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"let the children come."

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## Work in the Philippines

The printing press is proving a valuable asset in the ministry in the Philippines. Florence reports that the Module 2 of Intermediate CCfL is almost ready for binding and distribution. He has begun on the Primary and will complete the 5,500 copies of the three age groups in time for distribution next March/April. Plans are also being made to print the new VBS, *Master of the Sea*, for about 30,000 children in time for next summer's VBS in about 250 churches.



We have several hundred backpacks ready for shipment.

At least one thousand children will enjoy these hygiene and school supplies. The churches will use them to initiate their Character Clubs curriculum for the next school year.

## Work in Kenya, Africa

Moses and Titus, our translators in Nairobi, report that those of us (Bill and Rita Johnson, John Sanders and Kevin Plaster) going there the first week of December will have a full schedule. The two primary goals are (1) to find property for building offices and a print shop for the ministry, and (2) work with these two men to improve the quality of the *Character Code for Life* for children and God's *Character and Me* for teens and adults. We will also visit with churches, visiting in a VBS and conducting teacher training sessions. Pray that God prospers our trip.



Moses and Titus are nearly finished translating the nine-year *Character Code for Life* curriculum into the Swahili language. This will be the second foreign language to reach this goal.

## Work in Myanmar

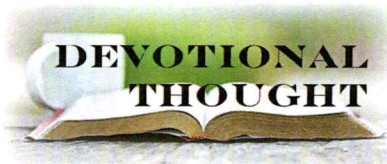
### Missionary Training

Above all we have asked, God has blessed the Myanmar Missionary Training Ministry conducted by ICP Project Director Jacob Tubal. Thirty-eight young men have enrolled in residence in the six-month school! After the training the men will return home to begin the work of planting a new church. Jacob reports that there is barely enough housing for the students. We need to send additional funds for food and other expenses. ICP will also supply curriculum materials free of charge for the new mission churches.



Jacob is preparing for the building project on the new property. We still owe about \$5,000 on that property. We hope to begin the building project for the new home in Myanmar soon after the property is paid. Total cost of initial construction is estimated to be about \$35,000 but could be higher because of run-away inflation there.

Jacob also reports that the church where he serves as pastor is preparing to send two men to a mission field among the Falam Chin people in Myanmar. Despite difficulties of adverse weather and civil war, God has opened a new field of growth for His churches in this beautiful country.



## Theology for Children

*“Every Christian is a theologian,”* wrote R. C. Sproul in his book *Everyone’s a Theologian*. A theologian is a person who knows a lot about God. Not all of them are old, bald men who have nothing better to do than argue about Bible

teachings. Even very young children can know about God. Indeed, children have many questions about God.

While they are filled with questions about God (and who isn’t?), they have a capacity to learn about Him. They need to know about God: memorizing Scripture verses is good, but not enough. Children want to know God.

Parents, teachers, pastors and all of us who work with children are responsible to acquaint children with Bible characters and to show how these Bible characters help them learn about God. Children can understand, even some things about the Trinity of God. Dr. William L. Hendricks used the illustration of fur-lined boots to help children learn that Holy Spirit protects us from evil with a tough leather outside while comforting us as boots with a soft, fur inside. Another illustration teaches children to draw three circles one on top of the other using three different colored markers. A little color of one will stick out here, another there, but the three circles are really just one—three circles in one: the Trinity!

Children also learn some things that their untrained mind cannot grasp—deep things about God! They need to have a sort of bank to store those thoughts for a time when they will be needed. As we teach our children to save their change in a “piggy bank,” so we must encourage them to store some theological facts in a “brain bank” for a time when they will be able to understand them.

Children do not learn more so that they will know more, they learn more so that they will know God. Children learn to wonder about God. They ask questions about God. Those who guide children must take time to help them know God. Some things they understand now, and some they will draw from their bank of knowledge at the appropriate time. The goal is to guide the child as she/he develops the theologian within to reflect it in all of life.

### Backpack Ministry

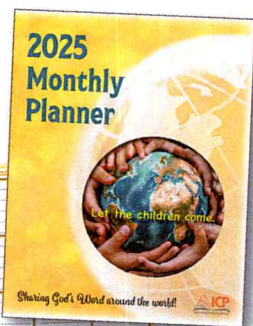


A great big thank you to all who helped with donations to the ICP Backpack Ministry. We have received backpacks from churches in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas. We plan to ship a container to the Philippines by December 15.

Among the churches that have participated in the Backpack Ministry this year is the Hughes Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Hughes Springs, Texas, Pastor Chris Cates. Youth workers Heather and Casey Shaddix delivered one hundred backpacks to the ICP office in Texarkana. Pictured are (left to right, back row), Zayne Shaddix, Talon Shaddix, Leighton Hardin, Jasmine West. Middle Row: Sarai Carillo, Athienna Hargett, Shayla Russel, Kala Holden, Heather Shaddix, Brother Bill Johnson. Front: Casey Shaddix.

*Thank you to all the churches and individuals who have contributed backpacks and funds for shipping. What a great demonstration of your love for the children of the world!*

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*“I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds”. Psalm 9:1*