

It's time for another review of a few of our project areas around the world.

AUSTRALIA. At the moment Australia continues to be a difficult area in which to work. The paper continues to hold its own but one gets the feeling it is becoming more difficult to encourage and inspire churches to think about using a newspaper to share the gospel.

I realise this may be part of the changing environment in terms of technology and so on.

Please pray for the main edition for 2016, that God will give us wisdom in how we put it together, what we do with it in terms of promotion and development, and seeing people get a vision for its use.

SOUTH AFRICA. This is the largest hub we have, producing about two million newspapers each year out of Johannesburg. This consists of doing Main, Prison and Military editions, into 10 countries at the moment, including South Africa, Malawi, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Zambia, Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique.

Our prayer is that we would continue to see growth in the MAIN edition of the paper in South Africa as this has plateaued at around 200,000 papers every two months.

The PRISON edition is without doubt the most fruitful edition we generate in South Africa and beyond. We are seeing somewhere in the vicinity of 300-400 responses. We thank the Lord for funding provision, and we pray we might be able to continue to disciple new converts. The praise point is we are discipling somewhere around 32,500 prisoners in South Africa, which has a prison population of about 200,000.

The MILITARY edition will be produced three times in 2016, with distribution into military bases in nine countries.

Please pray for the ongoing finances for the South African hub, which has been suffering a down turn in giving. We would appreciate Christian businesses, farmers, churches and individuals to give to this project. Please pray for Cobus and Christa Britz as they promote and develop the work in South Africa.

USA & CANADA. Andrew Trezona is our USA director, labouring there now for four years, producing Main, Prison and Hispanic editions.

Pray for Andrew, as he needs wisdom in how to promote and develop not only the Main edition but also the Prison edition which is now into five States. We are seeing somewhere around 400 prisoner responses annually. We have to find sponsorship for this edition because the prison authorities will not put any budget towards a religious tool like Challenge. So pray God will raise up givers to help us go into all the 50 States' prisons.

The other edition we are doing, meeting with minimal success, has been the Hispanic edition. It is difficult to get churches thinking and motivated as to how to reach the Hispanic population, and even getting Spanish-speaking people to reach their own people has proved difficult. We are also sending papers through mission teams to Central America.

Please pray for finances that are needed to get the USA self-funded, and the finances to meet the printing, production and distribution of the paper. Pray for the Lord's continued provision and care for the Trezona family and the staff we have there.

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NEW EDITIONS. It has been encouraging to see a development we had not anticipated: a Spanish edition of the paper for Cuba. Andrew Trezona visited Cuba in 2015 and got permission from the Eastern Baptist Churches as well as the Cuba Council of Churches to produce the paper. Considering Cuba has been under communist rule since 1959, this was something we had not anticipated. Like all things God has a sense of humour because although the government tried to close down the church, it has a huge home-church movement which now numbers in excess of 40,000. These churches are hungry for tools and literature to help gossip the gospel. Pray the Lord will provide the funding to produce 80,000 papers quarterly for 2016 and bi-monthly in 2017. This project cannot proceed without additional specific funding.

We are also hopeful of a new Spanish edition for Peru, where *SCORE International* has been able to arrange two businessmen to help sponsor the printing of the paper. This is a first for us, as the request is usually for the paper at no cost. So having godly businessmen who are willing to get behind this project is immensely encouraging indeed.

GOOD NEWS, UK. A partner in getting out the gospel to Northern Ireland and the UK but working independent of us. We are keen to formalise a partnership so we can think about moving into Europe with the Challenge

newspaper. Europe is a place of such enormous need.

Pray with us that God would open doors to get French and Spanish editions of the paper to start with. The needs of Europe was brought home to me recently when a good friend told me that some 30,000 towns and villages in France have absolutely no Christian witness whatsoever, which I found unbelievable. Please pray, as we are asking the Lord to provide for us in this way to help us through the UK partner to get the gospel into Europe.

HOME STAFF. Another area of prayer is for staff needs. We require a part time book-keeper for Challenge to help operate the books, as well as a replacement Editor for myself so I can concentrate on promotion, development and fundraising for the work. So we would value your prayer for these particular areas of needs for 2016.

CARL CARMODY, EDITOR OF CHALLENGE



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