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

Warm greetings to you in the victorious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Welcome to the first edition of *The Printing Post* for 2010 in which we customarily report on how we invested your prayer and financial support during the previous year. Looking back, we again marvel at how God used this small printing ministry to meet the need for Gospel tracts in our region of the world.

Eternal investments in 2009

7.4 million tracts were printed in our print shop during 2009, a massive increase of 60% over the previous year. We achieved this by re-typesetting our missions printing plates, maximising the print area of every A3 sheet of paper by printing six tracts instead of previously four.

Some 50 designs of tracts, flyers, prayer cards, business cards, letterheads, and outdoor/retractable banners were produced by the team's designers from 76 projects requested by 26 churches and individuals.

6.9 million tracts were shipped out of our print shop. 4,122,000 tracts were sent to the Philippines, 2,340,000 to Papua New Guinea, 360,000 tracts around Australia, and 25,000 crossed the Tasman Sea to New Zealand. Another 79,000 were sent to Cambodia, China, Israel and Thailand. Although we directly served only eight countries last year, we're amazed to learn stories of how SBP tracts find their way into other Asian countries by the zealous efforts of our distribution partners in the Philippines.

2009's production brings the total number of tracts produced in Southland Baptist Press' history to 35.4 million tracts. We give the Lord all the glory in this! Praise God!

A New Leader!

Pastor Nathan Lloyd and I wish to announce a new and exciting chapter in Southland Baptist Press' history: the Lord has established that the leadership of this ministry be placed in the hands of Bro Paul Hunter.

Many of you are familiar with Bro Paul; he ran the ELE book resource ministry and served for many years as Editor of the *Biblical Fundamentalist*



magazine after the home-going of his dad, Pastor Sidney Hunter, who was for many years the pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church.

Without going into all the details, let me testify of the Lord's great grace by divinely providing Bro Paul for the leadership of SBP at the right time. With his printing background and connection with so many preachers, Bro Hunter is a perfect fit for this ministry. After prayer and recognising God's hand, we came to a collective decision that was marked with clarity and confidence.

A transition period has already begun during which the knowledge accumulated during my 7 years of SBP service, over 4 years as ministry leader, will be transferred to Bro Paul. Already filling the role of print shop supervisor, Lord willing by April, Bro Paul will assume full leadership.

Bro Paul can be contacted through our phone switch on 07 3264 3476 during normal work hours. Please send him a congratulatory note and bless him with your assurance of prayer as he leads this vital ministry.

Please update your contact list

After stepping aside, I will continue to support SBP and other Good Shepherd ministries through my personal email account. If you wish to communicate with me socially or on ministry-related matters, I'll be glad to hear from you! But first, please take a minute now to update your email contact list as follows:

- Paul Hunter - info@southlandbaptistpress.com
- Sylvester Chong - sylvester@baptist.com.au.

Thank you for helping us ensure that your emails will always reach the intended person - on the first go!

Just five prayer requests

In closing, I covet your prayers for the following plans for 2010:

- A smooth and complete leadership transition to Bro Paul Hunter,
- Commission the Heidelberg GTO-52 press into service,
- Missions printing - 3.5 million Pidgin and English tracts to Papua New Guinea (March),
- Missions printing - 4.5 million Cebuano and English tracts to the Philippines (October),
- For many souls to turn to salvation found in Jesus Christ alone!

Again, thank you for your prayer and financial support, for allowing God to use you to help us - may He abundantly bless you! Lord willing, Bro Hunter will write the next edition... till then, may the Lord grant thee a prosperous year of ministry in 2010!

Burdened for souls in the Asia-Pacific,

Sylvester Chong

Footnote: The *Biblical Fundamentalist* is now the *Biblical Builder* under Pastor Robert Bakss of Lighthouse Baptist Church, Rockhampton, Australia - www.biblicalbuilder.com.au