

## Partner Letters

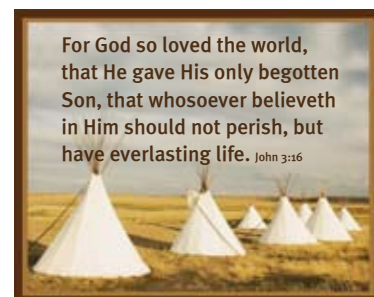
“The 10’ x 20’ booth at the Cloverdale Rodeo provided an excellent opportunity to display tracts, texts and Bibles. Many interesting conversations were held including words of appreciation from Christians from various backgrounds and teachings. As an exhibitor across from our booth read the scripture verses on the wall and viewed the Bible video, she was reminded of the happy times she had when attending the Highway Gospel Hall (Westbank, BC) youth work some 25 years ago. This is another reminder to us of the importance of consistent testimony in our outreach works. We trust the presentations will yield fruit to the glory of God.” Cameron Cox

“With thanks, the 2 cases of John 14:6 have arrived...We pray for these texts used on the colonies. Ruth and I were in a home on Monday where we have previously distributed John 14:6. Right in their main hallway... the text was displayed. All must see it, coming and going from their place. Working along with you,” Jack Gould

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.

### Native Indian Outreach— continued from page 1

Please pray for our 2008 Summer Day Camp for one week in August that the village people would allow us to use their Long House. This would give us more room as the home we are in isn’t big enough and we would like to divide the teens from the younger ones for teaching. We are very thankful for IBH producing a new Bible text with Indian tents on it, which will be a great asset to our work. April 30, 2008



## Seed Corner

ideas for outreach

“Handyman needed” – If you know of someone who enjoys making frames for texts, we can certainly supply the printed texts! These could be used as prizes for children’s work or in other outreaches.

“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.

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# The Harvest Partner

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“Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.” John 4:35

“The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into His harvest.” Luke 10:2

## Native Indian Outreach

By Bryon & Joni Meyers, Tri-Cities, Washington

“Is a little Indian village of 16 families and a two hour trip each way worthwhile going to each week with the gospel?”



We continue with the work here in Tri-Cities WA that God has called us to and are thankful for continued blessings. But in addition to this, we felt the Lord tugging at our hearts in regards to the Native Indians. We had read in our newspaper about a small Indian village in Celilo, Oregon. I laid the paper down, but God continued to bring this Indian village continually before us. After much prayer we started to visit this little village about a year ago. We visited door to door for a number of weeks. The American Indian does not like the White Man’s religion, so they were not

very friendly to us and still hold us at “arm’s length.” We had a Day Camp last August. The Lord graciously opened an Indian home to us for this camp and we still use this home weekly for our Tuesday night Bible School. We usually have 15 or 16 young people come out and sometimes one or two adults. Even though these people live in America, their culture and thought process are very different from ours. In order to reach them, one must try to understand their way of life.

Gospel outreach among the Native Indians is an open door and truly a “field that is white and ready to harvest” and the laborers are few. There are approximately 760,000 Native Indians in Canada and 3,000,000 in the United States. Pray ye that the Lord of the harvest will raise up others to reach out to these people.

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## Feature Articles from Our Partners



### Ship Visitation

By Robin Morton, Delta, BC

The Gospel Hall outreach to seamen began 41 years ago, when Harold Hanna began to visit ships in the Vancouver area with Gospel materials. His brother was an officer and later a captain on ships in Ontario and Harold saw the need to promote the Gospel among seafarers on the West Coast.

In those days the Communist party was all-powerful; ships originating in Russia or Ukraine carried a commissar who had total control of the ship and visitation with Christian materials was not allowed. But access to ships with other crew nationalities was possible. The gospel was spread using the gospel of John, tracts and calendars. In 1985 Isa Gilmarin saw a need for the hand knitted toque to be added to the materials, and as a handout on board the ships. This has become an essential part of the ship visit, paving the way to distributing the printed materials and presenting the Gospel. We would like to emphasize the importance of the toque in this outreach, and to encourage potential knitters to give some of their time to the production of them.

There are 6 multiple berth cargo ship terminals in the Port of Vancouver that could be visited with the gospel. Our brother Harold visits as many as he can, but with the sheer numbers, it is not possible to cover them all.

In 2002 the Gospel Hall outreach started at the Surrey/Fraser docks where there are 8 ship berths for general cargo and 2 for container vessels. With improved technology the crew complement remains at 18 souls even though ships today are much larger. About 70% of the crews are from the Philippines, and the remainder largely from China, India, Myanmar, Poland, Russia, Vietnam, and the Ukraine. The Philippine crews understand English very well, and there seems to be a growing realisation in the others of the need to be conversant in English. IBH supplies most of the printed material for ship visitation. Crews today have individual cabins and many of them have personal computers. This has led to the distribution of DVD's with a gospel presentation and crewmembers are glad to receive them.

The Pacific Pilotage Authority provides ship movement information on its website and visits are made to the waterfront when appropriate. Some ships are on repeat voyages to B.C. but crew turnover is high and members from previous visits are rarely seen again and all materials are taken home with them.

Ship visitation is an excellent way to make the Gospel known but the outreach could be much improved if more brethren would consider it as a personal exercise - John 4:35. The docks are usually fairly quiet on Saturdays and familiarization with the work is offered to any who are willing to give of their time. *May, 2008*



### Feature Items

#### 1. VIA Magazines

We currently have Vol. 37 VIA Magazines available. IBH Delta has the following available for distribution:  
Vol. 34 - 18,000  
Vol. 35 (West Coast edition) - 14,000



#### 2. Children's Tracts

IBH has published a set of colourful tracts for children: three are birthday tracts. One was written for young children with a simple message; the other two have the identical message about "two birthdays". Three of the tracts are adaptations of messages from Light for Young Paths and are appropriate for children 9 – 12 years of age. The tract about the ladybug

is in English, although the title is French.

"The Bottlenose Dolphin" is written for younger children. It gives some information about the dolphin and compares the injured dolphin, which cannot help itself, to a sinner needing salvation.

## IBH News

### IBH Brampton Activities

In March IBH supplied Stephen Vance with the Chinese/English booklet "The Story of a Scientist" and Chinese/English Matthew 11:28 5 x 7 texts for a distribution in Scarborough.

There were 1800 Via Volume 37 magazines picked up during the middle of March to be used for distribution in southern Ontario.

At the Toronto Easter Conference a large number of people visited the display and were able to get texts, tracts and literature to use in their personal outreach works. John & Joanne Clingen were at the conference so IBH was able to supply them with a number of boxes of VIA magazines and a good supply of Spanish tracts to take back to Nicaragua to help in their work. Also at the conference a box of Spanish material was made up for Shad Kember for use in his work in Phoenix, Arizona.

In April IBH sent a brother a supply of tracts, texts and VIA magazines, which will be used for distribution in the prison work in the North Bay area.

The ladies in the Welland assembly were busy in April putting together packages of baby outfits, along with a Spanish NT, which were then sent off to Nicaragua for mothers and their newborns.

Sam Huizenga packaged a box of material, which included 1700 texts and 1500 tracts to help the Christians in St. Lucia. In April, 900 tracts and booklets were sent to St. John, New Brunswick for Gospel meetings by Eric Fowler. The assembly in Nipissing Junction, North Bay got 1000 John 3:16 for distribution in their city.

In May, IBH sent 900 children's Spanish tracts to Byrnell & Lois Foreshew to be used for their children's work in Panama.

International Bible House had two displays in the month of May. A display was set up in the tent at the Missionary Conference in early May; a good number of people visited and were able to make use of the resources. A large group from Cape Breton, who had never seen the material, was able to get literature to use in their outreach work. The second display was at the Barrie Conference in late May where a number of contacts were made.

### IBH Delta Activities

IBH Delta has just printed a new John 3:16 text with a background illustration appropriate for use with Aboriginal people in North America. Becky Kew, Bryon and Joni Meyers, David Hunt and Peter Ramsay were sent 15,000 quantities of this text for their distribution to Aboriginal communities.

IBH hosted an Open House on April 12. Visitors were able to tour the "office", converse with the staff and others, browse through our inventory, and choose literature and texts for their personal or assembly distribution.

Chinese, English and Portuguese Bibles were sent to Zambia in the Spring ACCTS container.

We were able to supply VIA magazines and Chinese literature to the Victoria Drive assembly for distribution prior to their gospel meetings in April.

Young men from local assemblies took 10,000 Spanish texts to Ciudad del Carmen, Mexico for a Seed Sowers distribution.

We have been able to supply books and other Chinese literature to several Christians working with groups of Chinese immigrants in different parts of Canada during the past months.

IBH supplied literature for the booth at the Cloverdale Rodeo, held in May.

David Hunt was able to pick up quantities of texts and booklets for distribution in the Maritime provinces while he was in Vancouver. We have sent boxes of material for displays to the Calgary and Kamloops Conferences in May and June. The West Hillhurst assembly in Calgary and the Langley, BC assembly have recently obtained material in several foreign languages for their summer outreach activities.

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.



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