

What an amazing year it has been here at Challenge. We are in awe of all the Lord has done through this ministry to glorify Himself and to bring the hope of the gospel to many around the world. Here is a brief overview of some of the areas we are working in.

Australia: We continue to sit at a print run of 30,000 each month. I had the opportunity to promote the paper in South Australia and Victoria this year and had an encouraging response. We also had another Impact Broome trip with a team of 11 spending 9 days engaging in door to door and street ministry working with two local churches. **Pray** for continued growth of this edition. **Pray** for God's wisdom and direction for each edition we produce

South Africa: South Africa continues to be our largest hub where we produce 200,000 papers every two months. Our directors there (Cobus and Ilse Beukes) do an outstanding job with promotion and development of the paper. They have a desire to develop the work of Challenge not only in South Africa but into other countries like Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and so on. This edition of the paper is bilingual containing stories in English/Zulu/Afrikaans. **Pray** with us as we seek the right partners to work within these various countries. **Pray** for Cobus and Ilse as they continue to grow the paper throughout South Africa and beyond.

South Africa Prisons: We work with World Hope Prison Ministry and produce 65,000 of the prison edition every 2 months going into most of the 252 prisons throughout South Africa. Responses from this edition range from 400-1000 each month. **Pray** for the effective distribution of the paper through our facilitators who work with the chaplains in each prison. **Pray** for five quality new facilitators in the prisons across South Africa. **Pray** with us for ongoing funding for the supply of Bibles given to each new convert.

Malawi: At this stage the project into Malawi is on hold as we are endeavouring to negotiate with a couple of new partners for the ongoing work of Challenge in Malawi. We have been working in Malawi for many years but unfortunately the ministry there has had a change of direction so that has left us struggling to do the distribution of the paper particularly into prisons. Please **pray** that negotiations with these new partners will bear fruit and the effective distribution of the paper will continue. Please **pray** for the ongoing supply of Bibles in Chichewa to meet the need in both the community and prisons.

Kenya: We continue to produce a Kenyan edition twice a year with a print run of 20,000. We partner with EBC (Lazarus Kisau) in Kenya and Genesis Aid based in Perth. We distribute the paper across Kenya's prisons which stands at 107. The number behind bars is around 80,000 and we are **praying** the Lord will give us entree into all 107 prisons in the country. We have provided discipleship notes which will help each new believer get a sure footing in their faith. This has proved very effective in being able to disciple and nurture new converts. **Pray** the paper will continue to be an effective tool in reaching out across Kenyan prisons and into the local population.

Zimbabwe: We have had many ups and downs working with people in-country and found it very difficult to get a reliable partner who can distribute the paper wisely. As a result, we have started producing

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a Zimbabwe edition to be used in South Africa itself. There are quite a lot of Zimbabwe churches in South Africa who are keen to get an edition in their own language. Our desire is to also get back into Zimbabwe with the right partner so please **pray** with us.

United States: We continue to produce three editions – main, prison and Hispanic. The **main** edition struggles at 5,000 every two months. The **prison** edition continues to thrive where we produce 25,000 papers every two months into some 300 prisons. **Pray** for the necessary funding required to supply chaplains with the Challenge. We work with Crossroads Prison Ministry who continue to do a fantastic job with discipleship and follow up which is vital for new converts. The **Hispanic** edition continues to grow with about 15,000 papers per quarter going into Cuba. We are working with Go & Tell ministry headed up by Victor and Marcia Gonzalez who do an outstanding job. We are looking to send across the discipleship booklets for them to use for follow-up. **Pray** for the finances to be able to develop and expand the work in the USA with these three editions. **Pray** for the team working in the office and all the volunteers who help to get each edition out into the community, prisons and beyond.

Philippines: This edition started back in late 2021 with an initial print run of 10,000. We now produce 50,000 papers three times per year. God has been faithful in providing financial support for this edition and we continue to work with Kevin and Sam Taffurelli as they head up this ministry. **Pray** for wisdom for Kevin and Sam as they look to expand distribution of the paper throughout the Philippines.

Military: This edition continues to go well with 30,000 papers being produced three times per year; distributing across several countries in various languages. Peter and Di Louwrens head this work and recently attended a conference in Brazil to promote the Military edition into different countries. We are **praying** we can continue to develop this project giving us entry into many more countries.

Future projects: 1. Indonesia. We were approached in 2023 with a request to produce an Indonesian edition. This edition will be fully funded but we have struggled to obtain testimonies to suit the need. **Praise** the Lord stories and articles are beginning to come in so we will look to start early 2025 producing this edition. **Pray** for our production team as they deal with another language edition. **Pray** for a great response as this edition is distributed.

2. Nigeria. As a team we have been quietly praying for God's timing regarding this edition where we will look to produce up to 500,000 papers per quarter. Obviously, this is a massive project, and the money required to facilitate the print run would be difficult so we are praying the Lord will open a door for us. Recently we heard back from the leadership team informing us they were negotiating with a printer who might consider printing the paper at no cost and shipping it to Nigeria for the EBC (Emmaus Bible Correspondence) work. **Pray** we will be able to produce this paper once a quarter for Nigeria.

As you can see there is a lot happening, so we need much prayer for our work. We are thankful to the Lord for His hand of blessing upon Challenge in all that is being done and we thank Him for His goodness, and pray we can continue to grow the work across the globe in the coming years.

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