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You are invited to the 10th ANNUAL MANNA UK MEETING at New Life Christian Centre, Normanton Road, Derby, Sunday 7th November, 1.30pm – 3pm. Please join us at the morning meeting at 11am which will include prayer for the Manna team. Either bring a packed lunch or food can be purchased.

Our aim is to help people in developing countries start translating, printing and distributing their own Christian literature. Electronic copies of our booklets in ready-to-print form are sent out free of charge from the UK. Typically, £1/€1 donated in the UK/France pays for the printing of four 40-page Bible commentaries in a developing country. Manna is non-profit making and is staffed by unpaid volunteers.

Gifts can be sent by cheque to, David Page, 48 The Crescent, Kettering, Northants NN15 7HW, tel. 01536 483800, made payable to Manna Publications. If you are a UK income tax payer and wish us to reclaim the tax on your gifts then please make cheques payable to International Mission Project who will reclaim tax on our behalf (Registered Charity No. 1017386). Thank you.

MEDICAL UPDATE

Peter Skinner says thanks to everyone who upheld him in prayer during and after his operation at the end of May. Peter was able to personally thank his consultant on his review and hospital staff. Now Peter is waiting for daily radio therapy treatment in Derby to commence in August for four weeks. He will meet a specialist consultant at Mount Vernon hospital in Northwood, Middlesex on Monday 9th August and expects to spend two days in this hospital in September.

PRAYER POINTS

1. **Nigeria:** Publishers Sunday Akpan, Timothy Osinlu, and soon Okey
2. **Liberia:** John Wright's new plans
3. **Ethiopia:** Jacob Wayo printing in Sidama language
4. **Mozambique:** Chris Hemborough (printer) and Tannekan (distributor) and new readers of Portuguese and Chichewa books in MZ and Malawi
5. **Burma:** new translation and new readers in Dai and Burmese
6. **Pakistan:** Shehbaz in hiding
7. **Congo:** Umba's ministry in three languages: praise God for needs being met after years of war.
8. Plans for launching Manna books in the UK.
9. Plans to launch Manna teaching material on-line
10. Peter's health needs

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"...through the power of the Spirit, from Jerusalem all the way around to Illyricum [Kosova], I have fully proclaimed the gospel of Christ... I plan to do so when I go to Spain. (Romans 15:19,24)

Messengers of God were able to move easily around the world at the time of Paul by using the Roman roads and boats and speaking the common language of Greek at that time. It was a period of advanced communication. In 1990, ex-missionary Fred Morris established the concept of localised printing to meet the demand for Bible commentaries in the common language of English and to provide employment instead of shipping books out free from the USA. By selling Manna books at affordable prices, small publishing businesses were encouraged around the world and profits used to print more books.

Manna UK commenced operation in the year 2000 using Fred's books and guidelines. God has blessed the ministry which has grown each year to the point where this year the milestone was reached of a quarter of a million books printed in over 30 countries and in as many languages. Today, we live at such a time of advanced communication that, like Paul, there seems no limit to what can be achieved as long as we are led 'through the power of the Spirit' and God provides volunteers and funds. Our American colleagues have just commenced printing books in Spanish for Central America. Fred says, "It just goes and grows".

Now, as technology continues to advance and the pace of Manna ministry quickens, Peter and I seek more volunteers to take over administration that would otherwise stifle the growth and limit the new areas of activity. Currently, we are evaluating versions of our books in plain English for sale among immigrants and teenagers in the UK. We are also working on providing teaching material that can be read via the Internet on computers and mobile devices. We invite prayers and offers of help to follow wherever God leads. Under the direction and power of the Holy Spirit, the communication methods of today will enable us to encourage Christian brothers and sisters in the countries we now work in and many more beside. Like Paul, we have reached Kosovo and have plans for Spain....

David Page

A helping hand in NIGERIA

Sometimes new technology can be a drawback because our brethren overseas have had no training in computers. When **Sunday Akpan** received his Manna book via email from us for printing, neither he nor his printer knew how to open it.

Finally, missionary **Margaret Ita** opened the files on her new laptop.



Sunday's books

Printing could begin. Margaret has kindly brought samples of Sunday's books to Derby where she has come to see family. These samples are both a proof that designated money has

been used correctly and shows us the good quality of printing.

Sunday writes: "I have been able to sell about 200 copies to individuals and to bookshops. I am proud to be a Manna book distributor."

Pastor Okechukwu (Okey for short) a new distributor from Abia State is awaiting his first Manna book for distribution. He says "I have a Ministry that distributes gospel tracts, books, Bibles and tapes to schools, barracks, hospitals and other outlets called Peace Ministries International."

A new initiative in LIBERIA

John Wright has come up with a "package deal" with a local printer to print several books at the best price yet in his country. John

England in June and met both Peter Skinner and Bill Russell. The time spent together was mutually enjoyable and John is keen to

get books moving again.

He is planning to print 3000 more copies at 26p each, paying one third of this from his local sales money.

Moving on two fronts in ETHIOPIA

We are privileged in Ethiopia to have **Jacob Wayu** working for us, translating Manna books into Sidama language. He translated "Beginnings", the Manna Genesis Part 1 about two years ago. Now almost 95 percent of the books printed have been sold. Recently the Book of Mark was translated and that is ready for printing.

Translation work is progressing on Mark part 2 in Oromo language with **Zemen Endale** and the radio ministry team at Voice of Truth.

Cross-border work in MOZAMBIQUE and MALAWI

Friends at Mountain of Praise Church are distributors for Manna Publications and want to express their appreciation to **Juliano Seranga** (Reading) for translations into Portuguese and to **Miguel Martins** in Portugal who checked them. As Miguel has become busy with his present commitments, **Camica Hemborough** in Mozambique is offering to take on this task in future. Her husband,



John Wright

Chris, prints our books. He says that Mark 1-8 commentary in Portuguese has been bought by various ministries training pastors mainly in the Sofala area.

500 copies of the Chichewa Acts 1-12 were printed in Mozambique and 400 were bought by Mountain of Praise Church in Malawi. Pastor Gent was very pleased to receive these books since there were no other affordable training materials.

Publishing in BURMA (MYANMAR)

"We preach and share the good news in Myanmar" says Mr Daw "where you will find 114 different languages and cultures! I look forward to a continued partnership with you as we use the newly printed Dai translation of Mark Commentary among the Dai people."

'Ruth' reports that the Burmese version of Mark is nearly twice as big as the English (due to the script) and as a result funds allocated allowed only the first part of Mark to be printed. This is being distributed to many churches. Mark part 2 may have to wait till next January to be published.

Persecution in PAKISTAN

Two Christian brothers in Pakistan were shot dead by unidentified gunmen on July 19 in Faisalabad moments after they'd attended a trial hearing for charges of blasphemy against the prophet Mohammed. This has led Christians to flee Waris Pura, a Christian suburb of Faisalabad, "for the fear of anti-Christian violence, as the local mosque has launched action against Christians." Manna publisher **Shehbaz** and his adopted family also had to flee their home and

go into hiding. Earlier Shehbaz reported: "We were able to sell total 650 books during the last two months. Please continue to pray for our evangelical team that is working hard to spread Manna books in Pakistan especially for protection as they distribute books. Thank you for your prayers. We are thankful to you for providing these books which also give a little bit of income to God's people. This is in fact doing business God's way. I will be glad to contribute \$132 (50% of the sales money) towards next printing of Genesis part 4."

Naeem our other Pakistan publisher was able to deliver 250 copies each of Genesis 1 and Acts 1 in Urdu. He says "It was a good visit and we had a good chat regarding Manna's work in Pakistan."

Books reach Basongeland CONGO

"I was so delighted when various booklets were printed in French, Kiluba and Kisongye" writes Manna publisher **Pastor Umba wa Bond Kazadi**. "All booklets in Kisongye (Acts Part 1 & 2) and the French versions (2000 copies) were sent to our friend Pastor Kakudji of Christian Brethren Assembly in Kongolo and in Mbulula, where this language is spoken. They were so glad to get these boxes of books as it was also the time of their Annual Conference, which gathers different Christians from various areas of north Katanga and Maniema provinces. I was so amazed to receive calls even from those I do not know. They expressed their thanks to God who is enabling Christian literature in Kisongye to reappear again [after the civil war] proving that there is a great hunger for Christian literature in their language."