

Impressions

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Can A Dead Book Live Again?

In the world of book publishing, books have a very short life. They begin life on the publisher's "front list", proudly proclaimed to the world as the next great literary masterpiece, infused with the publisher's and author's hope for a profitable return on their investment. As time goes on and popularity and profitability fade, the book is relegated to the "back-list" and then inevitably to that long list of books that are "out-of-print". The sad reality is that books whose value lies in the soundness and profitability of their content rather than in their economic potential usually meet the same fate as a one-time New York Times bestseller.

Everyday Publications operates on the premises that what we should be publishing is not what people want to read but what they need to read - books about the Book and its Author that are focused on communicating the truth of the message to the reader rather than on entertaining or impressing them. The Print-On-Demand (POD) technology used by Everyday Publications means that since books are stored digitally and produced electronically, production costs are minimized and books are not "front-listed", "back-listed", or ever need go out of print!

POD technology also means that books that were "out-of-print" can be brought back "into print"! "The Church of God - a symposium" had been out of print for many years but was resurrected in 2008, not because of its economic potential, but because of the timeless and profitable truth it contains. This book is a collection of excellent essays by Dr. James Naismith, J.M. Davies, James Gunn, David Boyd Long, Dr. Stephen S. Short, J. Boyd Nicholson, Sr., John Smart, E.W. Rogers, and Robert McClurkin. These brothers are all with the Lord now but they were mightily used of God, and will continue to be used by God, to build up and edify His Church. This classic volume is available by phone, email, or internet order for \$7.75 each.

Work is progressing on the "resurrection" of James Gunn's book, "Facts of the Christian Faith". This title has also been "out-of-print" for many years. However, we at Everyday Publications believe that books such as this - books that clearly and concisely explain the basic, core doctrines of Biblical Christianity - are needed more than ever before!



The
Church
of **GOD**
a symposium

Watch for "Facts of the Christian Faith" by James Gunn. Back in Print Soon!

Beach Preach

In the last edition of Impressions, I shared my intention to travel to Africa in April to see the distribution of books and Bibles in the Democratic Republic of Congo first hand and then travel on to Zambia to minister to some of the saints. I mentioned that these plans were made D.V. - Deo Volente - Lord Willing. This caveat is easy to say or write but quite another matter to sincerely mean it... And promptly obey it.

When the Lord made it clear that He was closing the door, I struggled. I really wanted to go! And there would be a plethora of opportunities to serve the Lord and His people on this trip! And even as I struggled, I questioned: Had I been trying to run ahead of the Lord? Was this trip more my will than His? Or were there other reasons that I could not or would not see?

And then the question was asked of me: Why do you struggle and question when I am only doing what you have asked Me to do? You have acknowledged Me as Lord of your life and confessed your desire to follow only where I lead and to go forward only at My command, to obey Me immediately and without question. Be still and know, that I am God. And remember, My thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways My ways.

Thank you, Lord! Message received and understood. I will continue pressing on, immeasurably grateful to be led by the most loving and wise of shepherds!

Everyday Servants

From time to time it is good to stop and instead of reflecting on the work, the books and containers and projects that are the ministry of Everyday Publications, and to be acquainted, reacquainted, or updated on the saints that God has called to labor in this part of His vineyard. In this issue of Impressions, I'd like to draw your attention briefly to some of the commended workers that serve the Lord full-time here at Everyday Publications.

These "everyday servants" were specifically set apart to this work by various assemblies in the US and Canada. Five of them work on-site at the office in Port Colborne, Ontario while the remaining three work out of their homes. They are linked together by the Person, Work, and Word of the Lord Jesus Christ and by their common love of books about Him and His Word, His people, and each other.

I count it a very special blessing to be called by the Lord to work with these dear ones, supporting them in the work that God has called them to do. Please keep them in your prayers and, as I do, thank the Lord upon every remembrance of them.

Noel, Dwana, & Estella Bondt

Since Everyday Publications is a small ministry using a very technology-intensive process (Print-On-Demand), it is inevitable that we would need for God to send us a very uniquely gifted individual to provide the needed maintenance and support. Add to that the need for a complete revision and update of the EPI website as well as the need for someone who could be available and able to help out wherever needed during the day and the skill set required of such an individual becomes even more unique. Praise the Lord He has brought just such a person to us in the person of Noel Bondt. Noel's contributions are greatly valued and appreciated by all of us at Everyday Publications.



Alma Turnbull

Alma is one of the three full-time commended workers at EPI who works off-site. Alma works out of her apartment in Markham specializing in the typesetting and reformatting of manuscripts. Next to Gertrud Harlow (another of our off-site staff) Alma is the longest tenured worker at Everyday Publications, having come to us in the summer of 1981.

Though she frequently tries to tell us that she doesn't do much and that her contributions are insignificant, the evidence and the testimony of the other workers and volunteers proves otherwise.

Alma is also active in the ministry of her local assembly, Markham Bible Chapel, as well as in the ministry of the Bethany Christian Living Retirement Communities.



Sara Townsend

Sara is another of EPI's off-site warriors working out of her apartment in Port Colborne where she coordinates the Spanish and Portuguese parts of the ministry.

Sara is another who is available and able to labor effectively in whatever task the Lord gives to her. One of the most notable examples of this would be her faithful production of the bi-monthly prayer guide, Pray Everyday for Everyday. Sara has faithfully produced this prayer guide 6 times a year for 22 years! That's over 8,000 prayers requests and praise items! Sara has recently felt the Lord's leading to pass that particular torch to Barbara MacDougall.



Harold & Barbara MacDougall & Family

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, (Ex. 31: 1 - 3).

Harold is EPI's Bezalel. God has exceptionally enabled this dear brother to manager the entire production process from pre-press typesetting and cover design to print-on-demand printing and binding. He is a godly brother and very dear friend as well.

Barbara continues her faithful service in the office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and alternate Fridays. She ably provides administrative support to the ministry and has recently agreed to take on the responsibility for producing EPI's bi-monthly prayer guide, Pray Everyday for Everyday.



Harold & Barbara MacDougall with their children (L to R) Jen, Iain, & Robert

Quarterly Report Highlights

Production

Production for the second quarter of the 2009 – 2010 (FY10) was down just 1.13% over the same period one year ago. We were encouraged to be able to maintain this level of production despite the necessity of shutting down the print shop during our mini renovation project.

Distribution

Distribution for the second quarter of the 2009 – 2010 (FY10) was down 75.68% over the same period one year ago. This decrease is largely due to the fact that no containers were sent out this quarter whereas the second quarter of FY09 included the shipment of second Congo Container.

Finances

“And He said to them, “When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?” So they said, “Nothing.” – Lk. 22: 35. Neither has the work of Everyday Publications or the workers He has called to labor there lacked for anything.

Print Shop

The EPI Print Shop was closed for renovations from mid-January through mid-February. A wall was put up to separate the lunchroom/meeting area from the rest of the Print Shop enabling us to keep the machines running during breaks, team meetings, etc. Some electrical modifications were also completed in anticipation of the delivery of the new black & white printer sometime in the Spring.

Projects

We have been very encouraged to receive several gifts designated for the purchase of the new black & white printer as well as for the reprinting of the Congo Swahili Bible and hymnbook. These gifts have been acknowledged with thanks and have been carefully set aside towards their intended use.

New Title

In response to a request from the mission field, Everyday Publications is pleased to announce that it has published an excerpt from the Congo Swahili Bible. Yoane, the Gospel of John in Congo Swahili, is now available to those ministering in and to the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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



The staff & volunteers of Everyday Publications, circa Christmas 2009