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NEWS from Fred and Lorna Morris
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HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our Manna team, board members, supporters, distributors, and prayer partners. When one of our board members saw our Manna Directory, he exclaimed, “Wow! How do you keep up with all these people?”

The answer is “by constant communication;” this NEWS is part of our effort to keep you informed!

LATIN AMERICA - SPANISH EVANGELICAL RESOURCES is Larry Crabtree’s ministry. Larry is Manna Representative in Latin America. He is having Manna Bible commentaries translated into Spanish and published in Guatemala. Larry visits the field several times each year to train pastors in how to use the books.

TRUCK STOP INITIATIVE – Derek, our long-distance truck driver lost his job. He was backing up at a truck stop and hit a truck coming in behind him. He has put the book **TO HEAL A BROKEN HEART** in three truck stops and hopes to put out more. Please pray that he will get another job soon.

CAMEROON – It takes teaching to establish believers in their faith and Christian literature to help them grow. It takes churches to shield congregations from the sun and rain. David Mifang’s teams visit the new churches regularly to encourage and teach them using Manna books.

BIBLES FOR NIGERIA – Praise God Pastor Timothy Osinlu, Manna Distributor in Kogi State, has just brought his wife, Gloria, home from hospital after surgery and a lot of antibiotics..... Pray with us for total healing. A teacher in Oyo State wrote: “After studying one of the Manna books, Fifty students had decided to follow Jesus. But not one of them had a Bible. A pastor in Edo State is asking for large print Bibles. Timothy helped several groups get Bibles. Pastor went to the Nigerian Bible Society and bought 60+ Bibles and delivered them to Oyo State for the new believers.



(Mud church construction in Cameroon)

UK's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – David Page has shouldered a heavy load in 2011. Many extra duties fell to him at his church because the church was without a pastor all year. Then Kettering Baptist church honored the UK team for a very fruitful year by hosting their Annual General Meeting on November 6. After the service, the group had lunch together followed by the annual Manna business meeting.

CHAD - Who knows where Chad is on the map? Our French Branch, managed by Wendy Hourriez, certainly does. A Pastor there wanted Manna Bible commentaries for his people, but printing in Chad was too expensive. David Mifang in Cameroon offered to print and accompany two lots of 500 books each to the border and give them to the pastor. Five hundred each of MARK 1 in English and French were delivered safely and the fellowship was a blessing. Good work, David.

TESTIMONY: A Pastor wrote, “Thank you for the very excellent and powerful book sent to me, FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT. It is more precious than gold. It is the plain truth; not too harsh at all. The book will surely meet the spiritual needs of millions of Nigerians. I pray that it will spread to other West African countries.



WISE MEN SEEK JESUS Bible study coloring books rolled off the presses in time for Christmas. They helped to fill orphans' stockings this Christmas -in Cambodia, Cameroon (French), and in India (Telugu); in Congo (in Swahili and Kilongo), in Mozambique for shipment to Malawi, and in Myanmar. There “Manna for Children” books are part of the school curriculum for one mission enterprise.

If you wish to invest in these children's lives, please make checks payable to Manna Publications (USA) Inc. Mark “Manna for Children” and mail to ~~1130 Highlands Place, Apt 205,~~ Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Thank you.

ZIMBABWE -It has become a tradition among Christians here to start the New Year with a 10 day fast. This year, with the challenges ahead, churches seem to be taking this very seriously. The family living opposite us goes to the Methodist church. All the adults are fasting. They are getting up at 5am to pray before work starts. It is

light then.

We go to bed early, but it still takes a lot of discipline (which I haven't got!) If all the problems here have taught the Christians anything, it is to pray. Our little church started the New Year not with a party but with an all-night of prayer; they are finishing off their fast with another all night prayer meeting. They tend to walk about as they pray. Often they all pray aloud together. It is sincere & I'm sure God hears. Fred Morris <https://www.mannapublications.org>



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EASTER GREETINGS – “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...” It is Easter again, when we remember the death of our Lord . He was “the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29).

NEW DISTRIBUTORS – We welcome several new Distributors to the Manna team. We have known Charia Our from Cambodia for several years. She is a programmer at TWR world radio and has used the Manna for Children Bible story coloring books for her junior listeners. With her husband, Thearith, she manages the Jehovah Jireh Center which is near the city dump. The children of the families who live at the dump come to the Center every day for a warm meal, medical attention and to get help with their education. They also learn Bible lessons. Charia’s younger sister Marian also works at TWR.

PAKISTAN - URGENT Request for Prayer - “Please pray for Manna’s Pakistan team. They are often in danger. Many Christians have fled from their houses to safer places. I have a big family and I don’t know what to do.” Shahbaz Jalal.

Cambodia – Charia produces the children’s programs at Trans-World Radio (TWR) in Phnom Penh, capital city of Cambodia. She and her husband Thearith also direct the Jehovah Jirah Center which ministers to hundreds of families that eek out an existence by scavenging at the city dump. Charia just wrote that she wants to become a full-fledged Distributor of Manna Publications. Charia, welcome to the Manna team.

WORDS of TESTIMONY:

“No need to send money. We are printing Manna books with local support & sales money.”.
Pastor Satish Babu. India

“Your books are blessing thousands of people.” Dr. Alex Abraham, Operation Agape,
Ludihana, Punjab. India



CONGO – Pastor Umba sent this picture of thirteen young people who were saved and baptized in villages where he distributed Manna books. They came to the Lord when they read GENESIS commentary. Umba prints books in Swahili, Kisonji and French. One little girl who received the book BABY MOSES wants to be used by God - just like baby Moses. God constantly honors Pastor Umba's enthusiasm with precious souls.

CAMEROON - **“I am glad to let you know that the book FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT has changed many people...”** Evangelist David Mifang, Cameroon

BURMA – Peter Skinner, Director (UK) wrote: “Your Manna books have done well in Burma. There is a hunger for the Word. In 6 years we (Manna-UK) have published 16,250 books at an average cost of .22p (.40 US) per book. This despite the fact that no money appears to be coming back from sales; such is the poverty. Because Manna's policy is to sell books at cost, not give them away free, I asked Thang to try and sell books to the Siyin people. He agreed.

“Our greatest development is in the Tiddim Chin people group where the whole of GENESIS (4 Vols) has been translated, as well as Acts and Mark. Prices are kept low and sales money is sent through the jungle by courier.”

MALAYSIA - Our Distributor in Kuala Lumpur was mistaken by the police for a man they wanted. When John Chin went to the Western Union office to collect funds we had sent him, the police grabbed him, beat him and put him in jail. His Bishop had to go and bail him out. It was a case of mistaken identity. Please pray that God will protect our helpers.



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June - July 2012

On May 27 our Sunday School class blessed us with “May for Manna” Sunday. We had the support of 16 slides put together by our grandson-in-law who happened to be here for a few days. Everyone blessed the Lord for the strength He gave Fred. “You wouldn’t know he had PD,” said one dear friend. The class was very generous in their offering for Manna Publications and we wish to thank everyone who participated.



(advertising Manna for Children in Adult S.S. Class)

PERSONAL – Manna Publications is 20 years old and until recently we have been self-supporting. We have hesitated to put our personal-support needs before you. However, the time has come when we cannot keep up with the yearly rent raises here at Sunnyside. In nine years the monthly fee has increased by \$1250/month. We have done all we can to boost our income. We ask each one of you reading this letter to ask the Lord if you should help in some small way. The Manna office is in our second bedroom – a tiny space for all the writing, editing, mailing and visitors are welcomed there.

NEW CONTACTS

Naeem John, our Manna Distributor in Pakistan, has contacted a new people group called Marwari. He is having books translated into that language. He also has a translator working in the Sindhi language. As there are many Sindhi speakers in India, we are about to send a Sindhi book to our Distributor in Hyderabad to have books printed for them. Our Indian team is doing a great job. They printed 57,000 books between October 2011 and April 2012.

On May 27 our Adult Sunday School class at First Presbyterian 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.
 (See photo on the left)

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.

In most countries Manna for Children Bible story coloring books are a rare find. Yet they can be printed for .15 cents or less each. In other places they may cost 20 cents.

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 who don't have any formal education join in. They enjoy the Bible stories as much as the children who color them. Check our web site:

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ZAMBIA –titled FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT. It is a true treasure, more precious than gold. During our visit with Pastor Timothy Chilufya, he shared openly with us and gave us a manuscript to edit for him. The book FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT came out of that manuscript. Soon after our visit, Timothy died. Many questions remained unanswered. The spiritual battle still rages! Only Jesus can set men free!

Pastor Timothy Osinlu, who distributes Manna Publications in Nigeria just wrote, “Thank you for the excellent and powerful book you sent me and silver. It is the plain truth. It speaks to what is really going on in Nigeria today. The book will surely meet the spiritual needs of millions of Nigerians. Thanks be to God for the life of late Pastor Timothy Chilufya. Although he has died, he is still preaching God’s precious word.”

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 Hindi. We feel it would be of great benefit to many women in North India. Your books have been a blessing to thousands.”

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“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
(1 Corinthians 15: 57)

Meet Two of Our Board Members

It gives us great pleasure to introduce to you the Chairman, Rev. Chris Carlisle. Chris was Associate Pastor at North Myrtle Beach Church. We have known Chris and his wife Linda over 20 years and enjoyed the richest fellowship with them.

Rev. Chris is helping Fred with daily communications that flow between Manna representatives on the field, and the USA. He graduated from Maryville College, TN., then Graduate School at SUNY, at Plattsburg NY, a Dr. of Min. at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. He says, “I am glad to utilize my education and skills to support Manna Publications.” Chris and Linda (a nurse), take teams to Haiti once or twice each year, ministering the Word, supplying eyeglasses and medicines to those in desperate need. Chris believes in Jesus’ call to every believer to GO and witness to the Good News of salvation and hope. Doug Sensabaugh, skilled musician and computer whizz lives nearby and works as Communications Director of this Presbytery.



(Dr. Chris Carlisle & Doug Sensabaugh 3rd & 4th from left in back row.)

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Doug Sensabaugh, skilled musician and computer whizz lives nearby and works as Communications Director of this Presbytery. Doug and his wife, Julie are relatively new friends who fill such an important niche for us. Fred’s eyes have deteriorated rather rapidly of late so Doug gets up a little earlier two or three times a week to assist Fred with a hundred or so files on his computer. Doug travels to Ethiopia for the Presbytery to help with leadership training and development on a regular basis.



Burma – Rev. Biak Sang is pastor of a church north of Yangon, the capital city of Burma. He works with a small yet vital group of people known as Falam Chin and has translated several books into the Falam Chin language. He is very enthusiastic and sent the following testimony:

“Brother Hmung, a church member, received Jesus when he read our commentary on Mark 1. In the picture

(kneeling), Rev. Sang leads the congregation in prayer.

ATTACK! ATTACK! Rev. Radi Atalla long-term contact of Manna in Alexandria, Egypt, has translated several commentaries. We understand from our Arab contacts in the UK that the Arabic translation is very good. Rev. Radi rarely tells us of his publishing plans or need for money. He can supply electronic copies for us to print anywhere in the Arab-speaking world. Before the turmoil the potential reach many with his translations was huge. Rev. Isaac Ibrahim, also from Egypt, came here last summer. He was very interested in Rev. Radi’s books. We hoped to hear from him again, but conditions in Egypt are so chaotic to say the least only prayer can sustain God’s servants and their evangelistic efforts.

Most Manna Distributors make long treks through the bush. They take a team and stop in small villages to tell the story of Jesus. They visit bush churches and sell books. When a team comes for a day or two it is a high point in the life of a congregation. The word goes out, “Manna has come! Manna has come.”

Treks can only be made in the dry season. In the dry season even the children are working in the fields; their lives are built around subsistence farming. Meetings run late into the evening. Children fall asleep by the fire clutching their coloring books and the old folk begin to nod. One of the pastors closes in prayer; a long day comes to a happy ending.

Some of our trekkers are Pastors Umba Kazadi - Congo, David Mifang in Cameroon, and Enock Dimba - Malawi. Thank you for your prayers.

Suggestion: Take your group of 10-12 youngsters to the local hospital. Give books and crayons to some of the sick children. Have your missionaries tell the story to the sick children.

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Christmas Greetings 2012

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And the Angel said, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be for 'all' people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

Dear friends:

God had a spiritual Kingdom in mind. A kingdom that offers us new hearts that will last for Eternity. This is the Good News of Great Joy!

We have been trying to spread this good news under the umbrella of "Manna Publications" for the past 20 years. Every year God raised up co-workers in many third world countries - men who travel under harsh conditions to villages where most do not even own a Bible. "Manna for Children" little coloring books were added to the collection. These have brought many children to Jesus. "Wise Men Seek Jesus" is rolling off the presses in many languages in time for Christmas. Adults who cannot read - read the drawings to learn the Bible stories.

Fred's eyes are causing some problems. He had all kinds of lung tests last week because of breathing problems. Ill health brought much help from some of our Board members. Yes, He is Faithful!

I was able to get back to weekly Bible Studies with 17 or so ladies here in this building. Finished Ruth and planning to follow up with more studies on some very important ladies of the Bible. We ask you to pray for this small group on Tuesday afternoons if the Lord brings us to mind.

It has been so encouraging to have three ladies in India translate some of my Bible studies. These were all prepared and approved by our CE Director at No. Myrtle Beach Presbyterian Church some 15-

20 years ago. Reminds us that God's Word is cross cultural. Its transforming power applies to the Church worldwide.

Ten long years have passed since we lost Wendy in the terror of 9/11. Some days it feels like just yesterday. They tell me time heals, but the grieving process still goes on.

It is such a precious time, for both of us, when her eldest, Dr. Loren and her husband visit. They love the Lord and seek to live for Him.

Just a few weeks after Loren started her residency at Vanderbilt Hospital they had a beautiful baby girl. Arabel Wendy. She is back at work and tells us she believes God wants her to be a doctor. Ashley, the youngest, is finishing up two Master degrees – Library Science and her MBA at Kent State. She really wants to be a writer.

Forty six years ago we arrived in the US with four young children and one huge challenge ahead. Our resources were very limited, our friends very few. Dr. Laubach welcomed us to Laubach Literacy. Fred was trusted with their dying Publishing Department and worked night and day to make it a story of success. America was a wonderful, generous country in the 60's. Folks were proud of the godly beginnings which were founded on His Word. Sad to say it has changed. A spirit of lawlessness seems to be spreading over the entire world.

Surely Jesus is coming soon. That great and glorious day of His appearing with myriads of angels – the trumpet sound – and time is no more. We look forward to meeting those who have been redeemed because we were faithful to His call on our lives.

The grandchildren are finding it hard to get employment in their fields of study. Unemployment is real and touches many families. I can hear my Jamaican friends praying Proverbs 14:35 out loud. "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. How true of our world situation today!

Jeanette is looking forward to retirement. She came home from a vacation in Jamaica very sick and in hospital on antibiotics and fluids right this minute. Her husband says the color is coming back into her cheeks and she looks much better. Her eldest is moving to Latin America – Uruguay. He met a lady friend when he visited earlier this

year. Her family has already made preparations for his arrival. Timothy is a licensed Financial Advisor and thinks Uruguay is the economic hub for Latin America.

Our Stephen was married (again) this past summer to a sweet young lady who has her head on right! We are so happy to see him so happy. Last week Gay drove down with two of Jeanette's - Tim and Rachael.

Rachael is working for Holiday Cruises that tour the rivers of the US and Europe. She loves it. She is the 2nd Mate in charge of security.

Gay hopes she can have another Gallery one of these days... right now she is happy being a Nanny to two little ones. She loves them and seems physically able to do all that is needed for little people. Her girls are grown. Arielle has a Science degree but very fortunate to be hired as the Buyer for a small Computer Store in Greenwich, Conn.

We hear from some of our childhood friends in Australia - and some of our cousins. Many have gone to Glory to worship at the feet of the Lamb that was slain.

One day known only to God, we shall join the chorus and praise Him too. We hear from some of our missionary co-workers from Japan and Jamaica..... from the family of God scattered all over the world.

Christmas is special for those who love the story of His birth.... Our hearts join yours as we thank God for all our blessings - given every day.

*Our love and thanksgiving for you,
Fred and Lorna*

When heaven opened that night the Angel said Jesus has come for 'all' people. With your help and prayers several hundreds of our books have gone out to some of these "all" people - the young and the old.

How we thank God for each one who prayed the morning of November 8. The surgery went so well even the Surgeon was surprised. Before she started the procedure, I told the doctor that 'hundreds' were praying for her! Well, maybe not hundreds - but a huge army of you were praying and sending e-mail, cards and phone calls. The doctor said, "I need it," then, "I feel it!!" She felt your prayers. Twice I heard her say, "It is going so well!!"

At the follow up appointment last Tuesday the doctor shared that she had wondered if it would go well. It had been six months. But, God answers prayer - your prayer. Cannot thank you enough! I lost 14 lbs of fluid almost immediately. My left leg looks the same as the other one!!!

God provided dear friends from our Church to help us over the past six months. A dear friend took me to the hospital - stayed until I was released. Then she volunteered to stay the night to make sure everything was OK. It was fun the next morning ... Fred fixed us a pot of English tea, yogurt and fruit!! We all sat up in bed and enjoyed the fellowship in the Lord - and breakfast!

MORE SURGERY: The next obstacle to overcome is a hip replacement (right hip). I see the Hip Surgeon December 9th. He couldn't do any-thing until we got the blood clots opened and everything flowing normally. When we know the date of this procedure we will call for more prayer. I am looking forward to driving once again and not being in so much pain. I use a walker to walk because of the pain. There is no cartilage left to cushion the joint - just bone on bone.

Fred's joints cause him a lot of distress too! However, I do believe he is a walking miracle. It is 10 years since Fred was diagnosed with Parkinson Disease - it causes great weakness in his legs - yet he produces more and more copy and struggles with the artwork for his covers.

For the most part he sleeps well but eating is a bit of a problem. Sometimes the food does not want to go down. Trust God with us for 'strength for the day'.

MANY HANDS INVOLVED. The UK team, local Board members, personal friends, proof readers, Manna Representatives all over the world, have all joined hands to help get God's Word out ... Manna France is consolidating all the French materials for the French speaking folks of the world. It wouldn't happen without them.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT: is rewording "Healing for a Broken Heart" to make it suitable for truckers, not small Bible Study Groups. A new representative plans to leave this booklet at various truck stops in US and Canada. Derek is a truck driver who wants to be involved. He is choosing what to print and where to put the materials for truckers to pick up. He will handle the e-mail and Dr. Carlisle, Board Chair, will address any questions if and when needed.

The local Mennonite Printers have given us one tremendous price for printing the first thousand. Please pray. We believe many troubled men will pick them up when they stop for gas, food or lodging. Truckers need Jesus.

WINTER CAME EARLY. The weather has not been kind to Gay and family. Hurricane Irene recently came through their township in Connecticut with devastating rain and winds. Three or so weeks later a freak blizzard hit suddenly. Gay fell on the ice and snow, she was unconscious for a little while - 911 could not handle the calls - no ambulance was available. Every second or third tree came down. An EMT friend was able to get an Ambulance ready for her and get her to the hospital. She has a metal clip in her head and seems to be recovering. Their town lost electricity for over two weeks!

JEANETTE and family all came before Thanksgiving, when everyone had some time. David and Rachael both have two part time jobs each until they find 'real' jobs. Timothy is a Financial Counselor with Mass Mutual. Rachael has a Maritime degree and David has two - hoping for some kind of clean water program etc. Paul is a Mr. Fixit and very clever. We always have a 'to do' list waiting for his visits.

LYNN and his girls keep in touch. They called on Thanksgiving Day. Ashley has 18 months before she finishes Graduate School with degrees in Library Science and a MBA. Loren will start interviews at various teaching hospitals. She has four years of residency ahead of her. Her Dentist husband, Derek, will be looking for a job as a dentist as soon as he knows where his wife will end up. We hope it will be a little closer to Harrisonburg. It would be nice to see them more often.

STEPHEN'S Lisa has a baby girl just one year old. Nina working with fish and oysters etc.. Stephen and Rosie live in New York. Work is hard to come by for both of them in this economy. Rosie is a talented artist, Steve in masonry/construction.

WISE MEN SEEK JESUS coloring booklets are being published in several countries for this Christmas. Burma, India, Cameroon, Mozambique, Pakistan, Malawi, Cambodia, Congo and Sierra Leone. Like those 'Wise men' children will bow down and worship Him.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

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Thank you for your support thru 2012. Manna depends on just a few dedicated folk who live near us. Pray for a wider sphere of contacts. We believe there are dark days ahead; surely our Lord is coming soon. You have a part to play in preaching the Gospel: Jesus said, "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matt 24:14).

Meet the Board Continued. Rev. Roger Green—seated front row next to Lorna. Roger is a long time friend originally from New Zealand. He was in Bible school with Fred and Lorna back in the 40s. After that he went to Canada to further his education which centered on children. Roger started Beach Missions for children in most of the main beaches from Maine to Georgia. Roger has retired and lives with his wife Marguerite in Dallas, Texas.



Arvid Vandyke, standing first on the right, has taken an important role and is helping with funds transfers. Gary Edlind, standing second on the left, has done this faithfully for several years.

INDIA EXPANDS. Pastor Satish, Manna Distributor, is a single man with lots of enthusiasm for the books. He has visited dozens of villages in the central states of Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu visiting pastors and exhibiting books. As a result he has sold thousands of books and hopes to print in six languages.

Ladies in some of the churches liked Lorna's study books so much that they translated them. They are raising funds to print **THE HOLY SPIRIT** and **WOMEN OF THE BIBLE**. These are larger books and quite expensive to print.

Cameroon - Come with Pastor Mifang on one of his treks. His team has walked through the bush to the new congregation at Dorofi. They take count: Leaders to be trained – 50. Children (not counted); men – 50; women - 75.

Pastor Satish, our distributor in India, wants to make books available to all these people.	
Population figures in millions:	
Hindi -	200,000,000
Telugu -	70,000,000
Tamil -	65,000,000
Kannada -	38,000,000
Malayalam-	35,000,000
Oriya -	32,000,000

Pastor Mifang keeps careful record of the people trained and books sold. His training programs continue all day, with a break for weak tea and bread.



Bush pastor in Malawi visited
by Enoch Dimba in Malawi

More trekking to villages - David Mifang, Cameroon

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Rev. Philip Mamgong. (Testimony) “I want to extend a thank you note for Manna’s Commentaries. This is a valuable resource for me. I have been a pastor for 55 years.. Indeed I am yet to see a commentary as this one given to me. It is clear, straight to the point in easy, readable language and exposes one to strong biblical truth. May God bless and strengthen the author - Brother Fred Morris and his team of editors. Now in retirement, I will continue using this book to expose bible truth to as many as the Lord brings to me by His grace and power. Brother, be strengthened and hold on to the truth and the goal. The price is great.”

Rev. Biak Sang - BURMA

For many years the Christians were oppressed, but life is easier for them now and Rev. Biak Sang is able to print and distribute books freely. AY and her companion from UK used to creep through the jungles so as not to be seen. AY goes to the Chin hills. They teach the tribal children because there is no government school. They are taught to help themselves. The schools use the children’s coloring books and the children learn from the Bible story from them. The first 1,000 books cost \$70.00 and the children love them. Government persecution has diminished and Rev. Sand is free to teach from the Manna commentaries. Rev. Sang’s congregation has just finished studying ACTS 1 and ACTS 2. The people are hungry for more.

DEM. REP. of CONGO - Pastor Umba shown here to the right with several boxes of newly printed books. If you wish to invest in the pastors, students, evangelists and children’s lives, please make checks payable to Manna Publications (USA) Inc.

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Dear friends: We wish everyone a happy Easter!

Meet the Board continued from our last NEWS. Back row, second from right is Michael Allen, a building contractor from Charlotte, North Carolina. He is very active in his church and has an interest in electronic books. Scott Robidoux (far left) was part of our church family in North Myrtle Beach. Scott has a heart for Missions and is the newest member of the Board. We'll tell you more about these outstanding men and our daughter, Jeanette, standing behind her Dad.



DEM.REP. of CONGO. Pastor Umba is shown (left) with several boxes of newly printed Bible Commentaries. He also publishes the smaller books in five languages and Children's books for many orphanages. Civil War has not stopped him publishing and distributing Manna Bible Studies.

PAKISTAN. Trouble spots have not prevented Naeem from publishing and distributing for Manna either. Naeem (right) has contacted a new people group called the Marwari. A Marwari pastor is translating Manna Publications for his people. As far as we know Manna is the only ministry publishing for the Marwari people.



AFRICAN WET SEASON means mud, mud and more mud. March is the month when the dry season begins. All distributors are gearing up to print books to be used when they trek to village churches. Many people have been saving all season to have enough money to buy a book. Great excitement awaits many of them. Thank you to all those who sent cards, letters and support for us personally. We, too, need to trust the Lord for monthly expenses. We also need a small amount of monthly support.

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NEWS FROM FRED AND LORNA MORRIS

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June-July 2013

Fred went to Papua New Guinea five times to gather information on the life of Jim Spence, a fellow Bible School student in Sydney, Australia.

After graduation, Jim went to Papua New Guinea with New Tribes Mission. He later contracted Leukemia and died on the field in 1958.

An early edition of Jim's story – *In Search of Brown Gold* – was published in Australia in 1994. We did many revisions with the help of fellow missionaries, Jim's widow Sylvie and Tom and Corinne Palmer who are still ministering in the Hamtai tribe at that wonderful age of 90.



A new edition of "*In Search of Brown Gold*" has just been released by AMAZON. One of our Board members took care of this great undertaking.

The book is available in beautifully bound copy for \$9, plus shipping, from Amazon.com. It can be downloaded as an e-book for free also.

We are so grateful that Jim's story is available for the youth of Papua New Guinea. Pastors at a Conference asked Fred to go home and write this story of their Christian beginnings in simple English.

However, it is a story of the spiritual struggles of taking the gospel message to a stone age people; a story of witnessing whole tribes accepting Jesus as their Savior.

At the ripe old age of 89 this coming October Fred's day's of traveling and preaching are over but through his many small topical booklets and Bible Commentaries we have testimony of many in many countries accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior.



IN HAITI Manna Publications has been introduced to another mission with a heart for the lost in Haiti. Rev. Christopher Carlisle, now President of Manna Publications takes teams twice a year to the hills outside of Port au Prince. Chris made 600 books by hand and took them in March, 2013. He wrote that Lorna's Easter story was a tremendous success. Children everywhere love crayons and coloring books. These children were given crayons and books to take home as well as a small gift.



READING CENTERS. Pastor Satish writes, “We plan to open study centers at three places. The first Center is in Guntur, my hometown, and home to my supporting Church. It opened on May 7th. We had some problems with the owner of the building but praising God for removing the obstacles.” Thanks to our supporters here the people have chairs to sit on. Pray that wisdom will be given as he seeks to open more reading centers. This young man will be the target of many ‘fiery darts’ from the enemy – please put a hedge of protection around him.

SUDAN. Some years ago we had books in the refugee camps of Sudan. Worsening conditions stopped all distribution. Much in the south is doing better, rebuilding homes, schools and hospitals etc. however, in some areas the conditions are dreadful. The capital city, Kartoum is in Northern Sudan and they are planning for a 100% Islamic State. Southerners are treated like foreigners. Our friend, Yasir Makki, a Christian national has seen his work in Kartoum suffer because so many of his students have been forced to flee to the South.

INDIA. Satish, our main Manna Distributor in Hyderabad was knocked off his bike by three thugs recently. His left leg was badly hurt and only just healed. Satish writes, “My father and brother, Yonan, are caring for all books published in the Telugu language. We have some local support from Christians for the Telugu translations but need help to publish in English. No one is coming forward to sponsor our English titles.”



Satish Babu, our Manna distributor in India in 2012 he published more than 100,000 books. His father assists him.

THE TRUTH

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counsellors and the most patient of teachers.

Charles William Eliot

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MANNA PUBLICATION'S BEGINNINGS

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Dear friends:

Maybe you have been praying for us this past week. Wednesday was a hard day – hard to watch the news of 9/11 – even after 12 years. We thank all those who remembered.

Fred's health continues to deteriorate – his right eye could not read any of the largest letters at the Eye Doctor's office – Parkinson's patients do not blink very much so they put plugs into the ducts to try and moisten things up a bit. The left eye was very good. So with that in mind he is trying to write "his" story of 60 years of missions, and also an introduction to his childhood, farm life, navy life during World War 11 up and down the Pacific, University, Bible Studies and finally to the Mission field in 1952.

As I was reading/editing copy I thought I would like to pull out the background circumstances of how the vision of MANNA PUBLICATIONS came into being. Fred writes, "The computer age was in its infancy.



Fred writes, "The computer age was in its infancy. My wife attended classes with a friend in South Carolina. I began to play around with an old computer I bought for her. Soon I was putting some of my sermon notes (from many years) on to standard copy paper. Eventually I folded the paper and stapled the pages and began to produce small books for English speaking Africa. Mr. Cliff Westergren, a veteran missionary of many years, told me not to wait until they were perfect, but to get them out there. The books took off. Mr. Maurice Odihambo was our first distributor in Kenya. We need someone to replace him.

"Lorna and I had a strong interest in Africa. Lorna came with me to Zambia, via Harare, Zimbabwe twice. This was where we experimented with Manna commentaries and small booklets. Henry Murray, great grandson of Andrew Murray, was the first to publish for us in Zimbabwe.

Evangelist Timothy Chilufia was a promising leader in Zambia but before we got started he died of cerebral malaria. Francis Kangwa wanted to take over this ministry. Clayt Roberts – a brother from Syracuse, helped us pay for Francis to study in the Evangelical Seminary in Ndola, Zambia. One year after graduating Francis too, went home to be with the Lord.

Timothy Chilufia's testimony and story is written in "From Darkness to Light." It can be downloaded at www.mannapublications.org

Mr. Leonard Chibende sold books at the local market places in Zambia. He would lay a brightly colored blanket on the side walk – so that everyone could see the books. He sent us a hand written translation of “Babel” in Bemba. Ann McDonald, one of our precious prayer partners in South Carolina keyed it in for him in Bemba. He was a man of unbelievable faith and led many people to the Lord. After 6 or 7 years this dear Saint went home to Glory. These men do not have the life-span we have here in the West. The average is somewhere about 38 years of age.

The work has expanded to 188 number of books into 38-40 languages. We are excited about the work going on in the Congo right now. In spite of a nasty war Pastor Umba is able to print and sell many Bible Study books and Manna for Children. He sends exciting newsletters every month with details of what it costs and what he has on hand to help with re-printing.

Ocean Drive Presbyterian Church helped us finance commentaries in all 66 Books of the Bible, in English, in India. Mr. S. D, Ponraj, was trained by Christian Literature Crusade in India. He did a great job. His publishing house has since been closed but others have joined us to fill that vacuum. One young man, Satish Babu, has printed hundreds of books and has the vision to reach all of India with Manna books. He has opened his first Fred J. Morris Reading Room and hopes to open many more.”

Now at the age of 89 Fred is trying to remember what all he did on his many tripsto Papua New Guinea, his ministry in Japan, Jamaica, and finally joining Laubach Literacy in 1966 in Syracuse, N.Y. where he published their literacy materials until 1982 when he officially retired!

He retired to serve the Lord for another 30 years. Fred’s ‘story’ will have many chapters dealing with Missions and how God moves mountains to claim people for His Kingdom. I hope you will one day be able to read it! Thank you for the part you have played in this ministry,

Fred and Lorna Morris

MANNA PUBLICATIONS WILL SURVIVE

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Dear friends:

Our 2014 Board meeting on March 8th here at Sunnyside meant another milestone in our journey. Manna UK, Manna USA are all ready to carry the torch into the future. We welcomed Sue Forrest who has joined us to help with promotion. Sue lives in SC and a member of our prior church, Ocean Drive Presbyterian, who has stood with us financially for many years. How we thank God for that church family.

Fred's mind and speech was under attack early in January, 2014. I found him trying to get his morning oatmeal. He couldn't find any words and was totally confused. The RN was still on duty! She came up to 205 immediately. It wasn't long before she called 911.

Four praying friends from First Presbyterian joined us in the Emergency Room. The admitting doctor told Fred he had a stroke but was gradually improving as the day wore on. Next morning when he awoke his speech was back to normal. I was able to bring him home that evening.

One of our dearest friends from our Sunday School Class here in Harrisonburg visits regularly and faithfully. She has, I believe, a real prayer ministry. She often anoints Fred when she comes - every time, he takes a turn for the better.

At the moment Fred is re-writing his WW11 and childhood story which ultimately becomes 'our' missionary story - our five years in Japan with the Central Japan Pioneer Mission and another five years in Jamaica with the Christian Literature International, followed by our service with CLC in Australia, the journey to America to join Laubach Literacy, and the many shorter ministry journeys Haiti, Colombia, Africa, Fiji and Papua New Guinea.

People who represent Manna overseas and sell the commentaries and doctrinal booklets want to know, "Who is Fred Morris?" This book will tell of the years of leading and training in the many facets of publishing. This would start with the Bookstore in Japan, to Warehouse management, Editing, Writing and finally to Publishing in Syracuse, NY.

Our primary goal for Manna was to grow 3rd world publishers. This can be done if Representatives sell enough books. No money comes back to us in the States. The representative sells for a small profit – 50% goes back to help print the next edition. Everything is printed on the field, i.e. in the country where it is sold. This saves huge postage costs.

OLD EQUIPMENT: *Several of the African pastors who distribute Manna books have vehicles that continually break down. They travel for miles with heavy boxes of books. Pastor Dimba (MALAWI) had a broken spring on his Toyota. This held them up for hours. However, Enoch and his father completed their trek to visit bush churches. In April seven hundred copies of Genesis part 2 – costing 32p each –*

will be produced and distributed in village churches by Enock and his two workers, Mr. Charles Failosi and Mr. Jones Chamangwana.

BRaille: *Because of our faithful supporters we were able to fund the printing of books in Braille for Malawi in 2013. These books are given free to libraries, schools for the blind and other worthy institutions that minister to the blind.*

Parasites in the water cause 'River Blindness' for thousands of people. Fourteen years ago Braille was produced by 'The Torch Trust' in UK for the blind in Malawi. They also have produced Braille Bibles in ten languages. Lazarus, one of the Torch workers in Malawi, is publishing Manna Commentaries on Genesis, which will be welcomed by many blind Christians who want to study God's word. Janet Stafford of Torch UK will be in Malawi next month and will organize the transportation of the bulky books to make sure they reach their destination. Only 50 copies per title can be printed at this time. Pictures below show some of Enock's activities in Malawi.



Jim Norman in England has done the layout for Manna and is busy working for many missions, and extremely important to us. He has just had an aneurysm on his leg. PLEASE PRAY.

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NIGER. In the midst of death and dying, Christians in Africa are responding to the gospel. Festus Haba in Niger has had a large response to the gospel. His wife Ivonne had a baby some weeks ago and is in danger of contracting Ebola. She has come home from the clinic now. Nevertheless, she is still in danger. Festus travels widely in several West African countries and only the Lord's goodness can protect him and his family from contracting the disease.

MALAWI. Enock Dimba and his team were on the road again and visited the village of Chabwera. The village headman (a Muslim) gave us a place to show the Jesus movie. We had almost the whole village - about 1000 people to watch. Two hundred ten people received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. People came for special prayers after the movie, some to be delivered from witchcraft. We saw God's hand that night. We know this was happening because of your prayers.



Enoch Dimba reaches small congregations in outlying bush churches.

BURKINA FASO. Paul Kamanda works for World Vision, a mission agency in West Africa. Paul lives in Burkina Faso and supervises four other distributors. IN SOME AREAS of West Africa there is little or no Christian literature. Thousands have gone to an early grave as a result of the Ebola epidemic.

PRAY FOR PAUL THAT GOD WOULD PROTECT HIM AS HE MOVES AROUND IN THIS AREA.



DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO. Ebola has spread widely in the west African countries. It has reached as far as Congo where Umba Wabondo Kazadi is our key distributor. Umba is fully occupied in producing and distributing both children's and adult literature. He works in 6 or more languages - English and French being the key ones, but there are many other minor languages where he is called upon to preach and teach to conference crowds. Please hold him up in your prayers.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Make checks payable to Manna Publications (USA) Inc.

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[Note: This is the final Manna Newsletter that Lorna prepared and sent out. Sorry, no photos]

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS EVERYONE 2014

Fred's 90th Birthday Party on October 7th was wonderful. Tom and Corrine Palmer, New Tribes missionaries from Papua New Guinea came to help us celebrate. Manna Board member Arvid VanDyke brought a basket of goodies from Board Chairman and his wife... and a big "Happy Birthday" balloon floated from the basket! Every time Fred visited PNG for ministry he visited Tom and Corrine Palmer. He has prayed for them every day since they met in 1959!

Life took a U turn on November 15. Fred fell and fractured two ribs. Not knowing any better I was trying to get him turned to sit down and have his supper when he sat down alright but knocked me over in the process. We both ended up in ER. After a head scan and X-ray of my hand I was released. Fred was kept for observation.

On 17th Fred was brought to the Health Care facility at Sunnyside – which is in another building on campus. A shuttle runs every hour Monday-Friday so I can visit most days. He was started on therapy – lots of it – immediately. And, he is getting stronger but not strong enough to come home to #205.

The hospital doctor increased his Parkinson's medication. When Fred told me what he was taking I knew in my heart it was wrong. I couldn't wait to call his neurologist, then our primary physician, who is in the same practice as the doctor attending health care patients. After they had a mini conference the Health Care doctor called me and thanked me for alerting him to the 'heavy' dose. He had already changed it to a small dosage. It was so 'heavy' the neurologist told us that his blood pressure would have dropped so low he would have collapsed - it would have ended his life here on earth! He also said, "God must want to keep you here for some reason!"

Please pray that he will soon be strong enough to come home. I don't think you would believe me if I told you how much it all costs. Jeanette and Gay came for several days and both were impressed at the care their dad was receiving.

AT 90 YEARS OF AGE MANNA STILL MATTERS TO FRED

NEWS FROM CONGO.

The national Manna Representatives are the very core of Manna Publications. Only today I read a report from Congo. Pastor Umba visited a new Bible School in Kasaji for three days. Those days were spent explaining how to use the Manna books for personal Bible study or in Bible study groups. Many bought the books and were delighted to read these precious books in local languages, dialects and French. He wrote, "One bought Mark Part 1 from our 'poor table'. When he read this book the message touch his heart and he gave his life to Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord."

NEWS FROM ETHIOPIA:

The Sudan Interior Mission Printshop has printed Manna for many years in Oromo and Amharic. A missionary from UK plans to fly out to train 300 students and future church leaders in the New Year. Six hundred 'Acts' Bible Commentaries have been ordered from SIM in two local languages for this

program. Then six hundred 'Manna for Children' Bible Study books have also been ordered. This warms the cockles of my heart. I cannot praise God enough to hear of children learning about Jesus.

CHILDREN IN CHRIST:

A few months ago we had lunch with the founder of this Children's Bible Club movement in fourteen African countries. Most are in Muslim West Africa. I cannot wait to tell you about her. Terry Andrews is married to a World Vision missionary and everywhere he goes Terry goes along too! In no time she realized that the children were the one thing neglected by the church. It broke her heart. Finally she approached good solid Pastors and persuaded some of them that this is the church of tomorrow – and also children have a role in the church of today. Little children can and will witness, pray, sing and enter into the life of the congregation if given the opportunity.

Pastors were asked to take her Seminars to equip them for the day Terry had to move on. When she started a Bible Club for the children many responded. As soon as Terry's husband had to move on, the club was left in the hands of the pastor or pastors who had graduated from her seminars.

Terry also told us that most of those pastors felt the need to repent before the Lord for neglecting these little ones. Today there are 250,000 children registered in the CIC clubs throughout Africa. Terry loves the 'Manna for Children' Bible study books and the children love the crayons! Even Muslim children love to join in because of the crayons.

Pastor Festus wrote and told us that he visited three clubs in Niger recently and found children who asked for prayer. They asked us to pray that they will be lights in their homes to light the way for their parents and siblings. Pray please for these little children as they start their new life with Jesus.

We have the burden to pray for our grandchildren. They are facing a violent world – just like your grandchildren. Jesus said, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when He comes back to redeem His Church." Even so come Lord Jesus!

We thank you for your fellowship, prayer and support over the years.

God Bless you and your family this Christmas, ***Fred and Lorna***

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P.S. There is a brief obituary for Fred Morris on the website – at this page;

<https://mannapublications.org/Obituary-of-Alfred-Morris-founder-of-Manna-Publications.shtml> It includes a link to his biography which you may download if you wish.