

Thank you to churches and individuals who pray for our work. Over the last 42 years I have learnt, and re-learn, that unless we pray, we can be working and striving to achieve certain goals, but end up going nowhere. We are very thankful to the Lord for His ongoing faithfulness to the Challenge ministry.

**AUSTRALIA** – We continue to see new orders coming in bit by bit as we gain new ground and this certainly was brought home to me with a print run for Christmas 2023 of over 50,000. We facilitated four Impact trips (Carnarvon, Broome, Boyup Brook and our yearly Impact Africa Mission) last year with some amazing results.

- We **praise** the Lord for the appointment of Alison Henderson who has taken on the role of promotion in South Australia. I am looking forward to working with her this year to promote the paper throughout South Australia. We **praise** the Lord for the appointment of Harriet Coombe as the new Editor for Challenge. Harriet has worked at Challenge as a journalist since 2021 and I am grateful for her people skills and work ethic and the joy she brings to the job. I will continue on in the role of CEO but I am now free to dedicate more time to promotion and development.
- **Pray** for our production team as they seek God's direction for each edition. **Pray** for continued growth of the paper for Australia. **Pray** for each seed paper that is handed out.

**SOUTH AFRICA** – Population 60+ million; Director Ilse Beukes. South Africa continues to be our biggest hub with distribution of 200,000 main edition x6 per year. This hub also distributes papers to Zimbabwe and Malawi.

- **Pray** for Ilse and her husband Cobus as they continue to promote and develop the work. **Pray** for the continued growth of the paper. **Pray** for the ongoing supply of testimonies. We also produce a **Prison** edition (55,000) x6 per year, partnering with World Hope Prison Ministries, distributing the paper to 252 prisons where 220,000 prisoners reside. We work closely with World Hope in providing discipleship material plus Bibles to see prisoners established in their faith. **Pray** for continued open doors into the different prisons. **Pray** new believers will be established and encouraged in their walk with Jesus.

We produce a **Military** edition x2 per year and distribute 30,000 to 12 countries (a few being Angola, Portugal, Brazil, Mozambique). **Pray** for ongoing funding for this project. **Pray** for others to come on board to help Peter and Di Louwrens with the distribution of this edition.

**ZIMBABWE** – Population 16+ million. This edition has just recommenced with our first print run of 10,000 papers as of December 2023. It has been a difficult situation trying to get Zimbabwe back up and running after Covid, and also with the passing of Jabulani Mudenda who ran the ministry we partnered with. We have commenced another partnership with Maxwell Chipenzi who does a lot of work within the various prisons in Zimbabwe.

- **Pray** we can increase production of the paper back to 50,000 every two months. **Pray** for the effective distribution, follow up and funding for this project.

**MALAWI** – Population 21 million. Malawi is a country that has proven to be very hard ground in terms of partnerships. We continue to work in Blantyre with Ananda and Grace Pula where we produce 30,000 papers x3 per year. On a recent trip we have forged another relationship with senior pastor

Vincent Chirwa at Blantyre Baptist Church. We have also met with Kondwani Elias who does a lot of work in Zomba prison (the largest prison in Malawi). We are hopeful that these partnerships will help us spread the gospel further.

- **Pray** as we continue to forge partnerships with other ministry organisations to strengthen our presence in Malawi. **Pray** for Kondwani as he begins to use the paper in prisons; that there will be a great response.

**KENYA** – Population 55+ million; we produce 20,000 papers x4 per year. We work with Lazarus and Jane Kisau (Emmas Bible Correspondence) who visit all 107 prisons across Kenya and deal with a prison population of around 120,000 prisoners. Our partnership continues to work well and we are encouraged to have the paper and discipleship notes that really fit in well with what EBC is already doing to strengthen their arm further.

- **Pray** for the EBC team as they continue to work with prison authorities. **Pray** for much needed funding for this project

**USA** - Population 335 million; Director Andrew and Karen Trezona. We produce 5,000 main edition x6 per year; 26,000 prison edition x6 per year; 5,000 Spanish edition x4 per year. The USA office has been encouraging from the point of view of prisons where we access close to 350 prisons. We provide papers for chaplains and also work with Crossroad Prison Ministries who do all the follow up and stay connected once prisoners are released. The Spanish edition continues to go well. The door has finally opened for the papers to go into Cuba and we are looking to get the paper into Belize and Guatemala and would like to see papers going into Mexico as well. We need to find the right partnerships to make this work.

- **Pray** for finances for prison edition to be able to send more papers to chaplains. **Pray** for the right partners for various countries with Spanish edition.

**PHILIPPINES** – Population 117+ million; we produce 50,000 several times per year. We continue to work with our partner organisation Atin. This edition commenced in 2022 with a print run of 10,000. From there each edition increased by 10,000 with our last distribution being 50,000 papers. Unfortunately we hit a snag where Atin has been unable to raise the necessary funding to continue producing the paper. This is an issue we deal with regularly where the interest is huge but the funding is inadequate to keep the project going.

- **Pray** for Kevin and Sam Taffurelli as they continue to promote and develop the work of Atin from Australia. **Pray** for finances to allow the paper to be printed.

**Proposed new editions** - We have an opportunity of producing a fully funded Indonesian edition. We are working at the moment to get articles in place which is proving rather difficult. We are looking at a print run of 50,000 papers for Indonesia on a quarterly basis. **Pray** for ongoing content for this edition.

*As we enter 2024 we are looking to the Lord for future direction. There are many areas that we see Challenge moving into and we desire that our focus be wholly directed to where the gospel speaks to the needs of the lost. The Challenge newspaper reaches into nations, communities and prisons. We reply upon God's provision and guidance as to where He wants the Good News to be shared.*

Please pray with us.

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