

4WRD News and Highlights 2015

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Merry Christmas!

What a wonderful time of year, yes a most wonderful time of the year. Partly because of the lights. Partly because of the carols. Partly because of time off from work. Partly because I am reminded to look beyond the physical and cultural aspects of Christmas--beyond the personal expectations—and see the Power, Poetry, and Possibility of what Emmanuel can mean --- God with us.

We are seeing God with us at 4WRD. December lets us look back over a year of superlatives. 100,000 books placed overseas, show us an aspect of His power. We thank God for a record year of shipping books and a record year of schools visited. God's power is at work at 4WRD.

2015 was also a year of personal reminders of Emmanuel. A librarian we worked with writes, "You gave me purpose of the library. I remember your training and counseling. We blessed by your ministry. Thank you for your helping". Another example happened last month. I asked God who I should give the book to that I just finished reading. A name came to me and when I asked the man if he had read, *Jacob & the Prodigal* he said, "No I haven't. Do you know the author was my teacher and that is the only book he wrote that I haven't read yet".

Christmas is also about possibilities. One of the questions asked at Christmas time is "What will become of this child?" We don't know the full answer to what will become of 4WRD this next year. But we know some of the opportunities. Every year we see more need for Bible school library resources and librarian training.

So how do I work poetry into Christmas? The easiest way is to read the very old traditional carols that contain 6, 8 or 18 verses and give a verse to Mary, one to the shepherds, one to the angels, one to the Magi, one to man's need, at least one to God Incarnate, maybe one on man's response, one on heaven—and yes most of them rhyme, too. The poetry is so many different things and people working together to make the story full and complete. It is no different here at 4WRD. 2015 saw new partnerships with ministries and people. Opportunities to ship at little or no cost, shared containers, travel cost split with other ministries, donations of funds, books, time, from a variety of people. Our story would not be positive without the poetry of partnership.

May God grant you a Poetical, Personal, Powerful Christmas and a Possibility-filled New Year!

Gary & Glenna



NEW YEAR POSSIBILITIES

As always we can use financial help in continuing what we do from shipping containers to travel around the world. You can visit our website and donate direct or mail a check.

- Upcoming trips:
Lesotho, South Africa - February 2016
Rustenburg, South Africa - February 2016
Uganda—April 2016
Togo, West Africa - April 2016
Malawi - to be announced
Sierra Leone - to be announced
Rwanda - to be announced

Thanks to each of you for your contribution to what the Lord has allowed us to do and with His help will continue to do. Your prayers, volunteer time, donation of books and finance is not taken for granted and greatly appreciated!

ON THE HORIZON

Lesotho Assemblies of God is starting a new Bible college and we are planning to visit them in February 2016 the Lord willing. We will also visit a Bible college in Rustenburg, South Africa on the same trip.