

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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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! When I was writing the previous Printing Post, I had so much to say about my trip to the Philippines that I struggled to summarise what I wanted to share onto a single page. I'm glad to start this prayer letter by telling you some more exciting news from Mindanao.

We received photos and a video clip from Pastor Ruben Sulapas - the printing press and paper folding machine that Good Shepherd Baptist Church gave to the FREE print ministry through Southland Baptist Press are now in operation! Praise God! Further, Pastor Ruben has secured a commitment from Jerson, a man in his church, to learn how to print. Jerson is willing to go into full-time Christian service for only \$1000 a year. Can you help him? Pray with us that the Lord will supply Jerson's income, and funds for paper and ink! Pastor Ruben said that press is suited to print New Testaments portions in Cebuano.

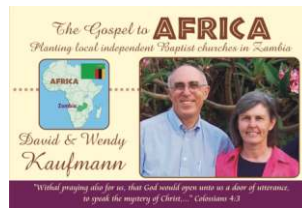


The press in operation!

Praise the Lord that Bro Dieter's heart was very touched by what he encountered in the Philippines. He has been printing with renewed vigour and purpose since our return. I'd



encourage anyone to take a missions trip into a third world country - it will give you a fresh realisation of the blessings we enjoy living in Australia. The big problems you have soon become trivial issues.



A trip also puts a responsibility on you to do something about what God has put before your eyes. Not what my church or my brother can do for the needy, but what can I personally do for them.

Coincidentally, I have been communicating with many of our Australian missionaries this past week, and my heart breaks when I hear of the numerous needs they have which have not been met.



Why did God place you in an affluent country? I pray your answer is, "not for myself only, but also for others". Would you consider the need I mentioned about Bro Jerson?

Since mid August, Bro Dieter has printed over 2 million tracts in a 15 week period. Praise God! These tracts are destined for the Philippines and PNG. Not forgetting our own country, we filled orders from over twenty

Australian preachers in this period. Prayer cards and Christmas flyers were designed and printed in full-colour for our Australian missionaries. Lord willing, in our first prayer letter for 2008, I will report on what we have achieved for the Lord's glory during 2007.



As we plan and prepare for 2008, would you please pray with us, in particular for:

1. More volunteers to commit to serve the Lord in this ministry.
2. Competent technicians to service our equipment.
3. The new building that will house the print ministry to be approved by our local council soon.

I'd like to take this opportunity to promote Good Shepherd Baptist Church's Leadership Conference - Sunday 8 June to Wednesday 11 June 2008. More information will be coming to you in the new year.



Till then, I pray you have a blessed Christmas, and may the Lord bless your end of year programs!

Because the fields are white to harvest...
Sylvester Chong