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A CHEERFUL GIVER

During this time of the year, the holiday season, our thoughts turn to giving. What present can I give, that someone will need or will make them happy. Many times this is a hard decision, since everyone seems to already have everything they need. But, our motivation in giving these gifts is positive, cheerful and a sincere effort to make the receiver happy.

What are our feelings and motivations about giving to the Lord's work? Are we a cheerful giver? Do we want God to be pleased with our giving? Paul says, "...He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So *let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). We should give cheerfully because God through his love and grace has given so much to us. The greatest gift is His son who came to Earth and died on the cross for the forgiveness of the sins of all mankind. Through His sacrifice, salvation and an eternal life is a gift to all those who believe in Him and obey Him.

Everything we are, have or ever will have comes from God. Without Him, we would have nothing or be nothing. "The earth *is* the LORD's, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1). So, everything we have is not ours, but God's. We are not owners of our "possessions" but caretakers or stewards. As Christians, we should take on the role of stewards of God's money. Everything we have should be dedicated to advance His work in saving the lost souls of the world. Jesus said, "... whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:33). He also said, "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (money)" (Luke 16:13).

What are the differences in the characteristics of "owners" and "stewards"? The **owner** says, "How much of my money should I give to the Lord?" The **steward** says, "How much of God's money will I keep for myself?" The **owner** may attribute his success to his own ingenuity and hard work. He believes he earned the money and he can spend it however he wishes. The **steward** gives all credit to the Lord for his success and is thankful for

these blessings. His first thought is how he can use these resources to further the Lord's work here on earth. The **owner** thinks about himself first. He overspends on himself and lives an affluent life. He buys expensive cars, boats, oversized homes and numerous other "things" which he thinks will bring happiness. After buying all these material things, he has little left over for God. The **steward** lives a frugal, sacrificial life. He saves his money and does not overspend on an affluent lifestyle. He gives to the Lord on a regular basis and with a cheerful and liberal heart.

So, what is our purpose in life? To accumulate money and things and live an affluent, materialistic life, or to be a good steward, responsibly managing those gifts received from God and cheerfully returning those gifts to Him in ways which will spread the Gospel and increase His Kingdom in this world? Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

As we consider "cheerful giving" let us remember that God gave his very best, His only Son, the greatest gift ever known. God wants us to be spiritually minded, not materialistic. If God is truly our first love, we are motivated to willingly, cheerfully, gracefully and liberally return to Him our best gifts. We will be happy to do this, not out of necessity or compulsion, but out of love and generosity. Remember that giving is not limited to money. It also involves time, talents, service, volunteering, etc. The more we give of ourselves and our money in the service of God, the more He will bless us to be even more useful.

In conclusion, consider the following scripture. Paul wrote, "Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. *Let them* do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:17-19). --- Tom Garner

TOUCHING THE WORLD

LETTERS FROM THE FIELD

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Rohan Jones

The material from the ocean container is being distributed to various congregations throughout South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Swaziland. We have requests from two denominations that are using it to teach their members. Several churches in Namibia are planning door knocking campaigns in next year and have asked for material to assist them. This past week we sent material to Durban to Bro. Justice who visited Mission Printing in October. We are also getting materials ready for a lectureship that we will attend in Port Elizabeth in December. We will be pulling a trailer, as many churches will attend and we've made arrangements for them to get it from us then.



Rohan and some of the brethren in Endola, Oshikati, Namibia in front of the church building (hut).

Sandra Jones

Bonteheuwel Ladies Class: Sandra has been teaching a class to ladies to reach out to their community for the past four months. They have had three baptisms as a result of this work. There also is a better working relationship with brethren since the start of the class. They had their last class today for this year and will resume in February next year again. Sandra has been using material from various sources, but we have found "Do It Yourself Home Bible Study" written by Sis. Robin Wolfe printed and distributed by Mission Printing to be the most effective.



Sandra, Rohan's wife, is sorting the box contents for special requests of ministers who are coming to pick them up.

Central Region of Ghana

J. J. Bekoe

Dearest brethren. Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Christ Jesus. Hoping you are doing well. My name is J. J. Bekoe, a former preacher at Shama church of Christ at Shama Western Region, but I am here to inform you that I have left Shama church and now preaching at Apam church of Christ at Central Region in Ghana. You did surprise me with more materials for the great evangelism, God used me to do at Shama and

its surrounding areas. Your printing materials played a greater part of the work. Therefore, I am here once more to appeal to you to send me more materials to help me for the evangelism I have started at Apam. This area needs intensive evangelism, but I have no study materials to share with people for them to read to have more understanding of the scriptures. I hope my request will be favorable considered.

Takoradi, Ghana

Eric Orleans Boham

Please, I am a member of the

church of Christ. I have seen several books of Mission Printing and I really want to have some of the books to distribute to people and also for myself. I really loved Guy V. Caskey, may his soul rest in peace.

Asan church of Christ - Guam Brother Edd

Thanks for your prayers and supports for our plea. Thank you for all the materials you sent. They are very useful in promoting the Church in the Island and also getting prospects for Bible study.

**Ahero, Kenya
Charles Ogutu**

Hello Brethren. Just wanted to let you know of the 12 baptisms and the new church planted on December 3rd at Ahero region in Kenya. I greatly appreciate your prayers, encouragement and help in doing the Lord's work. This young church still needs the sending of men to do teachings to mature them and keep the faith.



**South Africa
Paul Gerber**

The tract that is most popular at this stage is: "Why I am a member of the Church of Christ." From next week we will send more parcels to Zimbabwe and Malawi. When we put these together we will get a better indication as to what is needed there. Later tonight Jankel will send me pictures of material we sent to Johannesburg. We moved a lot of tracts over the last month. Tracts were sent to Cape Town points, and a number of boxes to Johannesburg. We sent letters to congregations in the Northern part of our country and advertised locally. Some of our students are leaving shortly to Zimbabwe, Malawi, Zambia and DR Congo with an assortment of tracts. I communicated with Rohan and he tells me that a new shipment might only arrive during the latter part of next year. Whenever we distribute the material, we stress that distribution is vital. I have included a few pictures (below). These men are delivering tracts by hand and pickup. The last picture is the Men's Leadership class praising God for the material from Mission Printing.



**Baguio City, Philippines
Centrepont church of Christ
Samuel C. Seridio**

Dear brethren. I would like to inform you that I received four boxes of printed material which you sent to my address. The complete number of my order is not yet arrived, so we are still waiting for the others. However, those materials we already received were being used in our tract ministry. Some of those who received tracts have

responded, and set a schedule for home Bible studies. The other tracts were also used in our Benguet Mission, an outgoing church planting mission and there are three souls already converted unto Christ. Of course, those materials had helped on preaching the gospel of the Lord. We thank you so much for the help you extended in our work here in Baguio City and to the Benguet mission. The Lord bless you always and your ministry.

**Gweru, Zimbabwe
Ishmael**

After going through the lessons, we have several prospects. I believe it has been a great blessing for our small congregation. I discovered a small congregation can do great works for the Lord. I want to personally thank the Mission Printing team for these wonderful lessons for our spiritual growth.

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MEMORIALS & HONORS

Memorials

Adams, Anita

Nelson, Vinus & Jean

Ann

Hubbard, Sue

Arbuckle, Charles

Boyd, Bob & Kathleen

Armstrong, Evelyn

Arterburn, Alma

Baker, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry

Carroll, Mary

Donley, Neil & Nancy

Garner, Tom & Ouida

Garrison, Mike & Elizabeth

Grice, Marie

Kelly, Glen

Lewis, Don & Margaret

Renfro, Richard & Carolyn

Ross, J.C. & Dessie

Thomas, Helen & Roy

Townsend, Leo & Carol

Walker, Dorris & Janie

Webb, Dean & Joy

Wise, Mary

Baker, Margaret

Wade, Rozalea

Beene, Dorothy

Beavers, Gene & Joyce

Hartin, Hubert & Walterrene

Brown, Richard

Friends @ Handley C of C

Bryant, Liston

Nelson, Vinus & Jean

Burnham, Paul

Burnham, Virginia

Friends @ Handley C of C

Byrd, Cammie

Brown, Edna & Fred

Clark, Wayne

Friends @ Handley C of C

Clower, Walter

Nelson, Vinus & Jean

Cornett, Al

Nelson, Vinus & Jean

Dismuke, Marguriette

Dawdy, Dot

Guthrie, Morris & Melba

Fallis, Hazel

Henson, Sybil

Feagley, James

Paul, Grady & Ruth

Finley, Jill

Hammons, Calvin & Betty

Goodrich, Billie

Tarver, Cleo & Judy

Gray, Rebecca

Tarver, Cleo & Judy

Guth, David

Paul, Grady & Ruth

Hall, Vivian

Dawdy, Dot

Guthrie, Morris & Melba

Hobby, David & Karen

Lewellyn, Jess & Ann

Hancock, Winnie

Paul, Grady & Ruth

Harvey, Shelia

Wade, Rozalea

Hassell, Billy

Parker, Mary Lou

High, Louise

Wise, Mary

Hill, Jerry

Chanslor, Marguerite

Hood, Helen

Cruse, Bob & Shirlee

Harris, Joyce

Hartin, Hubert & Walterrene

Hunt, Joe

Highland C of C Saints

Ikyson, Ted

Highland C of C Saints

Kasner, Joye

Wasner, Hans & Mary

Kelly, Jean

Arterburn, Alma

Carroll, Mary

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Walker, Dorris & Janie

Wise, Mary

Kemp, Lois

Cruse, Bob & Shirlee

Lander, Mary

Hartin, Hubert & Walterrene

Malone, Robbye

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Maness, Hannah Adkins

Hanes, Roben & Carol

Matlock, Kathryn

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McClung, Keith

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Moe

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Oakley, Anne

Nelson, Vinus & Jean

Olsen, Veronica

Pressley, Loy & Kaye

Payne, Verdis

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Harris, Joyce

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Ramsay, David

Thornton, Charles & Norma

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Pearcy, Loraine

Shour, Carol

Pearcy, Odeal

Shour, Carol

Perryman, O.D.

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Hobby, David & Karen

Phillips, Paul

Dawdy, Dot

Guthrie, Morris & Melba

Lewellyn, Jess & Ann

Pipes, John

Bud Hales Family

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Garner, Tom & Ouida

Poole, Joe

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Ramsay, David

Ramsey, Jerry Don

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Rand, Lonnie

Beavers, Gene & Joyce

Sanderson, Alma

Beavers, Gene & Joyce

Harris, Joyce

Hartin, Hubert & Walterrene

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Riggs, Joyce

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Shaw, Rose Griffin

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Smith, Kenny

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Cannon, James & Margaret

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Dickey, Dorothy

Pendergras, Willa

Walker, Reba

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Weaver, Vinita

Lewellyn, Jess & Ann

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Paul, Grady & Ruth

Williams, Michael

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Thornton, Charles & Norma

Witte, Gussie

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Wolfe, Holly

Isbell, Mildred

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Cruse, Bob & Shirlee

Herriage, Bob & Sue

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Padermos, John & Dorothy

Donley, Neil & Nancy

Renfro, Richard & Carolyn

Garrison, Mike & Elizabeth

Kelly, Glen

Hatch, Don

Kelly, Glen

Jones, Gearldean (90th Birthday)

Ross, J.C. & Dessie

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Lipscomb, Mary Nell Coles

Odom, Grace

McKey, Jerry

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Martin, Ellen

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Webb, Janell (Birthday)

Preston, Jim

Williams, Donna (Birthday)

Peterson, Linda

Williams, J. D.

Boyd, Bob & Kathleen

Wilson, Jean (Birthday)

Odom, Grace

Think on These Things

“Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. Therefore ‘If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.’ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

(Romans 12:9-21)

Memorials & Honors

August 1, 2011 to November 30, 2011

2011 - THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Financial - 2011 was a difficult year for Mission Printing, financially. Our donations have declined, which we believe is due primarily to the bad economy and the deaths of several supporters. For most of the year, we have operated with a deficit. In an effort to curb our losses, the Board of Trustees voted (unanimously) to eliminate the position of Director in August 2011. This action resulted in decreasing our losses; however, we are still running a deficit. If this situation doesn't improve soon, we will be forced to cut back on production.

Cutting back on production is not something we would want. There is a huge demand for our publications, and missionaries are having great success bringing souls to Christ using our materials. Our production costs are very low compared to commercial printing operations. Our dedicated labor forces are all volunteer workers except for one paid employee, Mary Carroll, our office manager. Our facility and equipment are all "paid for" and we have no debt. We make every effort to conserve our funds and make our operation the most efficient as possible. Our policy is that we will not borrow money and go into debt, even if our income continues to decline. We urge you to consider increasing your donation and encouraging others to begin supporting Mission Printing so that we will not be forced to cut back on printing. Your support of Mission Printing is one of the best ways you can help in sending Jesus' message of salvation to a lost world.

Vendall Dollarhide - Vendall was Director of Mission Printing for more than eight years until August 2011, when the position of Director was eliminated. The Board of Trustees made this very difficult decision in an effort to ensure our ability to remain financially stable in these tough eco-

nomical times. We are thankful for all the good works Vendall did while here with us, and wish him and his family all the best in his future endeavors. Vendall's tasks have now been assumed by volunteers and Mary.

Volunteers - We are very blessed to have a great team of volunteer workers, without which our work would be impossible. This year we have had several new outstanding workers join us, and we are very thankful for them. Unfortunately, we lost several this year due to relocation, health reasons and death. We will greatly miss these fine folks, some of which have served for many years. Many of our volunteers come to our facility to work, but others work at their home congregations. Metroplex area churches that have work groups are: Belt Line, Birdville, Cedar Hill (Downtown), College Hill, Highland, Keller, Lakewood Village, West Freeway. Other churches with work groups are: Emory, Brown St. (Waxahachie), Midway (Denton), South Main (Weatherford), and University (Tyler). Youth groups from over a dozen congregations have come to help throughout the year. We are thankful for their help. After all, they are the future of the church. We so appreciate all our volunteers who have been dedicated and faithful to "World Evangelism by the Printed Page" year after year.

Printing - This year we printed and distributed over two million pieces of literature. Printing and shipping costs are the largest part of our overall yearly expenses. We have the capability to expand our production if only we had more income to buy more paper.

Shipping - For the past two years the majority of our materials shipped to foreign destinations have gone by

sea container. Three container shipments this year to Abakaliki, Nigeria; Cape Town, South Africa and Abeokula, Nigeria, saved us about \$450,000, compared to USPS mailing costs. Each container holds approximately 40,000 pounds of materials (750,000 booklets). This year we received a \$20,000 grant from the White Rock Fund which paid for the shipping costs to Cape Town and Abeokuta. Richard Renfro is responsible for initiating and managing our sea container shipments. In January 2011, he travelled to Cape Town, South Africa (and surrounding area) to investigate the possibilities of shipping a container of our materials to the area. He found a great number of Christians who were willing and able to distribute tracts not only throughout South Africa, but also into Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Swaziland. This trip resulted in a container shipment to South Africa later in the year. Richard travels at no expense to Mission Printing. He plans a 20 day trip to Nigeria early next year (2012) to evaluate the work there. Please pray that he will have a safe trip. In addition to foreign container shipments, we also ship our materials to many domestic locations. Several churches and individuals request our materials for campaigns, bible study classes and to fill church tract racks. All of our foreign shipments are made free of charge to the recipient. We request domestic recipients to make a small donation to cover our expenses.

Facility Improvements - The mail room was reorganized to accommodate wooden pallets for holding the completed boxes of booklets before being transported to our outside storage container. This eliminates extra handling, improves safety and increases accuracy in inventory and shipping manifests.

PLEASE NOTE

If you are not on our regular mailing list and you make a memorial donation, you will receive the issue of the newsletter in which your memorial appears. If you wish to continue receiving the newsletter, please let Mission Printing know by contacting Mary Carroll. If we do not hear from you, your name will be removed from the mailing list. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause. We are attempting to reduce any expense that is not needed. Thank you for your support and prayers.

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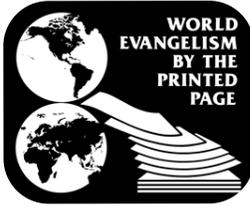
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TOUCHING THE WORLD LETTERS FROM THE FIELD

Kanengo, Lilongwe, Malawi Alick Billiat, Kalulu church of Christ

I would like to request for Islamic materials. I'm always busy preaching the gospel of Lord Jesus Christ. These three months to come I'll be preaching to the Moslems. I and fellow preachers have arranged the gospel rally at Nkhotakota District where 90% of people are Moslems. They are willing to hear more about Jesus and Mohamed. That's why I am requesting such materials to get ready for the task. I'm looking forward to your assistance as soon as possible. GOD BE WITH YOU.

Chingola, Zambia Obet Matantilo

Dear Brethren, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am a Preacher in the Church of Christ and am in need of books and tracts to equip me and my hearers effectively. I am interested in commentary books for both Old and New Testaments, church songs, American version large letter Bible and concordance. In case you do not stock any of the aforesaid materials, you may extend my request to the other brethren. I look forward to hearing from you and especially how you are doing in the work of the Lord. The Church here will be hosting a provincial annual confer-

ence sometime around August, 2011 for three days. It is my hope and prayer that this time around I could have plenty of tracts for evangelism purposes. May the good Lord continue to bless you.

Akwa, Ibom State, Nigeria Monday Akpakpan

Mission Printing workers have brought us a lot of blessings and glory to God. When I send a report of work ending of this month you will see that the money, time and talent that you people involve in this work is not in vain. For example at the **NCBC Annual Lecturship** August 2nd - 5th 2011, we had **66 baptisms**. In **Youth Seminar** at Ikot Usen we had **36 baptisms**. The distributed tracts always bring out people to come and hear how we teach and explain what they are reading. You sent a container of tracts to us in August last year. Precisely what remains today is 175 cartons of 1,000 you sent. Please plan to send us another container early next year. I will send you a list of the most needed/used tracts in our area.

Zengeza, Zimbabwe Godwin Marandure

We thank you brethren for the Bibles you sent to us. We received today. Thanks so much and God bless you so much.