

Shining the Light of the Gospel in India

FOUR GOSPEL IS VEILED, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." –2 Corinthians 4:3b-4

Project India

When WMP president Harold Mack and Board director Dean Crowder visited India in 2014, they returned with an enlarged burden for the teeming masses of people without Christ, blinded by the god of this age. Yet it was confirmed again that God uses His Word to redeem the lost, give hope to the hopeless, and dramatically change lives. **"The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple"** (Psalm 119:130).

It was our Creator God, who **"commanded light to shine out of darkness,"** who shined in our hearts **"to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"** (2 Corinthians 4:6). How could we shine more of that Life-giving light into 1.2 billion lives in India? How could World Missionary Press, strained to meet commitments to distributors around the world, provide ABUNDANTLY MORE of His Word to the most ethnically diverse nation on earth, with more than 2,200 people groups, 447 languages, and hundreds of thousands of villages? Half of the unreached people groups in the world are in India.

A vision for Project India was born: To challenge new contacts to be involved in printing 100,000,000 Scripture booklets for India at a cost of \$3,000,000 over three years. With this in mind, another trip to India was planned for late February to accomplish three things:

- Capture on high-quality video how God is using Scripture booklets in India to transform lives and the urgent need for huge quantities;
- To meet with major ministry leaders in North India regarding the use of WMP Scripture booklets;
- To visit three recommended print shops in North India regarding possible future printings of WMP Scripture booklets.

Harold Mack, Andrew Beverly, and videographer Jordan Crowder arrived in Chennai where they were met by India Bible Literature Director E. Velayuthyam (Velu). They first visited a print shop which has been doing a lot of WMP's contract printing in South India (photo below). Currently it is working on printing three million booklets: Help From Above, The Way to God, and The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ. A second print shop visited was printing and has now just completed production of one million How to Know God booklets.



India Bible Literature, WMP's national coordinator for many years, receives containers from WMP and also manages WMP's contract printings in India. They are responsible to fill requests for WMP Scripture booklets coming from ministries/distributors throughout India requests coming directly to them, as well as requests forwarded from us.

Later the three met up with a team from Serve India Ministries, which included an evangelistic family Dean and Harold had met on their previous trip. With a zeal for reaching others with the Good News, they have a unique approach. The family goes into a village and sets up a music system in a public area. The daughter dances to Christian songs, drawing a crowd. The father then preaches a message, after which they hand out Scripture booklets. This often results in new Christians and a new church. To date they have shared the gospel in more than 100 villages.

Every Home Crusade in Chennai operates a prayer center used by prayer warriors from throughout the city. Harold shared in a time of devotions before heading out to visit a new house church in one village and accompany the EHC team on distribution outreaches in three villages.

The Story of a Fisherman

While Harold spent the day with EHC, Brother Ebey from Serve India Ministries (SIM) and two others escorted Jordan and Andrew to a fishing village several hours away. Ebey had arranged with believers in the village to share their testimonies and act out their stories for video. Earlier he had told them the story of the fisherman who came to Christ through a Scripture booklet which he had initially rejected. When he then shared Christ with his family, they all believed. His brother-in-law had been crippled by demons and unable to walk. The local pastor cast the demons out, and the man was able to walk again. Both the man and his wife soon came to Christ after this healing.

Now the fisherman and his brother-in-law work together on their fishing boat catching fish, crabs, and shrimp to provide for their families. They took Andrew and Jordan out on their fishing boat with his family to record their testimonies while Ebey translated. An extra special blessing was that the brother-in-law and his wife were both baptized beside the boat while they filmed. That was not planned by Ebey, but it was planned by God. What a blessing!

Another reenactment involved a man who slammed the door in the face of an evangelist passing out Scrip-

ture booklets. However, the young man's son took one of the booklets and trusted Christ. His father then became very ill and unable to work. The son would sit at the foot of his father's bed and read the Scripture booklet to him. He then brought the pastor to his home to pray for his father. His father was healed, and turned to Christ. His wife also became a believer.

North India

The team flew to New Delhi, a city of more than 18 million in North India. Harold presented the ministry of World Missionary Press to leaders of 16 major ministries gathered by Trans World Radio. These were ministries with networks of pastors numbering from hundreds to tens of thousands. One can

please pray

- that God will prepare hearts in India for the light of the gospel to shine into them as millions of Scripture booklets are distributed and received by interested readers.
- that God will provide all the resources needed for Project
 India over the next three years (abundance of wisdom, funding, and volunteer distributors).
- for God's anointing on printings of Scripture booklets in India and on shipments in transit.

only imagine how many Scripture booklets these ministries could use over time! (continued on page 3)



Shipment Status Report

Shipped	In transit	Customs	Received
Guyana - major	distributor - received 3/4/16		
Venezuela - coo	ordinator - received 3/16/16		
USA - major dis	tributor - received 2/17/16		
Gabon - major o	listributor - shipped 7/22/15		
Haiti - major dis	tributor - shipped 11/11/15		
Central African	Republic - major distributor - shipped 1	2/29/15	
India - major dis	stributor - shipped 2/2/16		
Zambia - coordi	inator - shipped 2/11/16		
Ghana - major	distributor - shipped 2/23/16		
India - major dis	stributor - shipped 2/26/16		6
Central African	Rep coord shipped 3/9/16		
Rwanda - coord	linator - shipped 3/10/16		- AV
India - coordina	tor (Bhutan) - shipped 3/17/16		K K
Paraguay - majo	or distributor - shipped 3/29/16		

Shipping soon: India, Argentina, Costa Rica, Mexico, Spain, Peru

OneHope Board member Dave B. and Tom H., Vice President of Global Operations, who are involved with printing the Book of Hope in many languages for worldwide distribution and do extensive printing in India, had recommended two printers in Delhi as possible contractors for future WMP printings in the north of India. WMP Coordinator Brother Velu (IBL) recommended a third printer. Based in North India, these printers are also able to export printed materials into Nepal—a capability Harold had long been searching for. It was a joy to visit their plants and talk over possibilities for the future.

It was obvious that God had heard all the prayers going up for this strategic trip, answering and abundantly blessing beyond what was even hoped. God's Word predicts "a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne" (Revelation 7:9). How many millions will be from India? "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined" (Isaiah 9:2). Find out more about Project India on the website implemented by Andrew: www.myprojectindia.org.

For more on the India trip and Project India, go to <u>www.wmpress-restofthestory.org</u> or scan the QR code. 🚭



[You can shine God's light in India by your involvement or by sharing Project India with a friend. As God puts it on the hearts of current partners to "extend their reach" by giving above and beyond, and as new partners learn of and join our efforts, with God's help our goal of 100 million booklets for India within three years will be realized.]

Grateful Quotes

Reaching refugees in North Dakota

"We have a rather large neighborhood of refugees and immigrants in Fargo, North Dakota. These are a few of the languages of the people there: Soomaali, French, Swahili, Arabic, Tigrinya, Serbian, Nepali, and Amharic. A couple months ago I called your ministry and worked with a wonderful lady who sent me Help from Above booklets in about 20 different languages, and the above are the languages that need restocking. Your ministry is WONDERFUL! May God continue to bless it in Jesus' name.

"I learned about WMP about seven years ago from a couple that came to Salisbury, North Dakota, and did a talk at our church. I held onto the information I got that night and have discovered that I now need your ministry to reach out to neighbors in Fargo. Thank you."

-Marci F., North Dakota

Meet the Team

Randy B. Electronic Formatting Specialist

I came to WMP more than 33 years ago after hearing about it from my aunt who lives in Oklahoma. A friend of hers was volunteering at WMP, and when my aunt mentioned



my desire to work in Christian ministry, the friend informed Watson Goodman of my interest. Consequently, he sent me an application and, after reviewing it, offered me a position in the prepress department. Initially I turned the position down, but the Lord had other plans. I could not get WMP out of my mind.

About two months later, I hesitantly called Watson to ask if he would reconsider me for the position there; however, he had hired someone for the job he had offered earlier, and no suitable job was available. Still, when I hung up, I knew God was calling me there and vowed to go if the Lord ever made it possible. Four days later, Watson called, offering me a position in the same department as before and I accepted whole-heartedly.

Typesetting was quite a change from packing eggs on a chicken farm in Pennsylvania! I learned various aspects of the process of preparing Scripture booklets for printing in new languages and loved the variety of work. While serving as prepress supervisor for 26 years, I saw many changes in prepress technology. My current position at WMP involves scanning translations from the pre-computer era into digital format to be used on our website and in the direct-to-plate system now being used. This involves hundreds of languages.

What I like best about WMP are my co-workers, who have been so supportive in many ways, especially by prayer and encouraging words. Also, how else can one reach the world from a single location to such a great extent? Only God knows how many have come to know Him through the Scripture we have sent.

When I am not at work, I like to garden and also to read, run on the treadmill, play piano, and talk to good friends whenever possible. My family lives on both sides of the country, with two brothers and a sister in Pennsylvania and my oldest brother living with his growing family in California. My aunt in Oklahoma is still living and will be 100 years old on May 1!

The years at WMP have not been easy, but God has been good through it all and I love Him way more than when I first began. Praise the Lord!

WMP Partners Around the World

Gilford M., Malawi

Gilford M. serves as WMP's national coordinator for Malawi, a nation of 16.3 million people in southeastern Africa, hit hard by HIV-Aids, with more than one million children orphaned by the disease. Words of hope through Jesus Christ find fertile ground here.



WMP: Please describe your current ministry in reaching your country with the gospel.

Gilford: As WMP's national coordinator for Malawi since 2010, I am responsible to receive and distribute literature to ministries and churches for evangelism. WMP distributors and volunteers across the country also help distribute literature. I am also National Director of Every Home for Christ. WMP literature has been a primary source of the literature we are using in reaching every home with the gospel. Several other ministries and churches are using literature from WMP for Bible study and evangelism.

WMP: When did you first learn about WMP?

Gilford: I started distributing WMP literature in 2005 when I was volunteering with EHC Malawi; however, I first got booklets such as *Help From Above* and *Who Am*

Upcoming Freight Shipments by Region

Africa 19,424,055 Equivalency Ghana, Guinea, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo

Asia 18,760,568 Equivalency Fiji Island, Hong Kong, India, Macau, Malaysia, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand

Latin America23,969,109 EquivalencyArgentina, Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru

Europe2,422,326 EquivalencyCanary Islands, Denmark, Moldova, Spain, Ukraine

USA & Canada 2,028,845 Equivalency

Totals: 66,604,903 Equivalency

*Note that in addition to the freight shipments listed above, there are also hundreds of smaller requests received each month that are sent via postal and UPS shipments.

** "Equivalency" is a concept we use at WMP to compare volume of printing by relating different size booklets to the size of our standard unit of production: a 48-page "Help From Above" booklet.

World Missionary Pr

Free Scripture Book



I That a King Would Die in My Place? in the mid-eighties when I was growing up as a young Christian. The topical layout of these booklets helped me to understand God's plan of salvation. This helped me in evangelism and witnessing. I have been involved in distribution work for the past eleven years.

WMP: How does the availability of free literature affect evangelism in Malawi?

Gilford: The availability of free literature has helped us reach many people in rural areas which could not have been the case if the literature were not free. Many people in the rural areas do not have Bibles, because they cannot afford to purchase them. The opportunity to have portions of the Bible helps churches not only in their outreach programs but also in discipleship programs. Free literature has increased the number of souls reached, which has greatly helped churches to grow.

WMP: When you receive a shipment from WMP, how long does it last?

Gilford: Because many churches and ministries constantly request literature, the supply does not last long. We first distribute the literature to all those who had requested material before we received our consignment. This makes it difficult to give literature to new requests that come after it arrives.

WMP: How would you describe the effectiveness of the topical Scripture booklets in Malawi?

Gilford: WMP booklets have been a very good discipleship resource to the body of Christ. The topical Scriptures have helped new believers and churches to study topical subjects without problems, which has helped to ground Christians in the faith. As there are very limited resources

available in the local languages for discipleship, WMP materials—the main resources available—have helped the Church to grow. 😂



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