

PRAYER & PRAISE Country Updates

Challenge's mission statement is to publish a quality evangelistic newspaper to encourage and help Christians to share their faith in co-operation with the local church.

The paper is produced in four different formats being main, prison, military and language editions.

PRAISE the Lord for:

- ★ The positive feedback we have received from a number of churches and individuals who are using the paper as their primary evangelistic tool
- ★ Our fantastic writers who contribute monthly to the Challenge newspaper. Having articles that are engaging as well as informative and challenging are vital
- ★ The many faithful supporters who pray tirelessly for the Challenge ministry and staff
- ★ His continued protection of the Challenge building, equipment and staff as they travel to and from work each day
- ★ A wonderful gift received towards a replacement vehicle for Challenge

We work with local ministries to complement what they are about, and aim to strengthen their arm in the area of evangelism; finding this works extremely well as we have the follow up and discipleship in place.

South Africa/Zimbabwe/Botswana - South Africa continues to be our biggest hub where we print papers for around 13-14 different African nations with our main and prison editions of the paper. Our military edition goes into 12 different countries on its own. Out of this hub we produce around two million papers per year. We continue to know the Lord's blessing particularly with our prison edition where we are seeing some great things happening with the past year seeing just under 10,000 responses to the gospel. We work closely with our partners to do the follow up with discipleship material to see prisoners established in their faith and prison church life. Other African countries who have enquired about paper distribution include Liberia, Nigeria and Kenya.

We continue to have a strong presence in **Malawi**. We partner with an Indian couple Ananda and Grace Pula and their two children. We produce a main Chichewa/English edition (60,000 papers) every three months and these are distributed throughout Malawi with a growing presence into various prisons. There are 27 prisons in Malawi with an inmate population over 18,000+. The response from prison distribution is overwhelming and exciting. Again, we provide discipleship books, plus a Bible and ongoing contact so at the time of their release people are grounded and strong in their faith.

Canada – This edition continues to grow steadily as we work with a Southern Baptist group called Toronto Church Planters (53 in total) in and around Toronto. At present we produce 15,000 copies each two months, used predominately in door to door and street ministry etc. We also have access to 100 different prisons whereby each prison is getting 25 papers as a test run, and we hope we can expand that to all 300 prisons in Canada.

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We partner with Crossroads Prison Ministry who do all the follow up work which is a real blessing. It is so important that new believers are given the opportunity and material to grow them strong in their faith.

Australia – We are seeing a resurgence of this edition with a monthly print run of 30,000 papers. We are hopeful of re-commencing our prison edition of Challenge early 2019 with around 5,000 distributed every quarter. We are partnering with Prison Fellowship Australia and Crossroad Prison Ministries who will undertake follow up and discipleship.

UK – Our sister newspaper **goodnews-paper.org.uk** continues to have a strong impact with a distribution of 80,000 newspapers per month. We work together with the goal of entering Europe with the gospel through the Challenge newspaper in the not too distant future. We are waiting on the

Lord to provide us with a like-minded partner organisation to assist us in the venture.

PRAYER needed for:

- ★ The important contacts made (45 in total) on a recent deputation trip to New South Wales
- ★ The continued unity among all aspects of the Challenge ministry from the Board, staff and volunteers as we work together to reach the lost
- ★ The continued growth of our Australian edition of Challenge. Whilst we are seeing great things happening overseas our burden for Australia has not diminished.
- ★ Upcoming trip to South Africa for Carl as he works with Cobus Britz promoting and developing the South African editions. He will also be involved in the REAP Conference which attracts around 500 church leaders from up to 15 African countries
- ★ Christmas editions into Australia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Malawi, and USA

USA – The most fruitful edition in the USA is our prison edition where we print around 30,000 papers every two months. We are in the process of promoting into another 800-900 prisons. We have a vital presence already in 300 prisons. The responses we are getting from prisons is encouraging with a figure of just on 1000 responses in 2017. Our main and Hispanic editions of Challenge are struggling to get traction at the moment so we need much prayer to promote and develop these editions further.

We continue to work closely with a Christian organization in the USA **Hands Against Hunger** which provide orphans and vulnerable children with high protein food, water purification and the Good News – nourishing the body and the soul which is a real privilege as we get the paper into various places around the globe. It has been encouraging to be able to do a number of Creole editions for the Island of Haiti that is still battling to get back on its feet.

A number of countries interested in the Spanish edition include Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua and Spain. We continue to wait for the Lord to open the door to these opportunities.

{ CARL CARMODY
EDITOR CHALLENGE }



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