

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



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for Christmas!*

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Before Christmas**
– By Brian Cretney –

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just inside this barn door?
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PONDERING...

"REACH THE CHILDREN!"

A year or so before sister Gertrud Harlow (EPI co-founder) went home to Heaven, we sat down with her and had a good chat about what she thought was one of the greatest needs in ministry today. Her response was short and to the point: "Reach the children!"

When we later informed Gertrud that EPI was officially embarking on a program that would help bring solid, Bible-based literature to the children in NE Congo, she emailed me: "This might sound presumptuous, but if I am still around by the time this ministry gets under way, perhaps I could help by checking the translations of the first few lessons before they are printed. The Lord knows if that is in His plan."

Well, it turns out that it *wasn't* the Lord's plan for Gertrud to see this much-needed ministry get off the ground. But what Gertrud *did* contribute was confirmation that this was something we needed to start at EPI: To "reach the children."

By God's grace, EPI now has a program in place that is reaching the children of the NE Congo. But the question was further raised: "What about our own children *here in North America*? They need to be reached too!"

It was around this time that we were contacted by **School Ministries**, a non-profit organization that reaches children in public schools across the United States with the gospel. They currently minister to 48,000 students in elementary and high schools, most of whom are "unchurched". Based on the rate of growth,

school

MINISTRIES

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School Ministries projects they will reach over one million children with the gospel over the next five years.

We were asked to write a gospel-centred curriculum for the middle school grades (5th to 8th grades). After much prayer, we decided to move ahead and get behind this eternally worthwhile project.

Please pray for us as this is a very intense project. But it is well worth the time and effort, for these precious, eternal souls hang in the balance! More can be learned about this project and ministry on the back page of this newsletter.

As evangelist D.L. Moody got older, he became more and more convinced of the great need for children's ministry. In fact, at the end of his life, Moody declared: "If I could relive my life, I would devote my entire ministry to reaching children for God!"

– Brian Cretney



PRAISE

THE LORD!

—Compiled by
Gail Beach

"Praise be to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, the only true God. I am very happy to discover your website with all those spiritual materials in Kiswahili. I am originally from Nyankunde in the Democratic Republic of Congo. I live in Oslo, Norway. I grew up in Nyankunde. I happen to know some of authors of the books you are selling: Dr. R.E. Harlow, Mr. William Deans, Merton Wolcott who is still alive and others. I heard them teaching the Word of God. I read some of their books as a child. My parents read them to us also. I was born in a Christian family and later got saved and baptized. I grew up in the local church on the missionary station. I praise God to find Kiswahili Bibles, Kiswahili Hymns. May God bless you abundantly as you serve Him."

— Victor

"Thank you very much for your kind and practical help, sending these books to us here in Brazil. May The Lord bless you and all the team of Everyday Publications in all challenges to support many servants around the world! I know that's possible only by His precious grace and power! Sure I will email you to notify when the books arrive.

Many thanks again. With sincere true gratitude and love,
Alexandre & Geovana

*Josue Kabaku
Dachabo distributes
EPI Bibles and books!*



PROJECTS

1. CONGO SWAHILI TRANSLATION PROJECTS. The Lord's wisdom and help are urgently needed as we seek to manage and encourage two teams of translators working in the Congo. **Team # 1** is completing the third and final volume of the Believers Bible Commentary (New Testament) while **Team # 2** is translating the children's Bible Time Curriculum.

2. INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY BOOKS. Pray for this project team at EPI as they seek to develop and define the template that will be used to produce inductive Bible studies for every book in the Bible, designed to use only the Word of God, as illuminated by the Holy Spirit, as a study resource.



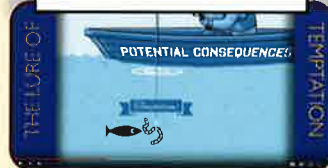
ABOVE AND BEYOND!

It is that time of the year when salesmen from various printing equipment manufacturers start to circle. We have had our printers for just over 4 years. The life expectancy of digital printers is usually about 5 years and if by reason of strength they be six or seven years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow. So far, we have enjoyed four virtually trouble-free years. Pray for many more.

— H. MacDougall

FEATURING SOME OF OUR BOOK TRAILERS (1 MINUTE VIDEOS TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME OF OUR BOOKS).

THE LURE OF TEMPTATION



HEAVEN



THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH



TECH CORNER

Pray as I upgrade our QuarkXpress Software. We use this software to meet our typesetting needs. LORD willing, in the next month, we will see the launch of the new EPI website. Pray for this transition. Pray as I am packing pallets for Kenya, Zimbabwe and Nigeria. These three projects will take me into the New Year keeping the warehouse very busy and full!

— Noel Bondt

To watch: Go to our site and press





PRAYER

1. PRAISE:

Praise the Lord for His faithful provision in September alone sent through 9 individuals, 6 assemblies, MSC and CMML.

2. PRAY:

Pray for those writing, translating and typesetting manuscripts, that the Lord would give help to "work with ease" and accuracy.

3. PONDER:

Ponder the great things the Lord has done in "feeding sheep" around the world. "How good is the God we adore"!

*—Compiled by
Barb MacDougall*



PRACTICAL

BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

Greetings from Nyankunde (DRC) in the Name of Jesus Christ our Savior. I come this morning to share with you some of news at our Bible school for this school year (2019-2020).

It's now three weeks since we started with activities at Emmanuel Bible School for this school year 2019-2020. This school year, we have: six first year couples, eight students in second year, and nine students in the third year class. We also have seven women learning to read and write which they must learn before we can teach them theology lessons. This school year, we have ten teachers. Glory be to God.

Please pray for some of students and their families who, due to war and losses, cannot pay tuition (\$1800). Also pray for the many medical needs among those attending our Bible School.

**Love in Christ, Josue Kabaku Dachabo,
Director of Emmanuel Bible School**

WISE WORDS

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



I counsel you to buy from me gold ... white clothes... and salve to put on your eyes' (Rev 3:18).

Our risen, glorified Christ counsels every Christian to buy these things. The word "buy" is not literal as spiritual items cannot be purchased with money. So what does Christ mean? We "buy" real gold by saving up treasures in Heaven (Mt 6:20). We "buy" white clothing by living righteous lives (Rev 19:8). We "buy" eye medicine by beholding the glory of the Lord (2 Cor 3:18). Is it time to update our spiritual shopping list today?



*Students from
Emmanuel
Bible School
in Nyankunde
(2019-2020)
D.R. CONGO*

ON OUR HEART: THE D.R. CONGO

WHAT GETS E.P.I. EXCITED?

— BY DON MACMULLEN —

Dr. Ed Harlow and Mrs. Gertrud Harlow founded EPI to make available readable commentaries, hymn books and the Congolese Swahili Bible.

We just had our board meeting for year 55! The board includes godly, prayerful assembly men who also serve in other high impact assembly ministries including Emmaus Correspondence International, Missionary Service Committee, Uplook and

Prison Ministries. Several men are assembly elders. Also involved in the board meetings are the members of our four exceptional families of the commended workers of EPI.

The board reviews the summaries of the work the Lord has done through EPI in that year. Last year, **216,000 books in 7 languages** were shipped to missionaries and local workers around the world. EPI's cost was just under \$400,000 **and the Lord paid it all.**

Over the last 5 years we have shipped **1,189,653 books ... most without charge.** The Lord has funded every book in advance. Most shipments are

intended for people who cannot afford the books, the Bibles, hymn books or commentaries but they "need and desire" to know the Lord better. The literature is **treasured** among their most valued possessions. Some assembly missionaries help with costs.

We believe these materials are read, shared and taught by many people over many years and impact generations for the Lord! **The Lord's Word does not return empty.**

Recently, 10 families graduated from Emmanuel Bible school, going off into the villages to teach and preach the Word of God. Along with the education they received, they

carried their EPI Bibles, hymn books and commentaries. The EPI literature will be their reference material for their remote ministries. These trained workers will preach the gospel and disciple people **in places we could not get to.**

One example of God using the literature in the Congo is when an evangelistic campaign was held and over 1,000 people attended. Over 100 were baptized! Each of the newly converted will receive a Bible and be disciplined using EPI materials. The Lord is using His Word and His people to bring many into His eternal kingdom for His glory! **That gets us excited!**



GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

school MINISTRIES

This project we have embarked on with School Ministries is a golden opportunity to reach young people with the gospel.

The long-term objective is to prepare 90 lessons to be covered over a 3-year program (30 lessons taught each year). The entire program encompasses: Why we can trust the Bible, God's special purpose for every person, and then coverage of the Old and New Testament events relative to their role in God's "Rescue Mission" called "The Gospel".

YEAR 1 **SCHOOL MINISTRIES**

UNIT THREE: "GOD'S AMAZING PLAN" | LESSON THREE

What We "Noah-Bout" God

Note: Title has changed from the original: "The Plan Afloat on a Boat"

BIG IDEA: God is holy and just, therefore He judges sin. But God is also loving so He always warns before He sends His judgment.

CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES: Begin to understand and articulate the Bible as one story by seeing the relationship of key Bible stories to the Redemptive Story [M.K.1]. Show the key elements of the Redemptive Story [M.K.2]. Identify the relationship of Jesus to the Gospel and to one's personal life [M.K.4].

INTRO ACTIVITY: BOARDING THE FLIGHT

TO GET: Jug, clear drinking glass, two tissues (kleenex), some small candies

TO DO: Fill the jug with water, enough to submerge the glass in upside down without the jug overflowing; on the jug, fasten a card reading "God's Judgment"

INTRODUCTION:
- Inform the students that you will be having a "Balance Showdown". They will each try to "outbalance" their partner.
- Get the students into pairs and say, "I want you to stand opposite your partner. When I say, 'Go,' begin to balance the book of your choice on the glass of water."

our Balance Showdown: Most of you thought I was being unfair. Why? Only because I did not make all the conditions clear before we started: I didn't tell you that there was an opportunity to get two candies instead of only one." Invite the students to share other examples of how they have seen this played out in their lives. Perhaps you, the teacher, have a personal story that is relevant.

"But, all the way through the Bible, we discover this truth about God: He always **WARNS** before He judges (unlike what I did in our game). He always lays out all His conditions and tells us exactly what we need to do so we can avoid His judgment. He does not want to send judgment. He wants to keep us from His wrath. Throughout all the ages, He has sent His messengers with one single purpose: **Hear the word I speak, and give them warning from Me!** (Ezek 3:17 NIV). In fact, this is the very reason why this program exists. We want students to be clearly aware of God's conditions

A "BOAT LOAD" OF... WARNING!

Name: _____

Read Genesis 8:6. Describe the condition of the world 1,000 years after the time of Adam.

Read Hebrews 11:7. Who is doing the warning? Who is being warned?

Read 2 Peter 2:5 and Genesis 6:3. Who is doing the warning? Who is being warned? How long did the warning last?

Read Hebrews 11:7 again. Of all the inhabitants of the earth at that time, how many people responded to the warning? Who were they?

Read Genesis 7:23. What was the **SENTENCE** for rejecting God's warning?

Read Genesis 7:16 and John 7:9. What's the connection?

FOR CHURCH 2: Create a poster that says "PRAY" in large letters. Write down the names of the people who are praying for you. Pray for them. Judgment is coming! EFFORT!

From One Student: "I liked looking up all the Bible verses and reading. That was good. I'm looking forward to this new unit and seeing how the events in the Old Testament fit into the timeline leading to the cross."

Teacher Feedback: "We took our first test this week on Units 1 and 2 (we have to generate a grade for each student in the class as it counts as an elective on their transcripts.) I was so encouraged by their tests! The worksheets were useful and easy for them to recall things we've learned along the way. I was most encouraged by their written journaling responses to several questions I put on the test based upon some of the lessons. They are 'getting it!' You would be so encouraged by the truths and promises and understanding they demonstrated in their test responses".

HOW THE PILOT PROGRAM WORKS

1. Each week, two lessons are written, edited and formatted. Activity pages are also created and edited.
2. PDF versions of the lessons are emailed to eight teachers across the U.S.
3. Lessons are taught and then teachers complete a thorough on-line survey providing feedback and suggestions for improvement. All feedback is collected and recorded by School Ministries in the form of a spreadsheet.
4. The lessons are immediately "tidied up" and prepared for the next batch of teachers who will teach the lessons. Then...
5. A final round of edits and ready to be printed in book format!

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GROWING

"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ..." - 2 Pet 3:18

THE GRIEVES BRINGING JOY

Emmaus Correspondences School, KENYA

ECS Kenya has been supplying study courses since 1952. They have Bible centres, prison work and a Diploma program. Since 2002 every prisoner who starts the second course gets a free Bible. EPI study books have been a great asset to Emmaus Kenya. This fall we are printing and shipping thousands of books to Kenya! Please Pray for much fruit in such a needy field.



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