



# ICLD NEWSLETTER

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*“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” ~ Romans 10:17*

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*celebrating 50-years*

## Great is Thy Faithfulness!

The year 2011 marks a significant milestone for ICLD. It's our 50<sup>th</sup> year of distributing Christian literature to the world!

It all started in 1961, when four **Gideons** decided to cooperatively expand their efforts:

- Cyrus Osterhus – publisher
- Paul Albinson – funeral director
- Cliff Anfinson – retired Post Office manager
- Dr. Calvin Katter – Safari hunter, entrepreneur

They began sending Bibles and Christian literature to people that had no access to God's Word.

To better understand where the specific needs were, Cliff Anfinson and his wife traveled west around-the-world. Meanwhile, Cal Katter and his wife headed east. They met in Africa and toured remote mission stations; they found many needs. Typical was a visit to a tribe of 4,000 people who had only one Bible. These tribal people each took a page of the Bible, read it, and then traded pages with another person.

The men returned home, helped to form the **Minnesota Bible Fellowship**, and began collecting used Scriptures and other Christian literature. Katter's basement served as the first warehouse. As the organization grew, they moved to Osterhus Publishing, to the Billy Graham warehouse, and then to a rented building at Franklin and 12th Avenue in south Minneapolis.

A few years later, the group bought our current building at 3446 Chicago Avenue. To better identify the organization's work, they changed the name to **International Christian Literature Distributors**. ICLD's seven presidents are:

- Cliff Anfinson – with the Lord
- Morris Albinson – with the Lord
- Mac Peterson – with the Lord
- Ernie Cramolini – with the Lord
- Mike Ondov – serves today as ICLD President Emeritus

- Pastor John Stacknik – serves today as ICLD consultant
- Jim Nelson – serves today as ICLD President

Although he chose not to serve as president, Cal Katter was a prominent ICLD laborer. His first exposure to overseas literature needs came from leading Safari big game hunts in Africa. The walls of Katter's Minnesota home featured mountings of buffalo and other trophies. When funds were needed for ICLD, Katter sold another mounting, until his walls were bare (reports volunteer Gordon Kanten). Katter went to be with the Lord in his 92<sup>nd</sup> year.

Today, ICLD's most effective form of overseas Christian literature distribution remains sending boxes directly to individual pastors and Bible schools. Funds to send these boxes to remote parts of the world continue to be provided by scores of you folks that support this ministry, PTL.

When postage costs quadrupled in 2006, the quality of literature sent to pastors and Bible schools increased to an even higher level. Also, a larger proportion of ICLD materials now is sent overseas via large shipping containers. The latter form of literature evangelism is less effective for reaching remote parts of the world, but more affordable.

Besides the materials and funds for His work, the Lord continues to provide volunteers. Today, as

throughout ICLD's history, most laborers are retired seniors. Many serve past their 90<sup>th</sup> birthday! Currently, two ICLD volunteers work from home due to physical limitations. Others volunteer from nursing homes. Whether working at 3446 Chicago Avenue, from home, or from a care center---all volunteers receive the same pay for their efforts: **God's blessing**.

We praise our Sovereign God for these 50-years of provision for ICLD! May we all continue to serve our Lord with faithfulness---until He returns or calls us home!



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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

*ICLD 50th Celebration  
Saturday, September 10  
Minneapolis, MN*

*Speaker: Pastor John Stacknik*

## MISSION STATEMENT

*A Christian organization spreading  
Gospel literature to the world.*

Your Word is a lamp  
to my feet  
And a light to my path.

*Psalms 119:105*

## WORLD SNAPSHOTS

ICLD is greatly helping change lives in my nation. The anointing on the literature I've received is great; it has helped my spiritual life by elevating me to a new level of understanding of the Word of God. Praise be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whom you are effectively serving.

**Zambia**

I have distributed all of the books and Bibles you sent us. During 2010, we planted 4 new churches, which gives us 14 branches. We had 4 big crusades. I made 25 journeys to remote areas to spread the Word of God. We prayed for your ministry.

**Malawi**

I am a teacher, pastor, and Bible student. I humbly request books, Bibles, tracts and other helpful Gospel materials to spread the Gospel of Christ. Thanks. God bless you all.

**Nigeria**

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus whom it is such a privilege to serve. Thank you for the literature you sent to me. It has helped me to preach the Gospel among youths.

**Uganda**



*Ghana Pastor*

I read *Keys to What a New Christian Should Know* by Calvin Katter. It empowered me very much to serve Him greatly. Therefore, I am requesting you to enroll my name for your literature in order to serve Him by literature. I need used Bibles, Christian books, Sunday School material, dictionaries, and commentaries. It is to distribute to Bible colleges, seminaries, churches, hospitals, and so on. All are to be used of God for soulwinning and discipleship all over Myanmar. I have

been serving God since I was saved (now I am a pastor).

**Myanmar**

Thank you for the boxes of books. The books are essential for our Sunday School classes, doctrinal class, and sermon preparation. I thank God for answered prayer! May the Lord continue to protect and bless your ministry team and our partnership in spreading the Gospel till our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ comes again!

**Philippines**

I appreciate your activities, Keep on!

**Ethiopia**

## STAMP MINISTRY

Please send your cancelled stamps to the Stamp Ministry: Jim and Marsha Horton, Chairpersons  
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239-466-9792

*This ministry supports Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools in 40 denominations/missions in 19 Latin American countries.*

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