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THE MASTER OF THE SEA

And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Mark 4:41

International Christian Publishers has prepared another excellent Vacation Bible School program or Bible study that is sure to be enjoyed by children and teachers alike. *The Master of the Sea* provides five exciting Bible lessons about Jesus and His disciples on and around the Sea of Galilee. As students follow Jesus around the sea in the fishing boats, students will witness the call of the disciples to follow Jesus (Luke 5), be amazed as Jesus calms the storm on the sea (Mark 4), hear Jesus teaching the multitudes from a boat (Matthew 13), witness Jesus and Peter walking on the sea (Matthew 4) and then learn how Jesus fills the disciples net with fish (John 21).

Teachers will enjoy creating an exciting atmosphere with theme-centered decorations, games, crafts, snacks and music. But, most of all, focus on the Bible lessons, challenging students to purpose in their hearts to sail with Jesus on the Sea of Life.



First Baptist Church of Cave City VBS Director, Patricia Wooldridge, examines the colorful material for *The Master of the Sea* curriculum which the church will present this summer.



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Work in Myanmar

From Junia Van Hri, Hope Children's Home Director

Junia has many responsibilities in her work with ICP in Myanmar. She is director of the Hope/ICP Children's Home and is assisting Jacob Tubal with the Missionary Training Ministry. She also conducts classes in English as a second language and other classes for the high school which meets at the children's home facility. Here are some highlights of her ministry in the past two months.

Serving among the children at the children's home and in the Day-school has been both challenging and rewarding. By God's grace, we have witnessed lives transformed—especially when He, in His mercy, softens hard hearts, leading them to repentance and life change. The confessions of faith from students who have joined our school are a priceless reminder of God's amazing work. This year, God sent 39 young people to our Missionary Training Institute, where we were able to successfully complete the training for this academic year.

(Note: Churches supporting ICP ministry made it possible for the ministry to supply food and housing for these 39 missionaries for the five months of training.)



Work in Kenya

Moses Wanjala and Titus Matete

Book Printing For Naivasha

We are very thankful for the great progress of the literature ministry in Kenya. Both Moses and Titus work each day as if there were no tomorrow! Here are a few of their accomplishments since our last newsletter, and some of their plans for the coming weeks: We have completed the printing of 1,600 Module 2 materials, which are now ready to be distributed to 19 churches in Naivasha:

1. **Preschool:** 300 books
2. **Intermediate:** 300 books
3. **Primary:** 300 books
4. **Journals:** 300 books
5. **Visuals:** 300
6. **Teachers books:** 100 for each age group



To cover the shipping costs, churches will contribute a small fee for each book. Currently, we plan for each church to pay 5 Shillings [about 8 cents] per book to help facilitate the shipping process. It is our prayer and hope that these books will be a blessing to all these churches as God's Word reaches the children.

Books for Ugandan Churches

We printed some English copies that Moses will be taking with him to Uganda on the 11th of this month. He will use the material to train the teachers on how to use them and will also distribute some of the books. This trip will help him estimate how many more books need to be printed to ensure there are enough. We have these books in English because Uganda uses English as its major national language, although Swahili is also used.

Translation

We have finished translating all the student books for Module 6. We are now looking for photos featuring African children to include in the material. Meanwhile, we are working on the Module 6 teacher's book and are currently on the last lesson.

Plans for March

1. Plan to print Module 1 material for the five churches in the coastal region of Kenya.
2. Print Module 3 material for churches in Nairobi.
3. Incorporate pictures of Kenyan children in the material.
4. Start the ICP registration process.
5. Finish Module 6 teacher's book.
6. Begin translating the VBS material.

Work in the Philippines

Report from Florence Paguio, Acting Project Director, His Offspring Ministry, Philippines

His Offspring Ministry is providing materials provided for children's ministry and Sunday schools. When churches of the Philippines learned that we have a curriculum *Character Code for Life* they are all interested. I thank the Lord for providing finances and funds through loving and generous churches in the United States. Production of materials was expensive. Last January we placed an order for three rolls of paper, that is about 210,000 sheets of 12" x 18" white book paper. We will be able to print *The Master of the Sea* VBS materials for 35,000 children with those three rolls of paper.

We prayed for a new iMac and God provided the funds for a new iMac computer. Now *The Master of the Sea* VBS, Tagalog version, as well as the *CCfL* curriculum can be translated and printed. This means that churches may have a continuing supply of books for their Christian education ministries.

Our Ryobi offset printing press is a very hard-working machine. It can run up to 6,500 copies an hour. When Pastor Bill Johnson and Rita, and John Sanders are here in May we will have the distribution of the Sunday school and VBS materials along with many other things.

Because of increased production, I added a temporary worker to help with the cutting and folding machines. After printing, we will fold each sheet with the folding machine. With the folder, the folding time and manpower are greatly reduced.

Pastor Bill and Rita Johnson with John Sanders introduced the *Character Code for Life*, children's material to twenty churches last year. Each church

was limited to fifty backpacks because we had only about one thousand backpacks. These churches report that many children have received Christ as their Lord and Savior and have been baptized. We look forward to even more backpacks and churches to use them following the distribution in May.

Pastors from several islands of the Philippines have also been able to take the *CCfL* materials for use in their churches. We just finished the production of Module 2, *Character Code for Life*. There are enough books for about 300 churches to take materials for one hundred children each. These materials will be distributed in our Bible conference in May. It's been busy these past days in our production department. To get the materials in time we must work double time. Then, sometimes, even until very late at dawn (because sometimes the press fails and must be repaired) we must work to finish the print on the run on time.

