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"Let the children come."



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Kenya



ICP translators Titus and Moses attended the African Baptist Association of Kenya during the month. They report that about thirty churches were represented, most were from the immediate area of western Kenya, where the meeting was held. The 1,400 *Character Code for Life* Sunday school books were not enough to supply all the churches. They will print and distribute more.

They are finishing the pupil leaflets for the VBS series *Lord of Kings*, leaving the primary teacher book and the entire curriculum will be ready for printing and distributing. They will print enough books for an estimated 3,000 children.

Rita and Bill Johnson, and several other ICP missionaries from USA hope to go there and help with VBS classes in January 2026.



Myanmar



Front Left to Right: Joseph Jacobson, Joshua and Priscilla.
Back Left to Right: Jacob's sister, mother, father and Jacob.

There is rejoicing in Myanmar. Jacob's parents have managed to escape, through the soldiers, from their village and are now in the city with Jacob. We are rejoicing over God's giving them victory. Jacob's mother was in serious need of medical attention and this has given her an opportunity to have access to that help.

Jacob continues to serve faithfully, translating, printing and distributing *Character Code* materials to churches whenever possible. He is also planning for a good group of young missionaries to attend Missionary Training School which will begin in a few weeks. Rita, and I along with Scott Pevehouse hope to help in that training when we arrive there the week before Thanksgiving.

Philippines



Florence is printing Module 3 of *Character Code for Life* curriculum. Today, as usual, production is in full swing. We're preparing for next year's conference and the distribution of new materials. Churches from across the city and nearby areas are visiting to explore resources that could strengthen their ministries.



Backpack Ministry



We are so thankful for the many churches who are helping again this year with the Backpack Ministry. Brother Sanders reports having distributed 670 backpacks which are being filled by 10 churches, mostly in Northeast Arkansas. Pictured are children who filled 50 backpacks at Unity MBC, Batesville, and ladies from Maxville MBC, Cave City, who filled another 25 packs. These backpacks will be shipped to the Philippines in December. There is still time for churches to receive backpacks which are to be filled by October 31.



Most of those who did backpacks in the past are helping again this year. Several new churches have joined. At this writing we will have approximately the same number of backpacks as the past two years. However, there are many churches in the Philippines who wish to participate in the Backpack Ministry. When a church fills a backpack and attaches a tag identifying the age and sex of the child for which it is intended, it will be distributed to a church in the Philippine Islands.

In the Philippines, churches apply to participate in the Backpack Ministry. A participating church must send four workers to a two-hour training session. This is usually done through ZOOM. ICP Backpack Ministry leaders, John Sanders, Rita Johnson and others use the ZOOM session to teach the Filipino pastor, secretary, teacher and Backpack Project Manager how to use the backpacks to attract children to attend an eighteen-lesson semester of classes in *Character Code for Life*. The church will submit a list of not more than fifty children, giving the name, age and sex of each child. The church designated secretary will keep records of the progress of each child. This includes attendance, spiritual growth. There is also a place to record when a child accepts Christ as Savior, receives baptism and begins participating in all learning activities. These records, along with a picture of each child, are sent to the Backpack Ministry office in the Philippines.

Each child who receives the backpack, will write a thank you note on the tag attached to the backpack. That tag along with the child's picture will be sent to a Backpack Ministry leader at ICP office in Texarkana, where it will be forwarded to the church which provided the backpack. The goal is to provide assurance that the child who received the backpack will be taught Bible study lessons which helps the child build a life of Christlikeness.

Churches may order the backpacks from the ICP office in Texarkana. The number to call, along with more information, may be found on the website: www.icplit.org. If you wish you may call Bill Johnson at 903-278-2648 or John Sanders at 970-213-3006.

We are praying that God will provide, through your loving generosity, another thousand backpacks in time for shipment going out by December 15, 2025. All backpacks will be distributed to the Filipino children in April 2026.

You can help

You can have a part in these ministries around the world by your prayers and offerings. We are praying that "God will provide," and that God will use His people in His provision.

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