

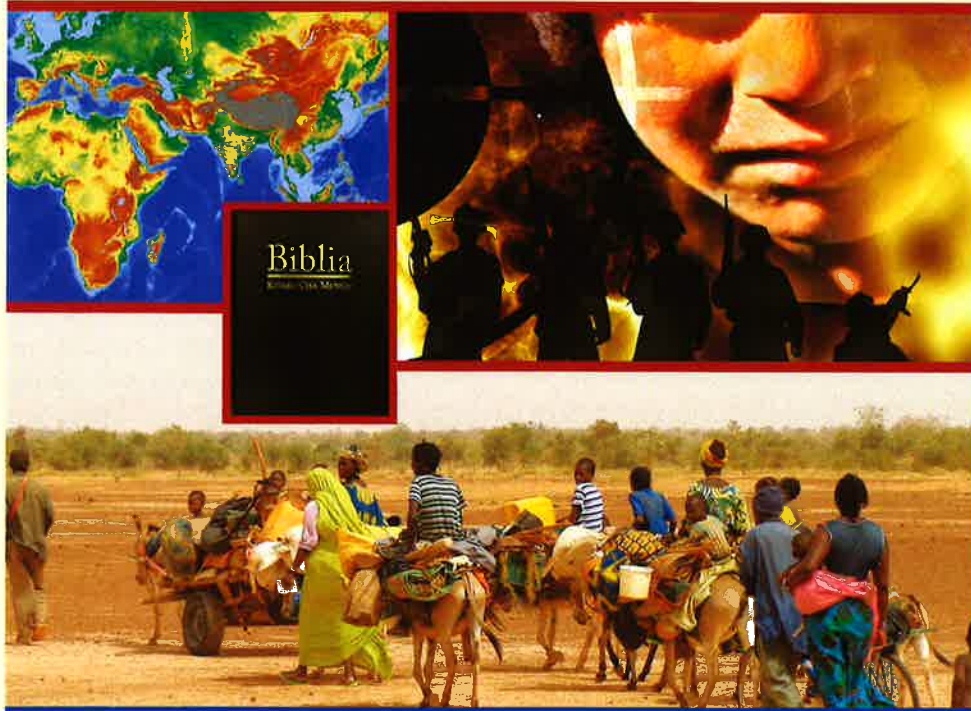
You shall therefore **impress** these words of Mine on your heart and on your soul..." – Deut. 11:18



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## Making Christ Known During Hard Times

There is no doubt that we live in a troubled world. Problems and difficulties of every sort abound. During the past year, COVID-19 has brought new and numerous restrictions worldwide which have been especially disturbing to us in the West because we are used to living in a comfortable, untroubled, unrestricted environment. In many parts of the world, however, COVID-19 adds to the many more serious problems of everyday living. For millions, poverty, conflict, and persecution are the ongoing reality, especially for believers.

As persecution, or the threat of persecution, increases, we may be tempted to become discouraged. But the Lord has promised to walk with His people through the flames, and so we are not surprised to learn that He is at work in mighty ways in the midst of persecution.

In John 15 and 16, **the Lord** reminded the disciples that they would face the hatred of the world because the world first hated Him. In fact, He goes on to say, "The time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service," John 16:2. The apostle **Paul** was persecuted almost from the day he was saved until the day of his execution in Rome.

Yet he wrote to the believers there, "We also **glory in tribulations**, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us," Romans 5:3-5. **Peter** encouraged the believers to not just endure persecution but, in light of their full salvation yet to come, to "greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, **that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,**" 1 Peter 1:6,7.

In this issue, you will read several testimonies of those who have been tested by fire in the name of Christ and who yet rejoice in His name. This persecution has strengthened their faith and has allowed God to work mightily through them for His glory. **For many of them, one of the few constants in their lives has been their access to doctrinally sound, gospel-focused literature in their own language from Everyday Publications.** We trust that you will be encouraged by these stories of the faith from our partners around the world as they **make Christ known during hard times.**

*-Terry Wilson*



## PRAYER

Please pray for the people of Northeast DR Congo as daily they face **rebel militia movement, plague, and shortage of basic supplies.**

"There are some who can't pay (for Bibles). They can't even buy food. They have food and gardens, but they live in much fear in their villages and have run to Goma for safety. If they go back to their land, they risk death. So they go hungry in the Goma suburbs. Several of these people have already died of starvation...

*But they are hungry for the Word of God."*

*- Tim Roach  
Goma, DR Congo*

### SHIPMENTS:

Pray with us for the Lord's help with and protection of these shipments of EPI books, each at various stages of the shipping process. Some of these are ready to go but are awaiting the necessary paperwork:

- Zimbabwe: En route
- Colombia: En route
- Australia: En route
- Ecuador: En route
- Liberia: En route
- Dominican Republic: Ready to ship
- Nigeria: Ready to ship
- Kenya: Waiting documentation

Praise the LORD with us for the safe arrival in March of Portuguese books sent to Brazil!

## TECH CORNER

Thank you for praying as the LORD continues to protect all the technology He has provided for us to produce books. Pray for wisdom for the continual upgrading and maintaining of this investment.

*- Noel Bondt*



## AFRICA

An Arabic-speaking man from **central Africa** found us on the internet. His father is an Imam, though they also practiced black magic together which they saw was real, powerful, and able to cause great harm to others. The Lord led him to a brother from our ministry who explained the salvation message. This man accepted the Lord Jesus, and straight away he shared his faith with his father. His father threatened to kill him, so he ran away with his wife. He learned some passages, including Psalm 23. Please pray for his safety and growth. He says, **"I am willing to do anything for the Person who died for me, even if I die for Him. I want to serve the Lord all my life."** He is now taking discipleship lessons with us, has started to study the Bible with a group, and is sharing the discipleship lessons he gets from us with them! They already need 100 Bibles.



## The MIDDLE EAST

Ministries from the Middle East have translated and produced a number of EPI titles in Arabic, including **Biblical Foundations, Church of the Book** and **Can we Know God?** ...



**Arab World** - "In addition to our work in our own locality, we also continue with our outreach online which is having an impact in the 'real world'. We are daily answering many questions..., finding ways to provide Bibles..., and we are seeing many accept the Lord...we are able to follow up...(online for now...). The Facebook and social media ministry increased in one year from 35,000 followers to 115,000, the majority coming from the other background and from many countries in the Middle East. We truly see through this ministry the love and mercy of God and His heart and ways for attracting people to Him."

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*- Gregorio Taborda, Colombia*

## PRODUCTION

### Our first Arabic print job

The print shop is humming, and there seems to be no end of orders. One of the books we just printed is a first for EPI.

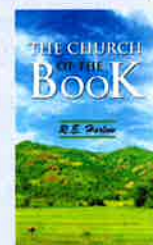


We have a partnership with **ROCK International** to co-publish select titles. One of those titles is a booklet-tract called **Your Story**. We currently produce the **English** and **Spanish** versions, but the latest print run is the **Arabic** version – our first Arabic book. We trust the Lord will use this booklet for His glory.

*- Harold MacDougall*

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## LITERATURE

### and Its Importance in Hard Times

**"Persecution is the engine that drives the gospel."** These words began a report of tens of thousands coming to saving faith. Where? Where missionaries have been forced out, and where church buildings are closed by government order!

What is driving this dramatic spread of the Gospel? God's methods have not changed since the days of Acts. The Spirit of God, the preaching of the Word of God, and the testimony of believers, accompanied by prayer, fueled the growth of the early Church. God's Spirit is still at work! Persecution cannot hinder His work.

Dr Harlow called literature **"the silent messenger."** **When all else is gone and people are desperate for truth, hope, new life, and freedom, gospel literature still preaches the good news. Bibles, hymnbooks, tracts, and booklets get through. God opens doors to countries, homes, and hearts.** His Spirit is not shackled. His Church is multiplying – even on our side of the world!

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In Manitoba, restrictions and shutdowns led praying believers to spread the gospel through distribution of tracts, teaching the word of God, and being available to listen to and counsel hurting people. Now the Spirit has done what He has been doing since Pentecost: **a new home church has begun, and 31 people were saved and baptized in the last year. Neither persecution, pandemics, nor any other thing can bind the gospel.**

*- Don MacMullen*

## WISE WORDS

*- Dr. R. E. Harlow -*  
CO-FOUNDER OF EPI



**The TREE of LIFE** – As we enter this spring season and the trees seem to burst into life with beauty, consider two trees of exquisite beauty – and LIFE:

"When Adam and Eve sinned, they were forbidden to eat of the Tree of Life, or else they would live eternally in a state of sin. Jesus was nailed to another tree, the cross. There, He bore the curse for our sin. 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree' (Deut 21:23). This was the remedy for Adam and Eve's failure. As a result of His great work, the Lord Jesus offers to all the privilege of eating of the Tree of life and drinking of the water of life. This is all possible because the Prince of Life has forever conquered death!"



## ZAMBIA

We are moving to Lusaka...to build **a Bible Centre to serve the local population and the south of the country with affordable Bibles and books.** As in Chingola, we hope to be selling, and giving, EPI books, both in a bookshop and in the Emmaus work. **There is so much false teaching; it's great to be able to offer GOOD books!**

One lady serving a life sentence started the courses in 2018. She told us that what she was learning through the courses was very different from what she had been taught growing up in a religious, church-going, family. **She realised she needed to give her life to the Lord, and she did just that, in her cell. The next time we visited her, she was smiling and her whole face was shining!** She couldn't wait to tell us!



A few months later, a close relative of hers was in and out of a coma. She desperately phoned another relative, a believer, to go round and tell him that he **MUST** repent and put his trust in the Lord Jesus, alone. Her concern for him was clear evidence of her conversion! He has since improved – and **HAS** trusted the Lord! It's a real joy to sit with her and to see **her keenness to know more of the Word of God.** Her face shines through her mask!

Another lady who is from a dysfunctional background and is also serving a life sentence **also started the courses. Very quickly ...the Word of God began working in her life.** She accepted the Lord as her Saviour, and her whole outlook and demeanour changed. She is our neatest, and brightest, student!

*- Ian & Marilyn Campbell*



## DR CONGO

- 167 people accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord.

Emmanuel community (CE-39) has been going through difficult days of recurrent conflicts, clashes, and wars, together with the pandemic. The paradox is, despite these difficulties, our Lord Jesus Christ is being known.

This crisis has given us opportunity to expand. The saints, fleeing the atrocities by the militia, organized into prayer cells in new areas. In three provinces and also in Uganda, we have seen the birth of new chapels, which quickly turned into assemblies.

Several evangelization campaigns have been carried out. The last one in 2020 had the following statistics:

- 2,202 people heard the gospel.



Bunia-Ville assembly baptized 105 new converts in February of this year.

Four of God's servants from CE-39 graduated last November from Shalom University and have been appointed to leadership roles. At IBEN, eight couples were proclaimed as laureates to go to ministry. Another 13 couples are still in training.

Assemblies continue to form new disciples for Christ in these difficult days. Kadjudi assembly baptized 23 new believers on Christmas day of 2020, and the

However, CE-39 is finding it difficult to meet the ongoing challenge of training new servants. Finances are limited due to the current troubles. The chapels in Bunia can no longer accommodate the growing number of Christians fleeing the atrocities of the militia, and these assemblies have found it necessary to undertake new constructions.

Ideally, we would like to develop our nine hectares in Bunia and erect an administrative complex.

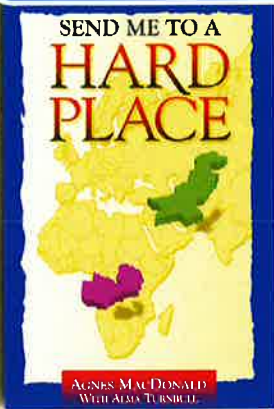
*- Dr. Isaac K. Mbabazi, PhD, President, CE-39 DR Congo*



# FEATURING...

## Send Me to a HARD PLACE

## Dr. Harlow's biography: NO TIME to QUIT



Agnes MacDonald trained in Canada as a registered nurse. In Zambia, she learned the language of the people among whom she was called to labor, while also learning spiritual lessons in the school of God.

Forced to return to Canada due to critical health problems, she soon volunteered her services at Everyday Publications and facilitated the distribution of thousands of books about the Bible. These books went not only to her beloved Africans, but to many other

peoples as well. But, **once a missionary, always a missionary.** Agnes's heart was soon inclined to confront a still greater challenge. She went to Pakistan and learned the truly arduous Urdu language, then north to the Balti tribe in the Himalayan mountains! **Another tongue, another culture** – in an extreme climate! **The work she loved was seeing souls saved.**

Her good friend Alma Turnbull compiled the material for this book that those who read may praise the Lord for what He did in and through Agnes MacDonald. **All the glory is His!**

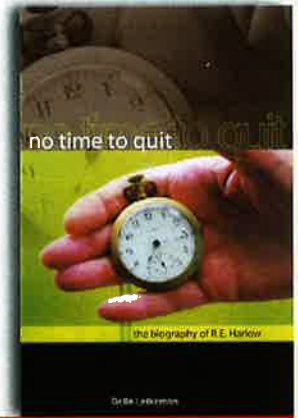
"Let's take an extended trip to Asia so we can present to North Americans the current need for more missionaries." "Good idea. If we sell our house... before we travel, it won't tie us down."

"If she needs you close by, we could do our writing in Toronto just as well as in New York or Chicago."

"A brother loaned them his pick-up truck.... Young people provided muscle power.... Christians gave generously and prayed regularly. Volunteers helped with renovations..."

Scanning this book afresh, these are the sorts of examples I found: several people **wholly yielded, no matter the inconvenience or the personal cost, to whatever the Lord had planned.**

**God still is looking today for such hearts who will continue to make Christ known, no matter the cost.**



*Bringing sheep food to the...*

# UTTERMOST



**400+ Titles**  
**80+ Countries**  
**1 Mission: Feed Sheep**



EPI often ships to closed and/or difficult countries. Currently, we have a shipment ready for Nigeria, and books en route to Colombia, Zimbabwe, and Liberia. Please pray for your persecuted brothers and sisters. While some of those we serve are foreign missionaries, others are national workers, striving to serve Jesus as believers in the country of their birth as honest, hardworking, peaceful believers of the truth, 1 Thes 4:11.



**Nigeria** - Pray for the Nigerian saints as they face weekly attacks by Boko Haram. Islamists are pillaging (razing houses and crops), raping, and kidnapping (39 students from the Federal College and 300 more schoolboys, March 2021), creating fear in Christian communities. Northwest Nigeria remains a lawless land. Pray that the Christians will continue to stand under such terrifying, daily struggles. Since 2009, over 30,000 people have been murdered, and 2 million are now displaced and fleeing for their lives. Chairman Nkeki Mutah told CNN that Boko Haram wants "to wipe Chibok [Local Government Area of Borno State, Nigeria] out from the surface of the earth."



**Liberia** - Liberia signed its independence in the Providence Baptist Church in 1848. It was founded on Christian principles and American Freedoms. In 1980, however, these freedoms were taken by a military coup. Since then, Liberia has faced unrest and Ebola outbreaks, and 83% of the population is now living below the international poverty line.



**Zimbabwe** - 70% of Zimbabweans consider themselves Christian. Sadly, many practice ancestral worship and witchcraft along with Christian principles. Zimbabwe is ravaged by poverty, corruption, disease, and extreme inflation of their dollar. EPI supports Zimbabwe's national workers with Everyday English books that help guide Christians in truths about their faith in Jesus.



**Colombia** - World Watch, as of 2021, moved Colombia to 11th place on its watch list. The rise of guerilla and criminal activities have increased dramatically in the last few years. In many Colombian regions, Christians now face the daily risk of being targeted by armed groups that control these territories. Indigenous Christians are facing the most significant challenge as they are persecuted when they leave their ancestral religions.

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