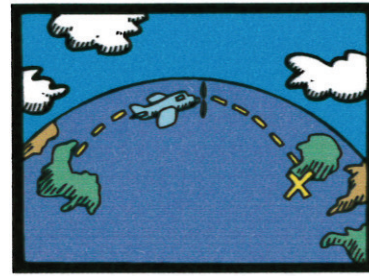


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TO OUR FBC FAMILY



## **BIBLES FOR OTHERS – WINTER 2012**

Greetings! We hope you all are doing well. We are keeping busy here at the Bible mission along with adjusting to the arrival of true winter (finally). Actually more snow is needed at this point!

We would like to give you an idea of the journey our Bibles take that eventually arrive in the hands of the precious people who have requested them. The first step in this process is our Bible wrap sessions with faithful local churches that send out groups to help wrap and process the Bibles for shipment. We then further pack them according to individual Bible shipments or bulk shipment to Pastors for larger groups of people. We do send out a variety of Bibles and tracts, a special Pastor's Bible and a study course.

After the Bibles are ready, they are shipped in two methods: The first way is a larger box which contains approximately 30 Bibles, each with a different address. This box is sent to a re-mailing center for further sorting based on the area of the world and its final destination. Using this method keeps the mailing costs down. Remember that over the years, this ministry has sent to over 60 different countries, as God has provided. PTL!

The second method is bulk mailing to Pastors, Churches and other evangelistic outreaches where they have requested larger quantities. We can use boxes from the Postal Service that ship to anywhere in the world to any one address for a flat rate, within certain weight limits, of course. Even so, the costs of shipping have really multiplied over the years.

We have often wished that we could "ride along" to that country or individual, to gain the true sense of the journey! We know, for example, that shipments can be delayed to some extent at ports or airports for various reasons or that the postal services of some countries try to extract extra fees, which they should not do! It's an imperfect system, but by the grace of God the Word does go out!

Once the Bibles have reached their destination, we are so blessed to periodically receive expressions of gratitude. One village became so excited to receive their shipment that the women took their Bibles and danced around with them on their heads! Can't you just picture that! Another letter reads:

*"Please accept our Calvary greetings from the Southwest region of Cameroon. God is blessing us with souls daily. I wish to express my profound gratitude for the cartons of Bibles we received from you. They have gone a long way for further evangelism in our mission field. The young converts and Christians say that we should extend their thanks to God for you! Be assured that we are putting these materials to use as we equip and mobilize those trained in winning lost souls with your Bibles."*

We are excited to participate in any small way with those in Africa who are making Christ known! We see this ministry as a fairly direct yet profound means of reaching the lost and key discipleship of believers. The Kingdom of God works best when we all do our small part, by His wonderful grace. The seeds being planted are yielding a great harvest.

And so we are very thankful to all of you who will pray for and stand with this Bible ministry, as we go very expectantly into a New Year. We believe that 2012 is marked to be of real significance! May the Lord bless you and keep you. You are warmly in our hearts,

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BLESSINGS, C & C