wedding took place as planned at Port Colborne where friends and family joined them on this happy occasion. The newly married couple have set up residence in a rented 2 bedroom apartment, just a few blocks from the EPI office.

On behalf of the staff and directors of EPI, we want to wish them God's richest blessings as they face the challenges and blessings of married life in the Lord. Noel and Dwana would appreciate prayer.

Mark, Caleb, Gail, Thirza and Joshua Beach



The Beach Family

After waiting for almost two years, Mark and Gail saw their "pillar of cloud" rise up and move north. Mark, and son Caleb moved to Port Colborne with their household belongings in mid June, while Gail, son Joshua and daughter, Thirza remained in Colorado. Gail, to continue in her employment until the middle of August, while Joshua, also working for the summer, has enrolled at Emmaus Bible College for the fall. Thirza was involved at Camp Elim for the summer and joined her mother as they traveled to Ontario in late August to join Mark and Caleb. The Lord has provided a lovely rental house in Welland, Ontario.

Mark and Gail Beach join the EPI staff as commended workers. Mark as Assistant Administrator and Gail will be sharing responsibilities in the office with Barb MacDougall.

We welcome Mark and Gail and their family and trust that the Lord will bless them richly in their efforts for Him as well as use them greatly as they join the EPI staff with their time and talents in full

Shipping Concerns

In the Spring edition of *Impressions*, we mentioned the challenge of shipping books quickly yet economically to missionaries and national workers in overseas areas. This challenge was recently heightened as the U.S. Postal Service cancelled their surface service. The most economical alternative we have been able to find is the U.S. Postal Service's International Surface Air Lift (ISAL). This service gets the books to their destination much faster but has also increased our shipping cost by 150%! We are attempting to offset this increase by delivering the mail to the post office ourselves, eliminating the need for courier services as well as the extra brokerage fees.



Year End Inventory

September 30th marks the end of another fiscal year for Everyday Publications. Business will be closed for a few days as staff members and volunteers help to count the boxes and books in the inventory in order to help the bookkeeper with year-end numbers. The count will then be audited for legal purposes.

Our Stewardship

A report on the recent activities of the *commended workers* on staff at EPI:

Gertrud Harlow works from her home office in Park of the Palms, Florida. She continues to oversee the translation, checking and typesetting of French and Swahili titles. She communicates with EPI's Production Manager, Harold MacDougall by electronic mail and either sends her material by e-mail or on disc as required. In a recent project she helped missionary, Paul Bramsen typeset in French his large book called, "The Way of Righteousness." Originally this was a series of radio messages given in Senegal and directed to an audience in Africa. She has also compiled the Scofield Bible Notes, from the Swahili Bible into a separate volume. These will be made available shortly for distribution in Africa. Exercised about the need for literature for the thousands of young children she has also recently revised and reformatted in Swahili the two volumes of "Marion's Bible Story Book" and is working on a couple of new translations. Despite advancing years and some health problems, the Lord has greatly used Gertrud and she does a remarkable job. She would continue to appreciate prayers as she waits for U.S. citizenship papers.

Alma Turnbull continues to live and work north of Toronto in the Unionville area. She also works from her home office where she uses her computer to format previously printed English titles into acceptable computer styled compositions for reprinting on the new digital presse in the EPI print shops. This can be tedious work but is a very essential part of the ministry. When necessary, Alma will make a day trip to Port Colborne to visit the EPI office in order to get 'up to speed' on projects pending. Alma's help, though from arm's length, is much appreciated. Alma has been part of the EPI team since July of 1981.

Sara Townsend lives only a few blocks from the EPI office, but also works from her home and visits the office as necessary. She composes the Pray Every Day for Everyday (PED) prayer bulletin and oversees its mailing every second month. Additionally, she is in charge of co-ordinating the EPI Spanish and Portuguese translation projects. Several new titles have been introduced in the recent past and free copies are sent to missionaries for their evaluation. Sara also oversees the compilation and production of new English and translated test booklets, which are used by prison workers and Emmaus correspondence offices.

Bill and Della Letkeman live in Welland, about a 20 minute drive to the EPI office. Della works from her home, helping with cover artwork for the newly revised Bible study series. She has completed the first draft on her book about the life and times of the apostle Paul. As a contribution to the family income, she has a "tent making ministry" in which, for 3 days of the week, she teaches piano and music theory lessons from her home. Della has her credentials as a certified music teacher with the Ontario Registered Music Teachers Association. She also is a certified teacher of Music for Young Children.

Bill continues as administrator at EPI, and has greatly appreciated the help and support from Mark Beach, recently arrived from Colorado Springs, Colorado. Bill and Della joined the staff at EPI just a few weeks after Alma Turnbull in the late summer of 1981.

Harold and Barb MacDougall joined the staff at EPI in 2003. After approximately one year in the nearby missionary home, they were able to move into their lovely new home just a few blocks from the EPI office. Harold continues to operate as Production Manager and has been working diligently to fill a 20 foot container with some 90,000 books in French and Swahili for the believers in the D.R. Congo. Harold also serves as an elder at Portal Village Bible Chapel.

Barb comes in about 3 days a week to help with office procedures and customer relations. Her cheery personality is contagious and her contributions are greatly appreciated.

A quick up-date on the MacDougall children:

Jennifer (21) graduated from the Welland campus of Niagara College, after completing a two year course of studies for Early Childhood Education. She has found employment at the nearby Day Care in the Port Colborne High School.

Robert (18) worked in construction for the summer holidays and is enrolled in grade 12 at Niagara Christian College in Fort Erie.

Iain (16) is going into grade 10 and also had a summer job during school vacation. He plans to enroll in Driver's Ed in preparation for his driver's license.

Mark and Gail Beach learned many lessons about looking patiently to the Lord as they waited for almost two years for the Lord to open the doors for them to move to Port Colborne. Mark and son Caleb arrived in Ontario in mid June and almost immediately began looking housing to accommodate the family. Gail and daughter Thirza stayed on in Colorado Springs until the end of August. It is good to see them together again as a family and now more or less settled into their new address in Welland, just a few blocks from the Letkemans.

Mark is quickly catching on to the responsibilities of assistant administrator as well as helping with shipping and, as time permits, getting some hands-on experience with machines in the print shop such as the stapler, perfect binder, cutter and shrink wrapper. With the recent increase in shipping fees, Mark has been taking orders to the Buffalo Post Office for mailing. As mentioned earlier, this eliminates the courier and brokerage fees.

After the mammoth task of moving their household belongings and unpacking again in their new locations, Gail plans to share office responsibilities at Everyday Publications with Barb MacDougall.

A quick update on the Beach children:

Joshua worked in retail during school vacation, saving funds to help with his tuition fees at Emmaus Bible College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Thirza has enrolled in grade 12 at Port Colborne High School and hopes to go on to study cosmetology.

Caleb has also enrolled and is attending Port Colborne High in grade 9.

Noel and Dwana Bondt. Noel first arrived at EPI in December of 2006. He spent a few weeks observing the work and helping out as able. He then returned to PEI in time to spend Christmas with the family and take part in a family wedding. He also reported to his home church there. The elders were willing to give a commendation to the work at EPI for the purpose of constructing a new website. Noel returned to Port Colborne in January and promptly began his task. After spending many hundreds of hours on the project, the new website is now up and running, though still a work in progress and needing some "i's" dotted and "t's" crossed. Already we have received positive feed back as well as a number of book orders from new contacts that have visited the website.

Dwana MacDougall followed Noel's example and moved from PEI to the Niagara region in early 2007. She was soon employed as a Personal Support Worker in the nearby nursing home. Noel and Dwana were good friends from 'back home' and continued their friendship. One day, the EPI staff was pleasantly surprised to see Dwana sporting a shiny new diamond on her left hand. It didn't take long for the news to get out about wedding plans for August 25th.

The lovely ceremony took place as planned at Portal Village Bible Chapel and a reception followed at Scottlea Gospel Chapel in St. Catharines.

The happy couple drove to the Muskoka Lakes area for their honeymoon and have since returned to set up their new home within a short distance of the EPI office in Port Colborne.
