

# Manna Publications

40-page Bible Teaching Commentaries in Easy English for translating & printing overseas

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### How a world-wide literature ministry meets local needs

*“Late last year I bought the book ‘Beginnings, Genesis 1–11’ by Mr Fred Morris. This book blessed my soul by the deep exposition in it... Our church is young and without a Bible expositor; therefore your help will go a long way in supporting our spiritual growth.”*



Fred Morris, author of  
Manna Bible commentaries

This testimony from Kenya is an example of feedback from booklets written by Australian-born missionary Fred Morris published under the imprint of Manna Publications. When he retired to the USA, God called Fred to meet the needs of literature-starved believers in the countries he had visited as a missionary. It was his experience that churches were (and still are) growing faster than trained pastors could provide sound foundational teaching. His vision was to provide low-cost, easy-English, self-teaching Bible commentaries for new converts and for other believers in remote places where there is a shortage of both teachers and teaching materials.

By the year 2000, Fred had completed much of his task of writing commentaries on all the books of the Bible and turned to volunteers in the UK who had easy-English experience through working with missions and businesses in former colonies. Manna Publications (UK) was set up in October 2000. In the first 22 years of the UK operation, 44 of the developing nations have printed 700,000 copies in over 1000 separate printings in 40+ languages (and some in Braille). God makes this possible through prayer partners and donors, who provide the start-up funds, and through part-time volunteers in the UK/USA with administration and publishing skills necessary for creating the 40-page Bible-teaching booklets to print and distribute at points of greatest need overseas. We are currently active in eleven countries through 20+ overseas publishers in Armenia, Burkina Faso, Congo D.R., Kenya, Malawi,

Mexico, Mozambique, Myanmar, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia..

The target readership is new Christians in Africa, South America and Asia who need basic foundational teaching in areas without trained teachers and suitable teaching materials. A typical printing is 500 or 1000 copies in stapled A5 format with low-cost covers. In this way, costs are kept low and the booklets can be produced and sold at affordable prices. Distributors are encouraged to insert their own publication details inside the back cover by including the words “Printed by... Distributed by...” The front cover usually includes a map of the country of printing. All this increases local acceptance and acceptance. No books are printed and sent out from the UK or USA. No money comes back to the UK or USA. By funding the printing at the point of need, this helps the local economy and encourages ownership. It also develops business and management skills in publishing, marketing, sales and distribution. In this way, new publishing ministries are established in the countries where the books are printed and distributed. We believe this is a unique form of literature ministry and is part of God’s vision given to Fred.

One important side effect of this ministry is that the use of easy-to-read plain English has made the translation into other languages quick and easy, with a higher level of theological accuracy. Manna workers in France and Portugal are now growing the ministry in French- and Portuguese-speaking Africa. Spanish translations for South America have been pioneered by Manna USA and are being used in Mexico and Spanish-speaking enclaves in Africa. Profits from sales are used to reprint further copies and to help pay travel expenses. In the poorest countries, the booklets are sometimes given away free. Printing costs are also subsidised by churches, missions and individuals in the UK/USA or by churches/missions in the country of origin. Manna Publications (UK) is non-profit making. All workers at home and abroad are unpaid volunteers.

Fred died in September 2018, aged nearly 94. He had seen his former missionary work blessed by God and grow in ways that he could never have imagined. **His ministry has been extended into online books and daily Bible devotions through the website, which are mobile-friendly.**

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**MISSION STATEMENT:** "Publishing the truth of God in countries and regions where literature is scarce or literacy is low or teachers are few."

**HOW?** "Through low-cost Manna Bible teaching commentaries in easy English for translating and printing overseas at the point of need."

**By arranging** publishing partnerships with overseas Christians, churches or missions, Manna Publications can help to meet the growing need for Bible teaching material in the following ways:

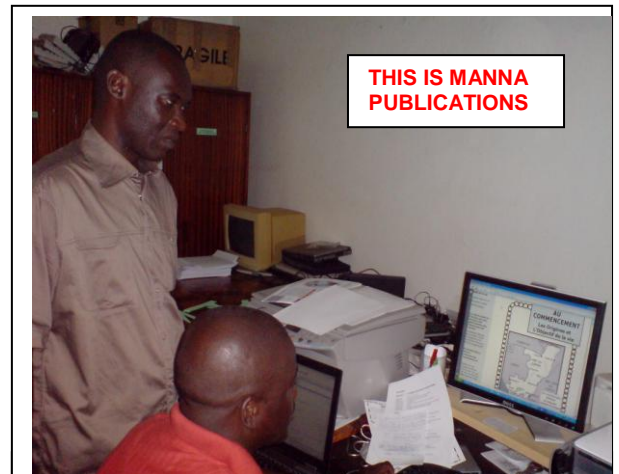
1. We supply by email ready-to-print pages (text with pictures) to trusted contacts overseas.
2. We help to pay for the first print runs, at the point of need.
3. We encourage "table top" sales of our books at affordable prices at meetings and in markets.
4. We encourage sales money to be put back into printing more copies for sale.

**To achieve this:**

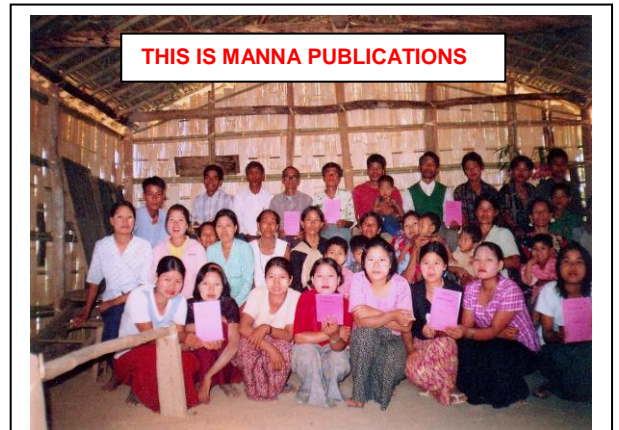
5. We prepare teaching material free of Western jargon, culture and idioms.
6. We use easy-to-read plain English, French, Spanish and Portuguese that is suitable for most cultural backgrounds.
7. This makes it easy to use second-language text books or translate accurately into local languages and dialects.

**This ministry provides additional benefits:**

8. The use of easy-to-read European languages also meets the demand of those who wish to improve their education for commercial and career development.
9. We generate employment and income for local printers and provide business experience for our distributors who publish and sell our books and arrange money transfers.
10. We encourage a "tent-making" attitude towards local publishing opportunities that can become self-supporting businesses whilst developing an evangelical literature ministry.
11. Titles are available on-line for printing or reading or translating in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese or books can be typeset in the UK using local translations.



works, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo



Young church members in the Chin Hills, NW Burma (Myanmar), holding up their Manna books

Also available as Bite-size Manna, large print and in Braille

Table top book sale after meetings in Malawi



Front cover of the Manna Publications Bible teaching commentary on Romans chapters 1 to 8 translated into easy French and printed in Bamenda, Cameroon, 2016.

