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IMPRESSIONS

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More Changes at EPI

After 27 years of faithful service, Bill and Della Letkeman have sensed the Lord leading them to serve Him as part of the New Life Prison Ministries team. They will be leaving their full-time roles at EPI but will remain a very significant part of the ministry. Bill has submitted his name for consideration as a member of Everyday Publications Board of Directors while Della will continue with her writing and Editorial Committee responsibilities.

Bill and Della first came to EPI in 1981 at the invitation of founder Dr. R. E. Harlow. They had just returned from 13 years as missionaries in Colombia and Ecuador when Dr. Harlow called and invited them to "Come and starve with us!" Bill had gained much experience in printing while in South America and quickly became an integral part of the team. Within a short time he was asked to assume the position of Executive



Director, responsible for the day to day administration of the ministry. As their children grew and Della's responsibilities as a mother permitted she became involved in writing and editing. She is the author of several titles including the biography of Dr. Harlow, *No Time to Quit!*

Congo Container Update

The largest phase of this project is almost complete as the in-house printing is nearly completed. The next phase will be the off-site printing of 7 titles whose size and/or quantity are greater than what our equipment can efficiently handle. The total quantity that will be outsourced will be 16,000 books. Once these books have been printed, delivered, and loaded into the container we will wait for the Lord to indicate to us when

the container should be shipped. The container will travel by truck to Montreal, then by ship to Mombasa, Kenya, and then by truck again to Bunia in northeast Congo. The believers there are eagerly awaiting the arrival of this precious cargo.

Thank you so much for praying with us for God's wisdom and enablement in this labor of love for our dear brethren!

Administrator's Ministrations

I know he's not going to like it but since he has passed the Administrator's baton to me there is not much he can do about it. So, I am going to say it: Bill Letkeman is my all-time missionary hero!

I first met Bill in June of 2005. I arrived on EPI's doorstep not knowing anything about the ministry save the fact that it had been founded by some fellow named Harlow who was supposed to have been one of the chief men among the brethren. I spent two wonderful hours that day not only learning about the ministry of EPI, but more importantly being warmed by the fire of a missionary with a burden for the lost and a passion for reaching and building people into thriving assemblies through the use of the printed page. I saw not only a ministry with a significant international impact but the quiet joy and confidence of a man who had learned the

value of obedience and the blessing of being faithful to the task to which he had been called.

When my son and I moved up here ahead of my wife and daughter last June, we had the distinct pleasure of staying at the "Hotel Letkeman" for two months. How refreshing it was to be the recipient of such warm, Christian hospitality. I always enjoyed hearing him apologize for his "long reach and short manners" at the dinner table and considered it a privilege when I could persuade him to let me help with the dishes.

As Bill moves out of full-time involvement at EPI, it will be hard not to see his smiling face each day. But it will not be hard to thank God upon every remembrance of him... and Della too!

Bendiciones, padre!

A Word From The Word

Isa 55:11 so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

What does God say His Word **shall** do?

It shall not. It shall not return unto Him void. The Word of God is sowed seed. It will fall into the ground intended by the Sower, it will die, and it will bring forth much fruit. The soil may be rocky or shallow, tares may seek to

choke it out, the evil one may impose a drought, but God will bring forth His intended increase

It shall accomplish. It shall bring forth fruit. It is fertile seed. The Word of God is living seed. It only dies to bring forth death and resurrection after it has been planted.

It shall prosper. It shall bring forth abundant fruit. An abundance of fruit means there is a lack of lack. The harvest is not scanty. The harvest is full. It is sufficient, yes, more than sufficient to meet the need and desire of those who hunger for God's spiritual manna.

Harlow Happenings

Rumor has it that Gertrud Harlow is living the quiet life in an assembly retirement community in Florida. That is only partially true. She does live in a retirement community and it is located in Florida. However, as far as living quietly is concerned, her life is anything but quiet. Just reading her emails telling us of all that she is doing makes me tired!

Gertrud continues to labor faithfully for her Lord on behalf of the believers in the D. R. Congo. Currently she is involved in a project to update the translation and reformat the entire Congo Swahili Bible. Since many Bibles were

destroyed in the fighting in recent years, and the church is growing rapidly, there is a desperate need for Bibles.

She also comes to work everyday at Everyday Publications via her home office. She not only serves as a board member but also works at translating, revising, proofreading, formatting, and typesetting Swahili titles in addition to formatting and typesetting French titles.

This is retirement? Oh, yes! This is retirement...Harlow style!

Do EPI Books Really Get Used? - YES THEY DO...! - by Sara Townsend

It was late 1987. Eric Kalmbach (from the Markham, ON, assembly where I fellowshiped) had just returned from a business trip to what was then Zaire. He told of a rather amazing experience while he was there. He and a workmate had been travelling by train when Eric noticed an African across from them intently reading a book. Eventually the man held

the book so that Eric could see the front cover, and to his surprise, he saw that the author was R.E. Harlow and that the title was in French. His companion knew French, so Eric asked him the English meaning of the title. The book was *Peut-on connaître Dieu?* (*Can We Know God?*)! I had been at EPI only a few months, but I've never forgotten the

Lord's kindness in allowing us to hear what happened to one book. Yes, they really do get used – praise Him!

Thank you, Sara, for sharing this encouraging story. I wonder how many times events such as these have occurred over the past 44 years. Only eternity will tell!

...In Places We Never Imagined!

God is using EPI books to feed His sheep in remote and isolated pastures. Witness this email received by Noel Bondt.

dear brother Noel
thank you very much - i received the book u sent me.
it is amazing book- i use it to strength my English.
today we have the book in

Arabic so we can read it on Emmaus bible school web site.(Arabic).
this book is very useful for me and for every one.
i asked the brethren in our assembly to read the book every day (from the web site)
our assembly is doing well.
our assembly is growing very well. but i think and i

believe we should teach more about the basics of the meetings.
thank you for asking and God bless you.
brother Bishara

“Today we have the book in Arabic so we can read it on Emmaus bible school web site. (Arabic).”

So Why Stop Working?

Dr. Harlow used to say, “Why stop working just because you die?” Challenging words spoken by a man who could not only ask the question, he lived the answer! Dr. Harlow was a prolific author whose hundreds of titles continue to be used by God to build His Church. These resources that he left behind, continue to labor faithfully for the Lord he loved.

Those of us who are not great Bible teachers or authors can also continue working far beyond our home-call. Over the years, Everyday Publications has been

greatly blessed and encouraged by gifts received with a Memorial Card. A Memorial Card is a small, attractive card that is sent with a gift lovingly telling that the gift is being sent in memory of a departed loved one. In this way, the resources that these dear ones left behind can also continue to labor for the Lord they loved and so faithfully served.

Memorial Cards are supplied free upon request when you contact us at Everyday Publications via post, phone, fax, or email.

Quarterly Report Highlights

Production

Production for the second quarter of this fiscal year was 43,127 items, up 18.81% over the same period one year ago. The majority of this quarter's production was Swahili, French, and Everyday English titles for the Congo Container project as well as the ACCTS container for Zambia (scheduled to ship in late April). The bulk of the printing in the "Other" column are correspondence courses printed for New Life Prison Ministries and other print jobs for Niagara Shortfalls Christian Ministries (Agape Valley), Uplook Ministries, etc. We rejoice that the Lord has opened this door allowing us to come along side these worthy ministries.

Distribution

Distribution figures continue to be encouraging. We saw 18,639 items shipped from our warehouse in the second quarter. This represents an

increase of 159.56% over the same period one year ago. Additionally, as of March 31st, there are 67,277 books packed for the container destined for the D.R. Congo.

Finances

"Come and starve with us!" That's what Dr. Harlow would say when he was extending an invitation to someone to join the Lord's work as a commended worker. It was his way of saying that there was no salary and no guarantee of income, humanly speaking. But the twinkle in his eye as he said it told the prospective worker that there was no reason to worry. God was well able and very willing to provide. This has been the testimony of EPI for more than 40 years. And it is also the testimony of all of us whom He has called to serve in this ministry. As we complete another quarter of the fiscal year we rejoice that all bills are paid and that

there is sufficient in the bank to enable us to continue working for Him

ACCTS – Zambia Container

We are excited to have the opportunity to make a contribution to the latest ACCTS container (www.msc.on.ca/ACCTS/index.html). EPI has received orders for more than 6,000 books to be included in this shipment. The container is scheduled to ship from Toronto in late April.



Letters & Testimonies

Why do we do what we do at Everyday Publications? Why do we strive to produce books about the Bible that are rich in content yet freely given to those who hunger. Spiritual food that is nourishing, not junk food, and is easy to digest, i.e., easy to understand.

Take a long look at this picture. This photo, taken in 2006, shows a group of believers in the D. R. Congo who have just received new hymnbooks, printed by Everyday Publications. After years of warfare during which those who survived lost everything, here, at last, is a hymnbook to replace the one that was lost.

Look at the eyes of the man holding the hymnbook. Notice the expression of awe and wonder on his face. Look at how tenderly he holds the book. He has been waiting so long and now his prayers have been answered!

At Everyday Publications it is our great joy and privilege to send good books about the Bible to our brothers and sisters in third world countries. Most of those books are sent free of charge as the Lord enables.

Take another look...this is why we do what we do at Everyday Publications!

