



# Manna for Children Comes of Age! News from Fred and Lorna Morris – April 2010

Change was inevitable! Fred is 86 this year and Lorna 83. You prayed; we prayed! And the Lord raised up a man to take over the responsibility of building Manna Publications (USA) Inc. in ways and places we have not been able to do. He is Larry Crabtree with wife Sally of Jefferson City, Missouri.

At its annual meeting here on March 24, the Manna Publications Board adopted Larry as the new Executive Director. Larry has a banking background and a deep love for the Lord. Moreover, he feels called of God to open Latin America for Manna and has already made a lot of good contacts. He leaves in April for Guatemala where he has many contacts and needs to find a printer and distributors for the Spanish books he has had translated.

So what do we do next? Holding and developing more Manna for Children Bible story coloring books.



Some years ago a brother said, "These little books will go into more places and be used by more people than the commentaries Fred has written." He was right. The demand and the requests for funds to help print Manna for Children come almost daily from every corner of the globe.

When we lost our elderly artist a year ago last February, the bottom seemed to drop out of everything, especially for Lorna who was creating the text and approving the drawings. She did this, with the help of Dr. Roger Green of Dallas. We finished ten books. MOSES was left unfinished.



#### "Manna for Children in India"

(Looking over the shoulder of a girl in India, colouring her picture intently).

Children in India coloring their books. I hope we can show you some more of the lovely pictures of the children learning stories from the Bible while they color the books. And we will share some of the testimonies that come with them. (For security reasons, we can't always tell you where the children are).

**WANTED!** We have been looking for an artist to finish MOSES ever since, and we think we have found one! This is something we need much prayer for. Lorna has the 16-page outline for two more children's books. One is "From Rags to Riches" - the story of David. The second one is "Jesus feeding the 5000" - the little lad giving all he had to Jesus. A line artist is desperately needed to illustrate these pages.

Lorna can do some drawings herself, but needs help drawing faces and the expressions on them that tell the story. Maybe you already know someone who could help us reach even more children for Jesus.

Both of us fight pain and need your prayers. Lorna has arthritis in her hips and back. Fred has arthritis and his Parkinsons is getting worse. Your financial help since 1993 has enabled Manna Publications spread across the world – we are being published in 32 countries and 27 languages. UK has joined in since 2000! We could not have done it without you and the faithful prayers of God's people.

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## May News Sheet – 2010 News from Fred and Lorna Morris

A good friend put us in touch with her grand daughter who is an artist. She was willing and ready to draw line drawings for MOSES, which lacked only three or four drawings.

**CONGO** - A large gift enabled us to send funds for Pastor Umba in the south of the Dem. Republic of Congo. He will print several titles of the Manna for Children Bible stories coloring books in several local languages. He has translated JONAH, JESUS LOVES CHILDREN and THE STORY OF THE FLOOD and wants to print these first.

Pastor Umba started printing Manna Bible commentaries. In no time he found our Manna for Children Bible story coloring books on our web site. The Pastor is lame in one leg and walks



with a limp, but he loves the children and walks many miles through the bush to towns where there are orphanages, hospitals and lots of street children who have no homes. We don't know where he gets crayons, but he never asks.



The Pastor told us of a little boy at one of the schools. While the boy was coloring the book of TIMOTHY he began to cry. Pastor asked the boy why he was crying? He put his finger on page 9, the picture where the angry mob chased Paul and Barnabas out of Lystra. The drawing tells the story. One angry man has a raised club in his hand. "They are going to beat them," the lad sobbed. Pastor was able to tell him that Paul and Barnabas escaped and went to another town to preach the gospel. The boy wiped his eyes and went on coloring.

For many of the children, this is the first book they

have ever owned and it becomes something of a treasure.

In **PNG (Papau New Guinea)** enthusiastic missionary teachers use the books as school curriculum. The children not only learn the stories and can recite them, they also learn from memory the Bible verses that relate to the drawing. Later, at home, they can tell their mothers the stories. In many homes the children have had more formal education than their parents.

Hospitals are an ideal place to reach out to the small patients. Some are able to sit up in bed and have a coloring book on their knees. What better way to pass the long hours and days when learning Bible stories.

Angie, a missionary from Bolivia serving with the Africa Inland Mission in **Nairobi, Kenya**, visits the Coptic Hospital regularly. The hospital is not far from where Angie lives and she is able to teach the Somali women and girls literacy. They have never been to school and they are glad to have this

opportunity to learn what they have been denied all their lives. They like to hear the story told over and over again by their visitor. Then they are given a book and crayons.

The drawings in THE POWERFUL LANTERN had to be redrawn to suit the culture. Angie found someone who could do this and what a transformation. A camel replaced the donkey and a typical Somali tent replaced the grass-thatched hut that is so typical of African villages.

(More and more children around the world are enjoying the Manna for Children books. Here we see some girls at the Banteay Chmar Village in **Cambodia** delighting in the stories and the coloring activity).

A BIT OF HISTORY: We had been in London attending the Media Associates conference where journalists, authors, editors and publishers from 40 countries met. The Byrnes, where we had been enjoying British hospitality, sent us on our way to Zambia, via Harare, Zimbabwe. There we met Rev Henry Murray, the great grandson of Scottish preacher Andrew Murray. Henry took a few of our book manuscripts and published them at low cost.



He invited us back to the Book Fair to be held in Harare in 1996. At the Book Fair we saw children gazing at the expensive coloring books, which they could not buy at \$20. Instead they bought our adult Bible study books for .50. That was when Fred determined to do a book for children to color.

One year later, in Kenya, he picked up a tract by a Kenyan. He saw that the story could easily be told in pictures, so he gave his idea to a young artist, Reushann Cox to do the drawings. The book, THE POWERFUL LANTERN, was a great success, and translated into 20 or more languages. That was the beginning; now we have eleven Bible story coloring books and more to come.

If you wish to invest in these children's lives, please make checks payable to:

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Thank you for your prayers and support.



# Manna Publications (USA) News from Fred and Lorna Morris June 2010

May 23 was Manna Day for our Sunday School class. Mary and Lou organized our SS room to fit in 50 chairs, two tables of books and some posters. Doug Sensabaugh showed the Power Point. Lorna gave some history of Manna for Children and Fred pictured the work in S.E. Asia. Our SS class has been such a blessing for us for many years. We can send you a copy of the Manna Power Point presentation and books to display if your SS class wishes to have a "Manna Day."

**THINGS HAVE CHANGED!** Our last issue of **Manna Matters** told how we met Larry Crabtree through his work in Cameroon, West Africa. In December Larry came from Jefferson City, MO, for several days to meet us and learn more about Manna. In March the Board appointed him to be Director for Manna in Latin America. Larry has a burden to take Spanish Editions of our books to Guatemala. On arriving home, he believed God wanted him to be an Independent Distributor for Manna Publications in Latin America. He asked permission to distribute books through his own organization. He took what he had ready to Guatemala in April and had a wonderful time. The books were well received by those he contacted.

**MANNA STILL MATTERS** – Doug Weeks has produced **Manna Matters** for the past two years, but has asked to be relieved of this task. Doug is frail and has Parkinson's Disease. His fingers don't work well anymore. It is sad to see one of the best writers and editors we know drop out of the race. So we are trying to keep you up to date with this News Sheet, and the bits and pieces we get from email.

**MANNA FOR CHILDREN** — It seems that everyone Larry met in Guatemala wanted Manna for Children Bible story coloring books - in Spanish! Pray for Spanish speakers to help us get the books translated, printed, and into the children'shands.



**REV. ROGER GREEN** — from Dallas has been a great help to Lorna as they did the final draft of the children's books together. Roger has the gift for children's evangelism. He organized CSSM (Children's Sand & Surf Mission) - beach missions on beaches along the Atlantic coast in the 1960s, 70s and 80s. We were in Bible College together 60 years ago. Roger joined our Board in 2008 as one of our vital advisors in the area of children's ministry. His wife is very ill; please pray for Marguerite.

**CAMBODIA** – here we come! A contact in Cambodia, Kimsann, will translate *Coming in the Clouds*. She is busy most of the time; at other times she has little to do and will translate then. Two years ago, Kimsann went to Denmark for a six-week speaking tour. Now she is hope and wants to bless her people with Manna booklets. These seem to be gaining in popularity because they do not take long to read, they are cheap to produce, and we have about 50 of them ready to go.



Virginia Manson was a devoted Christian artist. She studied at Notre Dame College of Maryland, received a full scholarship to do graduate studies at John Hopkins University. She painted large murals for church halls and many can be seen in churches in the area. Virginia was the artist behind the Manna for Children's Bible story coloring books. We knew she was sick when she told us she often sat up in bed to do the drawings. Virginia went to Heaven in February 2009.

We miss her terribly, but know that thousands of children the world over are beling blessed by her drawings. Lord Jesus, thank You for Virginia. We desperately need a godly artist to take Virginia's place.

Special Request: Loknath and Rosie Manaen in Nepal have asked for prayer. Rosie and Lok both have severe physical problems. Lock came to Harrisonburg two years ago to check translations of the Prophets which others had done. He said Rose was his best translator. He stayed for two months. When he went back to Nepal he published THE PROPHETS and THE PSALMS. Lok had a heart attack when he got home and had to have a stint inserted. Since then, others have taken up the task of selling these books.

This month AY is going out from the UK with crayons for the children of the Chin Hills of SE Asia. She has 1,200 books waiting for her. The children will use the books as part of their school curriculum.

#### **NOT ENOUGH CRAYONS?**

We can give each child three crayons, one dark and two light colors. This way eight children get three crayons each from a box of 24. Another way is to sit the children in a circle and put a pan of crayons in the center. Each child takes a crayon, uses it and puts it back in the pan, then takes another. After the coloring period, the teacher takes the crayons and puts them away.

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**BIG NEWS!** In August, our friends Julio and Angelica from Kenya are coming to South Carolina this fall. Julio Quirino, is going to do his Masters Degree at Columbia International University. His wife and their two teen age children will come with him. They will be here for two years. Julio is a native of Brazil and Angelica comes from Bolivia. They are missionaries with the Africa Inland Mission in Nairobi, Kenya.

For several years Angelica has supervised translation and distribution of "Manna for Children" books. Angelica teaches literacy to displaced people in the slums. She also teaches sewing classes and Bible clubs. She has developed books to teach literacy to refugees from a war-torn country to the north. She found an Arabic-speaking doctor who translated a book for these children. Angelica also found an artist who illustrated the pictures to suit this culture. With her husband, she trains young men to serve the Lord. Nephat is one of these young men. He is an artist and is doing drawings for JESUS FEEDS the HUNGRY. He is also using the Manna for Children books with children in the Kibera slum.

**SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS** – In most countries, school is in full swing again. Teachers are glad to have "Manna for Children" books for their classes. Eager hands scramble for these books and crayons. But there are not enough. The teacher promises to get more. It is not too soon for them to think about Christmas.

Last Christmas Ruby translated *WISE MEN SEEK JESUS*. She is married to Naeem and they have three small children. Ruby is a busy mother, but finds time to translate and have books printed. Solomon, Ruby's brother, married Anita last year (photo taken on their wedding day). Solomon has just opened two schools for children who don't want to go to school where the boys (no girls allowed) learn the other



book by memory. Ruby and Naeem delivered 100 Manna Bible story coloring books to each of these new schools.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA – "Manna for Children" books have gone to Papua New Guinea – Bruce and Joan Hooley were Wycliffe missionaries from Australia to Papua New Guinea (PNG). The Hooleys are now semi-retired, but still busy serving the Lord. Last year Mose, the national translator who had worked with them, come to Brisbane, Australia to help them translate "Manna for Children" books into the Buang language. Mose took sample books back to show the pastors and literacy workers in Morobe Province. The

children wanted the books so much. Bruce had 200 each of five titles printed and distributed among the churches. The Hooleys are praying that the Bible stories will make the children want to read the Bible. Bruce said the mothers were as excited as the children when they saw the "coloring books."

Many of these women are illiterate, but they can 'read' the stories from the drawings.

**NEW ARTISTS DISCOVERED** – Prayers have been answered! We have been given the names of two artists here in the USA. Both want to serve the Lord with their skills and we have set them to work. One young person produced the last four drawings needed for MOSES. The other person who has Adults and children outside village literacy center, has been challenged to do sixteen illustrations for the story of *DAVID-FROM RAGS TO RICHES*. Pray that his drawings will be what we need.

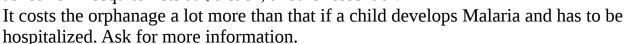
**SUMMER TEAMS** – Summer teams went overseas from many churches in the US. Did you tell us about your team, or tell them about the books? Dr. Mark Bradshaw's medical team went from Harrisonburg to Kenya in July. They go every year to the coast lands and minister to displaced peoples. This year the team took books in Swahili and crayons.

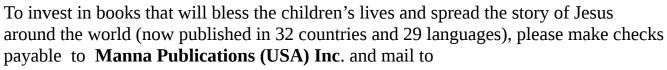
**YOUTH PAGE ON THE WEB** – We heard that young people get answers to their 'religious' questions from the Internet, so we started a special page for them."The Meaning of..." series of small books are being featured as "Manna for Young People." Pray that young people will visit the site and read the books.

**STREET CHILDREN** – Want a project for your Sunday School class? Statistics have no soul, but 160 million street children do. That is approximately how many are roaming the streets of the world's great cities. They are hungry, cold and unloved. There are 40 million in Latin America and nearly 20 million in India. Then there are all the AIDS orphans in Africa.

We try to reach them in places where they are being housed, but the needs are great. Before they can go to school, they need uniforms, bags and books. We want to get them "Manna for Children" books and crayons to give them some fun time and lead them to Jesus. (Right: Boy in a closed country enjoys a book.)

Enoch Dimba in Malawi has 250 orphans. He has asked for mosquito nets at \$6 each, another essential.





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# Manna Matters - January - February 2011

MANNA IN ETHIOPIA - During a recent trip to Ethiopia, Doug Sensabaugh, a member of the Manna (USA) Board, distributed samples of the Bible commentaries and Manna for Children Bible story coloring books to leaders of the Illubarbor Bethel Synod (IBS) in Mettu, Ethiopia. The Rev Tariku Tolessa, President of IBS, was delighted to receive such valuable resources for Pastors and Bible teachers. "These Manna books will help our leaders in their understanding of the Bible. Please extend our thanks to Manna for these wonderful resources," said Rev. Tariku.

Availability of resources for teachers is very limited. IBS can use these books in their teaching, so that many congregations will benefit. Several of the commentaries and some of the Manna for Children Bible story coloring books have been translated into Amharic, the national language and also into Oromo, the second language of Ethiopia.

**MALAWI** - Enock Dimba is the Manna Distributor in Malawi, East Africa. His heart is with the children. He directs the Maoni Orphanage. Recently he sent us a list of 269 orphans under his care. Many are waiting for sponsors. Enock has translated and printed several titles of Manna for Children Bible story coloring books - into Chichewa (the main language of Malawi), You, Tumbuka (also spoken in Zambia) and into Portugese for neighboring Mozambique.

**HAITI** – Dr. Chris Carlisle made 700 Haitian Creole books for his team to take to Haiti in October. He took crayons, too.



**NIGERIA** - About two years ago, Ms. Caroline Gross asked for Manna for Children's books for her orphanage. At that time they had to be printed by Timothy Osinlu, our Manna Distributor who lived four hours by bus from the orphanage. Timothy printed the Igala translation of *THE POWERFUL LANTERN* and delivered them.

The translation was done by one of the Gross daughters in the US. Mrs. Gross went to Nigeria as a new bride in 1945. Her husband went to Nigeria with his missionary parents when he was four years old. Mrs. Gross says there is a new interest in teaching children to read the Igala

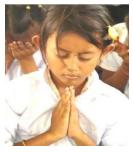
language in the schools, instead of English only. But there are very few books written in

Igala The Manna books which were translated into Ingala in 2008 could well fill this gap.

**INDIA** - Many moons ago, we worked with a Pastor Raju and his wife Grace Victoria in East India. At that time, they had a very small daughter Sarah. We have prayed for Sarah down through the years.

She is now 18 and has just missed winning entry into one of the Medical Colleges of Andhra Pradesh State. She is not giving up, but will study for another year with the hope of getting a better placing next year. Sarah is a big help in the Sunday Schools in the East Godavari District. She will translate several of the Manna for Children books into the Telegu language and print them.

**KENYA - MICHAEL ODENBA** writes: "I am Kenyan from a Western Province. I am the first born from a family of six. I can read and write in Swahili, Luhya and English languages. I am a born again Christian and fellowship at Nairobi Baptist Church. Christ is my Lord and Savior and I really enjoy my daily walk with Him. I've been involved in book publication and distribution for Somali literacy materials before, so I welcome an opportunity to help Manna Publications with translation and publishing as part of my service in Christian ministry to my community. I've got sample books, so I'll get you a quotation or two from my printer.



**CAMBODIA** - Charia You, a programmer at TWR in Phnom Penh writes, "The Bible stories are very important in the lesson. As the child learns the stories, they learn how to pray."

From Dec 1, 2009 to Nov 30, 2010 we know of 13,720 books printed. That number can safely be doubled as many download the books from our web site. <a href="https://www.mannapublications.org">https://www.mannapublications.org</a> and print them.

Will this child receive a book for Easter? Five books cost about .15\$ each. Ten books for \$1.50 and 20 books,\$3.00 Crayons are shared.

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# MANNA PUBLICATIONS' NEWS May-June 2011

Dear friends – We held our fourth annual Board Meeting on March 3 here at Sunnyside. Our dear friend, Doug Weeks, from our Syracuse-Laubach days had to resign for health reasons. Like Fred, Doug has PD. He was the journalist/editor for MANNA MATTERS. We ask prayer for Doug, his fingers don't cooperate these days which makes using the keyboard difficult. Thank you, Doug and Janeen for the contribution you have made to Manna Publications.

Rev Tom Holden agreed to serve out the remainder of Doug's term. Tom was our Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church when we first arrived in Harrisonburg. Tom has always shown an interest in what we are doing to further the Kingdom.

We have a small 'army' of friends (INCLUDING YOU) who love us and help us make Manna a reality and a blessing all over the world. A typical 'thank you' letter just arrived from



**Members of Manna Publications Board** 

Cameroon from Mr. C. He is a senior commissioner of Police in Cameroon. He writes, "I am delighted with your Bible Series. I will not write much except to say thanks for these great publications. I have read the Genesis Series over and over. I do understand my Bible better than before. Please keep up this work. Please send me other Manna books.

MALAWI – A missionary wrote recently from Malawi: "Katawa is the name of our church in the city of Mzuzu in northern Malawi. It is one of the CCAP (Church of Central Africa Presbyterian) churches in town. I have started using the Manna for Children coloring book JESUS IS ALIVE to teach the events leading to the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a great tool for spreading the story as the children love coloring the pictures. Because of the age of my Sunday school children, they have to have someone else to read it to them. This helps spread the story even further." (Jim & Jodi).

**INDIA** – Pastors in southern India are racing the clock to get the Easter story *JESUS IS ALIVE* books ready for their children. Five hundred copies of the 16 page *JESUS IS ALIVE* in Tamil just arrived from the printer in Madurai. When another Pastor saw the books, he asked to print them, too. So Pastor Anthony is planning to print another 1000 copies for him. He writes. "I just gave the order to the printers and asked them to hurry." Some brothers and sisters in Christ wished to support us in the work here, which is very encouraging. Pray for us. We will be able to give books to village children as well as those having Vacation Bible School." (Pastor Anthony Stephens).

**NICARAGUA** - Sandy, working with Globe International, is joining those asking for Manna for Children books. It took us some months to get Sandy in our sights. She called the other morning to thank us personally She will print books in Spanish for the orphan children she ministers to.

**IN BOLIVIA** - Fabiana is doing the same in Bolivia. It is not easy to find printers who will give these faithful women a good price. They both need someone who is familiar with the printing process. God answers prayer!



**WEB SITE** – Our Webmaster also had good news for us: "I've checked the number of visitors to your web site and the number has gone up again. Praise God. In March 276 unique visitors made 338 visits and read 1,108 pages. Four stayed on the site for more than an hour, eight stayed for 30 minutes to an hour. The Children's page Manna for Children had 53 visitors." (Ruth).

HAITI – Dr. Chris Carlisle and his wife Linda who lead teams to Haiti wrote, "For this next mission we produced 600 Manna

Children's coloring books, *JESUS LOVES THE CHILDREN*. Last year we took WISE *MEN SEEK JESUS*. The books were very well received and artistically colored. We were also able to give each child a special gift of a packet of 24 crayons. The children also watched the Jesus film of the resurrection story in Creole."

Sue Kreuger adds, "These books are amazingly wonderful. They really get the children's attention. "You can see that by the smile on the boy's face (picture on left) at the St. Esprit school." (Sue and Dr. Chris).

**HEALTH** - We both have heavy commitments and are struggling with health problems. Lorna has a bad back which affects her walking and sciatic nerve. She has been having physical therapy twice a week which has helped. She is using a cane to help her when she walks.

Medications help to keep Fred's PDs under control. He has had some very good days lately. However he tires quickly and runs out of breath quickly. With the help of nutritious drinks and honey (have you heard of the virtues of honey?) he is able to cope with the email that comes in from all over the world every morning. We thank God for email. It makes us feel so close to all those lovely people who have joined us in the ministry of Manna Publications.

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NEWS from Fred and Lorna Morris, Manna Publications 1130 Highlands Place, Apt 205, Harrisonburg, VA 22801 July 2011

Dear Friends: On May 18 Lorna woke up with a swollen, 'purple' left leg. Because she could not walk down to the clinic, the RN came up to our apartment. She called 911 immediately. It was Lorna's first visit to the new hospital's Emergency Room and it is a lovely facility. The doctors were wonderful! The blood clot was large and in her foot.

On May 22 we were both due to speak to our Sunday School class plus any visitors who responded to the invitation. The mantel fell on Fred and him alone.



Lou McCoy had gathered a page of questions, in case Fred ran out of words. But the Lord stepped in everyone marveled at the strength God gave Fred. "You

#### **MAY FOR MANNA**

On May 22, our Adult Sunday School class at First Prebyterian Church, Harrisonburg, VA, gave us the whole hour to present Manna Publications. They took a collection for the ministry. We want to thank Mary Bradshaw and Lou McCoy for putting this special effort together. Small Manna devotional books are still available. If you did not get time to take a book and would like one, please let Fred know.

wouldn't know he had PD," said one dear friend, Mary. The class was very generous in their offering for Manna Publications.

Lorna is on Coumadin and having her blood monitored closely, praying all the time that her big, fat leg will be normal ASAP. Please join us in prayer – already we feel uplifted by the prayers and love of God's people.

Our daughter Gay drove down from Connecticut and brought Lorna home from hospital. She helped us for several more days. Jeanette did the second shift and helped for another four days. We could not have managed without them!! Both girls had to drive 7-8 hours to get here... we appreciate them so much.

**NIGERIA** – In 1994 we attended our first LittWorld conference in England. We met some wonderful national leaders like Loknath Manaen of Nepal. After the conference, we visited Zambia, via Zimbabwe. We were welcomed by national believers and pastors. While staying with Timothy and Kunda Chilufya we saw one man totally healed by God and another delivered from the effects of two poisonous fetishes. We were in the midst of real spiritual warfare.

Pastor Timothy shared openly with us that week and gave us his manuscript to put into good English. The book FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT has been taken from what he shared with us. Soon after this, Pastor Timothy died of what we believe was cerebral malaria. Many questions remained unanswered. The spiritual battle still rages! Jesus is the answer! Jesus is the victor!

Pastor Timothy Osinlu, who distributes Manna Publications in Nigeria just wrote, "Thank you for the excellent and powerful book you sent me titled FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT. It is a true treasure, more precious than gold and silver. It is not too hash at all. It is the plain truth. It speaks to what is really going on in Nigeria today. Thank you for making such a book available to us. The book will surely meet the spiritual needs of millions of Nigerians and I pray that it will spread to other West African countries. Thanks be to God for the life of late Pastor Timothy Chilufya. Although he has died, he is still preaching God's precious word." (Timothy Osinlu).

In most countries Manna for Children Bible story coloring books are a rare find. Yet they can be printed for .15 cents each. In other places they may cost 20 cents each. Will you bless 100 children with a book and a basket of crayons to color the pictures? If you pay for the books, we will find someone to supply the crayons.

The Bible stories are easy to understand and the children almost always share them with their parents. Often mothers and older sisters don't have any formal education. They enjoy the Bible stories as much as the children who color them. Check our website <a href="https://mannapublications.org">https://mannapublications.org</a>

A big "Thank You" to Doug Sensabaugh. Doug has agreed to help us with Manna for Children.



**KENYA** – "The picture shows boys enjoying their books. My wife Susan was with them

teaching them the meaning of the story from the Manna book. You can see how diligent they are," Bernard Otuoma.

**INDIA** – Finally a word of encouragement came from Drs Alex and Anne Abraham of Operation Agape based in Ludhiana, Punjab. Dr. Anne had just received our only copy of WOMEN OF THE BIBLE, a study Lorna prepared and taught in 1992. Dr Alex wrote, "We are happy to translate and publish this study in the Hindi language. We feel it would be of great benefit to many women in North India. Your books have been a blessing to thousands."

**MANNA (UK)** The Serb population of the former Yugoslavia is around 7 million with 6 million Serb orthodox adherents and a sprinkling of other denominations. Our colleagues in the UK have just received the translation of MARK 1 Bible commentary in the Serbian language. It is suitable for Serb readers in Montenegro and Kosovo as well as Serbia. The Protestant population is just over 1% of the population in the former Yugoslavia and they are in need of sound Christian literature in their own language, translated and published by their own people.

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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 online, 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 they overflow into the street.

**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.

#### **ANONYMOUS 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.

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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On the trail to a bush church



Carrying books on their heads



a church under construction

**NIGERIA** - David Mifang's team on the trail. All equipment and supplies are carried on their heads. They will visit bush churches and teach the people. Many new churches were established in the last ten years. Last year, seven new churches were started in Tabara State, in Eastern Nigeria.

Gary Edlund, Board member with Book table



Gary set up this book table at a recent Convention. Books in Telugu, the second language of India, caught the eye of Moran and his wife Prasanna who is from India. Telugu is her language. Derek is a truck driver and volunteered his services to Manna to put some of our devotional books in the Truck Stops of North America.

"God is doing great things here!"

Faith in the Bible church in Cambodia. The children show their Manna Bible story coloring books. Charia, a programmer at TWR Radio in Phnom Penh, supplies books to her young listeners.



### **CHRISTMAS SPECIAL:**

Every child would like a copy of the coloring book WISE MEN SEEK JESUS and a fist full of crayons. You can give this gift to 100 children for as little as \$20. Or the same gift to 500 children for \$100.



# A Testimony from the Cameroon:



Today I share the greatest joy in my life after receiving Christ as my Lord and Savior. This is the greatest thing that can ever happen to anyone. I and my husband lived here for many years. All the children I gave birth to died as a result of witchcraft and wicked traditions and customs. Living this way was full of darkness and pain. On the death of my husband, I decided to leave this village. Your coming here was God-sent. If I am the only person you came for, then rest at peace.

Your visit will continue to bear fruit in this community. God bless you brother David Mifang and your team.

I have lots more to share with you, but for now I am finding fulfillment in my salvation. I know that if I die, I will go and be with the Lord for eternity, my greatest hope.