

the printing post

“That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
and tell of all thy wondrous works.” Psalm 26:7

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2007 has arrived and more than a month has already lapsed! I must apologise to avid readers of *The Printing Post* for the delay in sending this prayer letter out. January is always a busy month for me, but the start to this year has been exceptionally ‘full on’ day after day. Kindly accept my apology!

How we fared in 2006...

Here's a brief summary of what Southland Baptist Press achieved during 2006. We praise God and give Him all the glory for how He allowed this ministry to reach the lost millions in our region of the world through the printed Word.

4.8 million Gospel tracts were printed, another record year for our small ministry. 500 thousand more tracts were printed compared to 2005 - an increase of 12%. We rejoice knowing that this increase would correspond to more souls discovering Christ's saving message, and Lord willing, an increase in the Lord's harvest.

Last year's production took the total number of tracts printed in Southland Baptist Press' history to a little over 18 million! Praise God!

In terms of shipping...

We shipped some 4.3 million tracts to the mission fields of Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Australia, Laos, Vanuatu, Japan and New Zealand. Of that amount, two million tracts were sent to our

closest neighbour, Papua New Guinea. Similarly, two million tracts were sent to the Philippines, today's leading missionary-sending nation. We regularly receive reports that tell of many dozens who have accepted Christ as Saviour where the seed was sown using tracts you helped print.

As our prayer and financial partners, the Lord will apportion His blessings on you. Thank you for playing your part in the harvest within these countries!

Within our nation...

We count it a blessing to have served many Australian churches last year. Besides printing tracts for them, we also supplied prayer cards, note pads, letterheads, promotional items, Christmas & Easter flyers and conference brochures.

Apart from printing, we gave “church promotion” advice to some preachers which resulted in newspaper ads, TV commercials, letterbox campaigns, etc.

In this day and age where the neo-evangelical and community churches are putting glossy, eye-catching invitations into our neighbourhoods, remember that a simple Gospel tract with a clear salvation message and your fervent prayers are often the very tools that God uses to bring people to Christ.

That said, I believe that today's technology should be embraced to

bring in the sheaves of today's generation. I'm glad that the internet, email and community television have all played a part in Good Shepherd Baptist's numerical growth in recent times. And it will work for your church too!

Plans for 2007...

We're off to a good start to 2007 with enough work to keep us busy till June. We already have several orders from Aussie and New Zealand preachers, and a good number of requests for prayer cards from missionaries. Printing for the mission field continues on in parallel to these specific orders. We're currently printing English and Pidgin tracts for Papua New Guinea. Lord willing, we will do a large shipment in March. Pastor Paul Lahari has kindly agreed to distribute the tracts from his Port Moresby base to the highlands, swamps and villages. We then plan to print for Mindanao in the Philippines until June. The Lord has yet to reveal to us any definitive plans for the second half of 2007.

Please continue to...

bring us before God's throne in prayer as we continue to serve Him and our region of the globe in 2007 because we believe our ministry is a worthy and necessary cause. Thank you for partnering with us, and thank you for praying for us!

God bless you...

Sylvester Chong