

Partner Letters

“Thank you for the newsletter; it was nice. Snowdon really enjoyed the texts that he received, and he has distributed about 650 of them already, from Port aux Basques to St John’s and Labrador, and many areas in between. He used them for Sunday School treats and presents for parents and in Old Age homes. He gives them freely as gifts to anyone he speaks to that are interested in the gospel. He enjoys framing them; he is always going to the dollar stores to buy frames. He has framed about 700 already, and he has about another 50 ready to frame for future work in the gospel. He is also busy giving out calendars, and Via magazines and tracts. Once again, thank you for the texts you sent. We will need more soon.”

—Newfoundland

“You did a great job with this letter. One comment: On page 11 you suggest putting literature in mailboxes. IN THE USA, THIS IS ILLEGAL.”

—Jim Thompson, Maine

(Thank you for bringing this to our attention! —IBH)

“Just reading your publication for the first time —very impressive. Beautiful work! At the end you ask for other areas where your literature has been used. In Winter, 2006 we started a work downtown (Vancouver) at Main and Hastings where we attend the first Saturday of each month. A group of us meet to prepare 350 lunches and take it to the street with hot chocolate and either a small John 3:16 text, Gospel of John or tracts. This is widely accepted and has opened up doors of discussion. We distributed some seasonal tracts at this work at Christmas as well as Christmas Eve at the Union Gospel Mission. Ryan L. and David K. preach at the mission once a month and some brethren from Carleton take another night once a month; we distribute literature to this outreach as well. Many thanks for your support with the printed page.”

—Barb Kenny, Victoria Drive Gospel Hall, Vancouver, B.C.

Thank you to all those who sent in their news. Please continue to tell us how you use the material so that we can continue with ‘Partner News’ in future newsletters.

“Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters.” Isaiah 32:20



Seed Corner

ideas for outreach

Have a guest book at your Gospel Hall or outreach location for visitors to sign. This is useful for sending invitations to Gospel meetings, Sunday School or other special events or for follow-up visitation.

“He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” 2 Corinthians 9:6



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An IBH catalogue is available from either of our locations by email or regular mail. We also have catalogues for the Chinese and Korean books which are for sale through IBH Delta.

If you know of someone who would like to have a copy of our newsletter sent to them by email or regular mail, please let us know.

If you would prefer not to receive this newsletter, please advise us so that we can remove your name from our list.

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“We are labourers together with God.”
1 Corinthians 3:9

We are in partnership with the Lord
Himself in what He is doing.



IBH Brampton Activities

Our New Year commenced with the distribution of 2800 Chinese calendars in Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland.

The Christians at Mimico Gospel Hall in Toronto are planning a Seed Sower type distribution of John 3:16 texts around the area of their new hall in August. IBH supplied texts to be used in the packages, which are currently being prepared.

In early January the new VIA magazine, Volume 37 arrived. We have a good supply of older volumes, including Vol. 34 and 36.

A young sister who visited Nicaragua at the end of January was able to take Spanish tracts, texts, Ultimate Questions and Via magazines with her.

A display at the Cambridge conference on February 2nd featured material for personal outreach work.

“He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” Psalm 126:6

IBH Delta Activities

In January IBH supplied English and Spanish Via Magazines together with 5 x 7 texts for distribution prior to gospel meetings in Fresno and Turlock, California. Punjabi, Hindi and Telugu tracts and texts were sent to Modesto, California.

We sent 1400 5 x 7 texts to a brother in North Carolina.

An additional 2000 8 x 10 texts were sent to Jack Gould for distribution in the Hutterite colonies in Manitoba. “Although it’s been bitter cold here in Winnipeg, we have started distributing the John 14:6 texts that you have sent to us...These beautiful texts are being well received...the Hutterites believe that colony living is the way to heaven; how precious to be able to point them to the Bible and to Christ. Trust that these texts will bring new birth to many.”

In February, 4000 tracts were sent to the Kamloops assembly in preparation for their outreaches in the community.

Gordon Williams picked up more than 3000 texts for distribution in Northern BC and Alberta.

Partner News

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A brother from the Vancouver area has mailed over 4000 texts printed by IBH to the island of St. Vincent, in the West Indies, this month.

IBH Delta has just printed a new John 3:16 text with a background illustration appropriate for use with Aboriginal people in North America.

IBH Work in China

Jim Baker, Harry Chen and Earl Ritchie visited Jinan in Shandong Province in December. They rented a restaurant where they had a morning session, lunch, and an afternoon session for gospel and ministry meetings. They also had the opportunity to spend time in discussion outside of the meetings. They met with the small assembly there on the Lord's Day.

In addition to the 100,000 calendars, five books (*Egypt to Canaan, The Tabernacle in the Wilderness, Feasts of Jehovah, Basic Bible Concepts, Christ Loved the Church*) and one booklet (*The Story of a Scientist*) have been printed in the Chinese language. Printing costs are very reasonable, however there are questions about the legality of printing "religious" material. Wisdom from the Lord and much prayer are needed regarding future printing projects in this communist country.



Langley Assembly Outreach

By David Chesney, Langley Gospel Hall, Langley, B.C.

The Assembly in Langley, BC had a very successful outreach at the International Day Festival in Langley City last summer. We had to provide a 10' x 10' tent, which was purchased for less than \$100.00 and a couple of tables borrowed from the Hall. We already had a generic type banner, which identified who we were. The cost of renting the site was \$100.00.

We had a simple display showing samples of Seed Sower texts in various languages and presented them as "Free Prints suitable for framing". We handed out over 500 bags containing a Seed Sowers text, a Via magazine and other suitable literature; we were much encouraged by the reception and the contacts made.

The provision of good Christian literature in various languages by the International Bible House was a big help in setting up a booth with a multicultural flavour suitable for the occasion. We look forward to doing this again in 2008 and hope to set up a booth at the Canada Day celebrations next to Langley Airport too.



Storefront Work, Kamloops, B.C.

By John Eggers, Westsyde Gospel Hall, Kamloops, B.C.

Renting a storefront has been a valuable means of spreading Gospel literature, for personal evangelism and the preaching of the Cross. We have used the mid-day hours for a drop-in format with coffee and squares, etc. During this time there are opportunities for building personal contacts and offering Gospel tracts and texts. Large Gospel texts can be placed in windows and on walls inside the store. A Two Roads chart can be used for personal and public presentation of the Gospel. A late afternoon or evening Gospel meeting can be conducted once a week at the beginning and increased as the interest develops. Providing pizza at times after the Gospel meetings can be valuable in encouraging conversation. It is good to plan for a concentrated effort in Gospel meetings at some point during the rental period, usually towards the end.

It can be hard to find commercial space for short-term rental without a lease. However, in the more needy areas of town, storefronts are more readily available for just a couple of months. These needy areas often attract people who will come from different backgrounds and with different experiences. These opportunities are wonderful times to share the glorious message that we know is the only solution for the great need of humanity.

The assembly must use discernment with an outreach of this kind. There are safety concerns for sisters and children that need to be taken into consideration. Common sense dictates being careful with all contacts that come in. There should be policies established regarding "helping" those who express needs. Some will say anything if there is a possibility of receiving funds, so help, if it is given, should be limited to basic practical things such as food and clothing rather than money. Another consideration is a short-term extension of an assembly's liability insurance to cover the outreach time. Usually the landlord will provide coverage for the building.

In the final analysis, as we know, we need the Lord to direct and give the required help. It is essential that there be a short scripture reading and a time for prayer before the doors are opened to the public. Having the full fellowship of the assembly will maintain the required conditions for working together with God for His glory. May the Lord bless as we seek to go on for Him until He comes again!

Feature Items

1. Bilingual Chinese/English literature



"The Story of A Scientist"

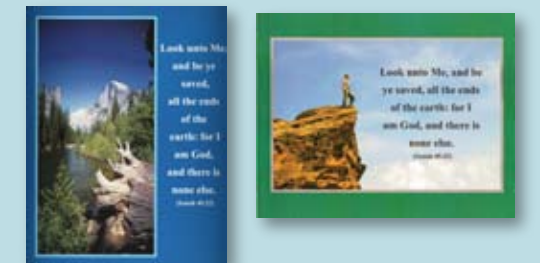
(Chinese/English Booklet)- We have 46,000 copies of this booklet for your use.

Matthew 11:28 5 x 7

(Chinese/English text)- One side is Chinese, the other English. We have 39,000 in stock.

2. English 8 x 10 texts

We have a large supply of these texts, which are suitable for framing. Each verse is available in two styles.



Isaiah 45:22



1 Timothy 2:5-6