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Library Books on Their Way to India



Red Bluff, California - The Grace Bible College Library Book Cataloging Project began with moving hundreds of boxes of books and setting the scene for this massive project. This phase, completed in under two hours was, however, only the beginning...

For the next 13 days volunteers came from all over the U.S. to unpack and prepare the books for shipment to the Grace Bible College Library in India. By the second day, it was obvious to everyone the task was incredibly enormous and would require intense focus and good teamwork. There were books EVERYWHERE!

Each day began with announcements, a devotional and time of prayer which brought us all together. Each book was carefully processed through numerous steps and re-packed into boxes numbered and weighed for the shipping container. When the container arrived on Saturday, January 28, once again, several dozen people formed a chain and moved the books in less than two hours. Amazing!

We were blessed with delicious lunches prepared by Diane and Pete Church and Mary Lou Meinke. The generous gift by Community Baptist of their facilities is deeply appreciated.

I have never seen a group come together with such dedication, focus and desire to serve the Lord as I did in this project. John and I are so very grateful to each and every one who gave sacrificially of their time, resources and energy. We all agreed that in addition to having fun, we also made friends - all for a great cause.

Please visit www.IndigenousMinistries.org and our Facebook page for more photos and videos on this project. Watch for updates on the container headed to India. Our U.S. team will soon be on the campus and on February 26, the brand new library will be dedicated. Thank you to our generous IM donors for the gifts the Lord is using for His glory.

- Dee A. Cook

STATS:

Catalogued Books: 13,477

Boxes: 417

Volunteers: 124

Time: 2 weeks

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More than 120 volunteers gave their time and energy for two weeks in January to move, sort, label and box 13,477 books for shipment from CA to Grace Bible College's Library in India.



We were so blessed by the smiling faces that greeted us each day for this HUGE project.



Iraqi Church Rises from the Rubble

Iraq - For the past two months, we've focused on the rubble ISIS has left behind in Iraq and Syria. As I stated in my last article, the devastation is indescribable and the toll taken on lives is unknown to the fullest extent.

Jesus gave assurance that His body, His Bride, the Church, would endure through centuries of suffering and emerge as the greatest change agent for His purposes on earth. Humanly speaking, many look at the rubble left behind as hopeless, yet we are asking the Lord for the impossible. That out of the debris of war the Church will bloom again and thrive in former ISIS-held areas of Iraq and Syria as a testimony to God's power to transform lives and heal. Christian Iraqis are praying for a God-fearing Iraq.

National Iraqi pastors are already identifying areas to plant churches as refugees will begin to move back to their former homes in the next two years. Indigenous Ministries will partner and assist with this through our **Global Church Planting Initiative**.

Over the next few weeks, our US team will be in Iraq working in these areas:

- * Church planting; working with existing and planning for new churches
- * Bringing continued aid to refugees; visiting refugee camps
- * Assisting more refugees with micro business start ups
- * Launching IM's new Iraq Child Sponsorship Program for 2500 Yazidi orphans at the request of the Kurdish government in northern Iraq. Sponsorships will be available in April @ \$35/month
- * Launching IM's new Beautiful International Program for Yazidi women at the request of the Kurdish government (see page 3, the Beautiful article)



National church-planting pastors in the Middle East praying for their churches and each other



Iraqi refugee children attending school in a tent

God bless you for your prayers and financial support as we minister to these precious souls.

Sam Block Joins IM Staff



Sam joined the IM staff last month as Multimedia Development Specialist in the Colorado Springs office. He will be working with IM in each of our international fields documenting the ministry through photos and videos, and processing footage in the IM Colorado office. He is currently finishing his schooling at Ecola Bible School in Oregon, graduating in May.

"My desire is to be able to share the beauty of the heart-touching stories of what God is doing throughout the world, as well as the harsh crises many people are living in."

We are thrilled to welcome Sam on board and are very excited he has chosen to use his gifts and skills to serve the Lord with Indigenous Ministries. Please pray for Sam as he raises his personal support and prepares for his vital role using his passion and skills through visual arts to glorify the Lord.

To join Sam's support team, visit www.IndigenousMinistries.org and in the Donate menu select his name.

Beautiful International Ministry Events

India - Dee will be leading a team from US to hold women's conferences in India and Iraq in the next few weeks. In India, more than 100 local women involved in church leadership will attend each event. These conferences provide an opportunity for Biblical training, encouragement, fellowship and creativity. Special craft kits, which the women really enjoy, have been assembled that will provide a meaningful memento of the event.



Dee with a Yazidi refugee and her young son in Erbil, April 2016. Most of the men of this camp were killed by ISIS

These kits are available so you can experience the joy of crafting and participate with the women in thought and prayer. As a thank you for donations of \$25 or more to Beautiful International, you will receive a kit, just like the ones being made across the globe.

Iraq - Many of you, our Beautiful Partners, have continued to donate to **The Miriam Fund** which has been used for the successful rescue of dozens of women kidnapped by ISIS. Next month, Dee will be launching the next phase of our outreach to Yazidi women ravaged by the violence of ISIS, focusing on rehabilitation and English language education for these girls and women. Christian counselors and ESL teachers have been sourced, and as funds become available, we will add vocational training so these woman can rebuild their lives for themselves and their families.



Many refugees left everything they owned behind. These crafts give them joy and a reminder of God's love and provision.



Every month Beautiful focuses on a special theme. Last month we looked at how to utilize our time for God's glory. This month we're reminded of God's True love, not the commercialized version that comes with Valentine's Day. Follow Beautiful's Facebook page to read these short, inspirational messages. Search for "Beautiful International Women's Ministry."

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support! Please visit our new website, BeautifulInternational.org, for more information. We would be honored for you to join us and become a vital Beautiful Partner in 2017 with your prayers and gifts.

Access to Technology Staves off Poverty

The Philippines - In 2016, the Department of Education in the Philippines mandated all elementary schools offer computer classes to prepare students for 7th - 12th grade education. Having access to a computer is no longer a luxury. Promise Land Christian School, located in the Payatas Dumpsite, was able to resurrect three old computers, but they frequently freeze. Students crowd the computer area and hall waiting their turn.

We are praying for help to purchase eight computers for the school's Computer Lab. This will allow students to keep pace with technology and allow them access to information necessary for advancing education. It will also motivate these young minds, helping them realize there is a world of possibilities for them.

Please partner with us to impact these children and their futures. Each computer is \$500. To donate, visit www.IndigenousMinistries.org and select Southeast Asia in the donation drop-down menu.



Children patiently wait to use one of just three older computers at the Promise Land Christian School of Payatas in The Philippines.



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Pastors, would you like to impact national pastors through teaching at one of Indigenous Ministries' international conferences? The next openings will be in the Fall of 2017 ministering in India and the Middle East.

Contact Jan in our office now for more information and to reserve your place.



Above, Pastor Rick Finney, Calvary Baptist, AZ, teaching at IM's Egypt pastors' conference, October 2016

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

February - IM team ministry in India at Grace Bible College for the Winter Teaching Module, GBC graduation, Beautiful's Women's Conference, dedication of library, and Children's Home ministry

February - Resty and Mel Enguerra return to the Philippines

March - IM team ministry in Iraq holding meetings for refugees, working with church plants, expanding ministry to refugees, launching Yazidi Child Sponsorship Program. See page 3 for Beautiful International's events.

Please pray that hearts would be transformed by the Word of God and for successful ministry

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