

NEWS from Fred and Lorna Morris, Manna Publications (USA) 1130 Highlands Place, Apt 205, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 September - October 2011

It is 10 years since 9/11 2001. The celebrations have been and gone, jangling our nerves. Earlier this year, a request came from Lebanon, Ohio for words that would fit a memorial to our Wendy Ruth who was killed in the South Tower that traumatic morning. The words would be carved into a granite slab to be erected in Lebanon, just a few miles down the road from where she lived in Mason. We requested the words: "She loved God and He took her home." Her husband thought of the very same words and readily agreed to pass them on to the authorities. By faith her life continues to speak to the lives of those she touched. (Hebrews 11:4).



Manna Publications ministers to the poorest of people in 'closed' countries. Your gifts go to print and distribute Manna for Children Bible story coloring books. These are printed by reliable Distributors who print the books in their own country. This avoids heavy shipping cost, VAT taxes and the problem of books getting lost. Our Manna Treasurer, Gary Edlind, takes funds every month to Western Union and sends them to those who are ready to print books. When the books are printed they are sold to schools, but given free to orphans,

children in hospitals, street children, etc. Only the words of truth from the Bible can lead children to Jesus, the Light of the World.

CAMBODIA – Charia directs the children's programs at Trans-World Radio (TWR) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She and her husband also direct the Jehovah Jirah Center which ministers to the hundred or so families that scrape out a living by scavenging at the city dump. The Center provides Community Health services, school (for those who can't afford to go to government school), Bible teaching and meals for the children. "Despite the filth of the dump, the children are beautiful," Charia writes, "and we use



## the coloring books to teach them about Jesus. They love the stories and tell them to their younger brothers and sisters."

## **PROFILE** of A Manna Distributor

In June of this year, Shabaz Jalal, Manna translator and Distributor from Pakistan, visited Peter and Peggy Skinner, Manna Directors in UK. Shabaz stayed with them for three days Peter said it was one of the most profitable times he has ever experienced.

Peter was amazed at what Shabaz has been able to do. He has translated eight Manna titles and sold 8,000 books since 2009. The Seraiki people do not have the Bible in their language. They must use the Urdu Bible. So Manna books, in Siraiki have brought light into the darkness.

Shabaz was born into a Catholic family, but did not read the Bible for himself. He made a real commitment to Jesus in 2003. When his brother was very ill in Lahore, the doctors could find nothing wrong with him. A friend speaking to Shabaz on line, said there was one person who could heal his brother. His name was Jesus. They prayed to Jesus, on line, for 15 minutes. Then the friend said, "He is okay now." Shabaz agreed with her. "He is okay." His brother was healed; the mysterious fever had gone. His brother was sitting up, quite normal again.

Soon Shabaz began to study the Bible for himself, and he joined a prayer meeting. He found that people in the meeting had no Bibles. Why? They were too poor to buy one. And they could only get them in the big city. So he went to the city to buy Bibles and he sold Manna books at the same time.

He gave out the Bibles and sold the Manna books he had produced in Seraiki. With two others, he prayed and worked to start 23 churches. They do not have special church buildings. The people worship in Urdu, but are glad to be able to study the word using Manna books. In Shazbaz's own town the people gather for worship in the courtyard of his home. At times overflow into the street.

Shabaz is 28 years old. He has seven children, three adopted when his brother died, his wife and two grand-parents – a total of eleven persons - living in his home.

Shabaz also started a mercy ministry to earthquake and flood victims. When he spoke at Peter's church, they sent him off with 400 pounds to support his many ministries.

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**ORPHANS** – When parents can no longer afford to keep them, children in poor countries roam the streets. Many are orphans. Then there are thousands who are physically handicapped and abandoned, not wanted by anyone. It is our prayer that Manna for Children coloring books will reach many of these needy children. When they feel that no one loves them, we want them to know that Jesus loves them and that they will learn to love Him. Pray that the Bible stories will lead them to ask questions and to Jesus.

## **ANONYMUS TESTIMONY**

I picked up a copy of HEALING FOR A BROKEN HEART from the book table. Today I read to page 9 in my devotions. The topic was "Bitterness will destroy your soul." Your words made me realize how bitter I had become. On page 11, you wrote, "Satan will use anger or bitterness to torment you. Ask God to give you power over these tormentors and don't fear to share your feelings of hurt with others who can pray for you." I will do this. Thank you for writing this book. It has been a blessing to me.