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final Great Crates to Lebanon and Ethiopia. That would mean you tripled your efforts to provide Christians in remote parts of the world with life giving literature!

There are 12,922 Bibles in the hands of people around the world because of your efforts this year. And I'm certain that those Bibles are being shared, so multiply that 12,922

by two, three, even five or more! That's a whole lot of people who have access to a Bible for the first time in their Christian lives!

Last year you sent out five Great Crates, this year you've sent 13. If you'll allow me a moment, I'd like to give you a standing ovation...you just broke a CRI World record!

And the year isn't finished yet. We've got a final shipment which is slated to go to Ethiopia.

Thank you for your tremendous work this year, and I look forward to continuing our partnership in 2009.

Fred Palmerton



December 2008

From the desk of Fred Palmerton

An Amazing Year... That's Not Over Yet!

Dearest Movers and Shippers,

Remember that dusty Bible that used to sit on your bookshelf? What about the unused Sunday School materials you once had tucked inside a box in your basement? Do you remember the day you packed them up and sent them in to CRI—wondering what good they just might do? Today you get to travel around the world to get a glimpse into the lives that were changed by those materials!

In addition to your print donations, I will also take this opportunity to share with you how God used your financial generosity to ship materials to Christians who otherwise would be Bible-less.

Since January, you have funded and supplied materials for thirteen Great Crate shipments, allowing thousands of people to have their own Bible for the

very first time! The excitement of the recipients is contagious.

When I recall these uplifting stories I feel as though I've been given an early Christmas present. God is faithful.

Why don't you curl up by the fire and treat yourself to a mug of eggnog as you read about the result of your partnership with missionaries and pastors all over the world. It truly is a cause for celebration.

Did you catch the number of Great Crates I mentioned earlier? Thirteen! You sent out thirteen shipments! Awesome! Do you remember what the figure was last year? Five! We are trusting God to provide enough funds to send two

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Would you like to see a picture of Ethiopians smiling as broadly as these recipients?

Your generous donation this month will provide a Christmas present to Christians in Ethiopia which will bless villages for generations.

- You can send **one box** of Bibles for just **\$12.35**
- Or, ship a pallet of **63 boxes** for **\$778**
- **\$10,900** will underwrite an **entire container** shipment to Ethiopia

GOD'S BLESSINGS 2008	
Materials Received - 262,085#	Sent Out - 237,654#
Bare Your Bookshelf Packets Mailed - 1437	
Great Crates - 13	Power Packs - 355

Well Done Good and Faithful Servant Your Bibles and Christian Literature arrived in...	
January	Philippines
	India
February	Nigeria
	Republic of Benin
March	Liberia
	Mexico
April	Africa
May	Philippines
June	Two shipments to India
July	Nepal
August	Philippines
September	South Africa
December	Ethiopia? That's up to You!



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- 8 hour boat ride + 4 hour bus ride = 1 Study Bible
- Book donations build house churches
- A CRI-like warehouse in Mexico
- What size stamp is needed to send a Great Crate to Ethiopia?

Philippines

Months Shipped:
January, May, August

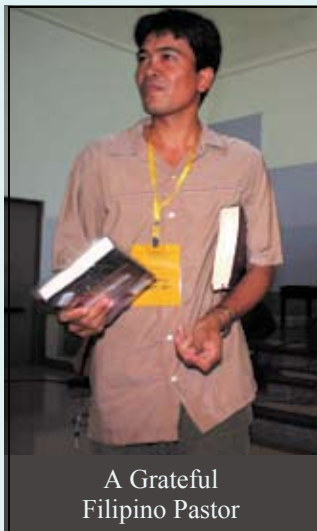


When Typhoon Frank hit the Philippines in June, many pastors' homes

were destroyed—along with their precious libraries. Then, your Great Crate arrived (with God's perfect timing), replacing numerous lost resources.

A CRI mission team was in the country and had the honor of witnessing the distribution in person! One Filipino pastor endured an 8 hour boat journey and a 4 hour bus ride in the hopes of receiving a Bible. You see a

good study Bible costs five to six months wages—so it was worth the risk of a 12 hour trip to see if a Bible might be available. And it was!



A Grateful Filipino Pastor

India

Months Shipped:
January, two in June

What happens to your donated Bibles and books when they land in India?

At one point this year they were prominently displayed at a Christian Literature Convention.

It had all the novelty of browsing a bookstore, thumbing through books, and walking up to the register with your purchase!



Christians browsing CRI's free books

Except these books were free! A great concept!

CRI partnered with RIMI (Reaching Indians Ministries International) to provide resources for planting house churches in each state of India.

Once the house churches are flourishing, a central main church is established. The central church then builds an orphanage and a clinic to minister to abandoned children, the elderly, widows and lepers. Finally, when the central church grows large enough it establishes a Bible college.

This tremendous plan begins with resourcing house church pastors, and you generously provided those resources!



John Lowrey, CRI Missions Coordinator, helps distribute Bibles to a Pastor in Mexico.

Mexico

Shipped: March

Thanks to long-time friends of CRI, Jessie and Jenny Navarro, your Bibles and Christian literature are distributed throughout Mexico. Like the CRI warehouse in Michigan, the Navarros created a place in their home where pastors and national missionaries can peruse resources and take them home—free!

Africa

Countries include: Liberia, Kenya, South Africa, Nigeria, and the Republic of Benin

Months Shipped: February, March, April, September

Your participation with CRI allowed shipments to African countries to be expanded this year! Five countries were blessed with Great Crates filled with Bibles and Christian literature.

In June alone, 30,105 pounds of books were shipped to South Africa. The receiving ministry then distributed the materials to even more African nations.

Nepal

Shipped: July

CRI's partnership with Reuben Rai in Nepal could easily be compared to the thrill of climbing Mount Everest! His thank you letters include captivating stories of how your generosity has impacted hundreds of lives.

This year, Nepal's government changed from a Hindu Kingdom to a secular state. That means Rueben and his friends have more freedom to



Your Books Arrive in Nepal

talk about God's love. Reuben notified CRI of the opportunity and in July 2008 you sent the largest shipment ever to Nepal.

We pray this window of opportunity remains open, but realize that even if the window closes, you made a tremendous impact on the region with your quick response to this call to action.

Rueben's passion and determination to see God's Word spread throughout his country of Nepal is an inspiration.

Following is one of his encouraging letters :

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Good news of the month is that we started a new Church in Budanilkantha in north side of Kathmandu, near the mountain. This is our 13th Church. Please pray for encouragement and the new believers there.

Purna Kumar is up in the mountain for house churches for encouragements and teaching and preaching, please continue to pray for more fruits there. There are some new souls saved but they are facing challenges. Yet they remain strong in the Lord.

I remember you a lot and ask God to bless in you every area of your life and walk with God. Thank you for being an encouragement to me.

I am taking Church Boys United to Pokhara in west Nepal to participate in soccer tournament. Our plan is to meet young people for Christ and explore possibilities of expanding God's work in west Nepal too.

*Blessings from our Lord,
Reuben Rai*



Unpacking Begins!

Ethiopia

Projected to Ship: December

Give Ethiopians another Reason to Rejoice this Christmas

- *A Great Crate is ready to set sail to Ethiopia but there aren't enough stamps available to pay the shipping costs.*
- *Will you make the most generous donation you can to get this shipment out to sea?*
- *There are 882 boxes in a container. Each box can be sent for \$12.35*
- *Prefer to cover the cost of a pallet? There are 14 pallets per container, for a cost of \$778 each*
- *You can even underwrite an entire Great Crate container for \$10,900*