

Using WMP Booklets in Restricted Countries

Transcript of video message by Peter Hammond

This year Frontline Fellowship is celebrating 30 years of God's faithfulness in provision, protection, and guidance in the war zones of Africa. And World Missionary Press has been with us from the very first mission. In fact, WMP booklets have been an essential part of every Frontline Fellowship mission trip, from Cape Town in the south all the way through Mozambique and Angola and Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi; all the way up through Tanzania and Rwanda, to Uganda and Kenya and to Sudan, into Nigeria and the Congo.

We *praise God* for World Missionary Press gospel booklets. They are *exactly* what are needed. They are compact, they are lightweight, and they are Scriptural—*50 pages* of Scripture in lightweight booklets, 550 gospel booklets in every box, each box under five kilograms. *Perfect* for our saddlebags, for our backpacks, for crossing rivers in dugout canoes, for going in on motorbikes, and for carrying on our backs through the Nuba Mountains behind enemy lines in Sudan.

World Missionary Press gospel booklets were with me on my very first mission 30 years ago into Marxist Mozambique. The country was at war. I had just come out of the army. Our Bible study and prayer fellowship was praying for our enemies—the countries we were at war with—and I was going behind the lines with the Scriptures. And I had a 250cc off-road motorbike, and in my saddlebags were World Missionary Press gospel booklets in Portuguese and in Shangaan. And I was going right into those areas in southern Mozambique.

Our first church service lasted thirteen hours. The people said, “You are the first visitor we’ve had since the revolution!” It was exciting. It was tremendous! But the most exciting, impactful moment was to see the people’s reaction when they were given gospel booklets. People fell on their knees. They *wept*. People danced for *joy* to receive the Word of God. Time and again I’ve heard, “This is the greatest gift anyone could’ve asked for—the Word of God *in our own language!*” So I’ve had this privilege many, many times. It’s wonderful.

It’s a great privilege to be God’s messenger to deliver these things, and so often we think of “how beautiful on the mountains are the feet of him that brings good news.” We are just your messengers. We are the ones who are delivering. We are the ones who are able to benefit and be blessed by this material.

But I want to personally *thank God* for everybody involved in World Missionary Press—your intercessors, your supporters, the workers, the printers, the people who typeset and shape, the people who package and ship—everyone who makes the organization to enable these containers to get to their destinations. And we always rejoice and praise God when WMP shipments come in. And it’s a cause of great rejoicing because you’re providing us with the spiritual *ammunition* that we need for the spiritual world war of world views.

Africa is a continent-in-conflict. We are seeing Islam in the north, communism in the south, witchcraft in the middle. Africa is a continent where there is a battle for the soul of the continent. And we see the Church under severe persecution. In northern Nigeria and Sudan, many parts of Zimbabwe, Christians are suffering severely. But the Word of God is going in and strengthening these believers, and you’re having a key part in this.

So, from the very beginning, WMP booklets have been our first choice because they are *exactly* what you want to take in when weight is a factor. We want lightweight, compact Scriptural materials, and WMP provides that. Many a time I've walked up and down the Nuba Mountains in South Kordofan, an island of Christianity in a sea of Islam. And when you're *carrying* everything, you're glad when the gospel message is compact, lightweight, and WMP booklets provide us with exactly what we need. I must say one of the joys of gospel distribution—when you're traveling on foot—is the more you evangelize, the lighter your load gets!

Thank you so much for providing us with the spiritual ammunition, for being behind us for 30 years. **World Missionary Press is the most important provider of Scriptural materials for those involved in missions on the front line in Africa.** From the bottom of our heart, from all of us in Frontline Fellowship, and from all the churches that we serve, thank you and may God bless and continue to multiply the ministries of World Missionary Press.

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