

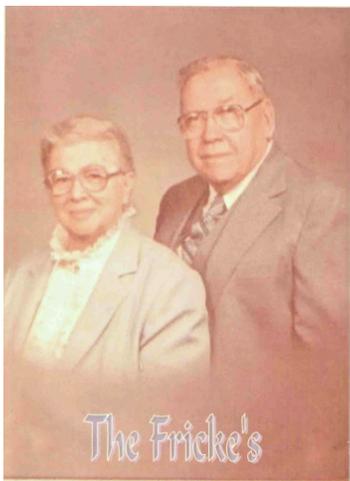
Anchor Evangelical Press

Reaching the World for Christ One Missionary Booklet At A Time

Celebrating 80 Years!

How excited I was when I discovered that this year our ministry has cause to celebrate. It all began in 1936 on the top of Maluma Hill in Malawi, Central Africa when Rev. Charles and Helen Fricke went there to serve the Lord as missionaries. Listen to the words of Helen Fricke as she spoke about the beginnings of this ministry in an interview done in her home in South Carolina in the early 1980's.

"We began with the mimeograph (machine). The pages had to be cut with the scissors by hand. They were sewn together with needle and thread. In that way we produced little Sunday School booklets. The folks in the States sent us some colored pictures



that we pasted into the beginning to make it attractive to the child. The child learning to read in those early days used to write in the sand with his finger. Eventually, he had a slate board and a slate pencil to work with. But, something that was printed and he could hold it in his hand was something

very precious to him. Some of the African women who were being taught how to read would take these books and learn word by word. In this way, the Scripture was being found lodging in their heart. In this way, the Holy Spirit was able to work through His Word. The sole purpose of this literature ministry was to proclaim the Gospel, to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and to strengthen those who came to know Him. "

She goes on to say that the Africans have so little literature. Because of this, they "pass it hand to hand until it is literally worn out." She concludes by saying, "we are grateful for the Words of John where it is written: "These things are written that believing you might have life in His name."

This was the beginning of the printing ministry and a venture of faith that had its roots in Africa and has continued to "proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" for 80 years!! Praise God!

This ministry has sent millions of Christ-centered Gospel tracts to Africa in the last 80 years. Only God knows how many have received Christ as their Savior through reading these Gospel booklets. We will meet these dear souls in heaven one day!

THE IMPORTANCE OF SHARING HIS WORD

Over the last 80 years, there have been countless volunteers that have sacrificed their time to help this ministry reach the nations through printing and distributing His Word. You might ask, "why do this?" As Christians, God has given us the mandate to "go into all the world to preach the Gospel." You also might ask, "why Gospel tracts?" It has been said that nothing cost less, goes further, last longer or presents the Gospel better than a tract.

Isaiah 55:10-11 tells us this, " For as the rain and snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My Word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty. But, it shall accomplish that for which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

As we produce and distribute God's Word to Africa and beyond, we can expect that His Word will accomplish His purpose and succeed in reaching the lost for Him!



We would like to invite you to "Save the Date" because we are going to celebrate our 80th year in ministry with a big party. Mark your calendar and come and join us on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 2-4pm at Netherwood Baptist Church, 1211 Netherwood Road, Salt Point, N.Y Please RSVP us by e mail no later than 2/27/16.

God's Word - Changing Lives - Changing Nations

From Our Mailbox



One of the only ways that we have to know how the Lord is using our ministry is through the letters that we receive from the native pastors in Africa. The pastors can communicate with us through our website, e-mail address, facebook page or the regular postal service.

We have two options available to us in the shipping of our tracts to Africa. We can either use the US Postal Service's "air mail flat rate box" or we can send them via a shipping container. Because the air mail rate is so expensive, we began sending most of our literature to Africa through *Love Packages*, a ministry that sends literature all over the world in shipping containers. When we did this, the letters from Africa virtually ceased. Early last year, the Board of Directors, decided to increase the number of air mail packages that we send each year. This was a bold act of faith because of the cost differential. However, our God was faithful and He supplied the finances! Because of this, the letters from Africa started flowing in again! In 2015, we received more letters than in the last few years. The letters contained much needed encouragement for our faithful group volunteers!



Our faithful volunteers have a heart to send God's Word from Hyde Park, New York to the nations! Will you join them? Will you pray for them? Will you help us with the cost of postage to get the precious Word of God into the hands of those lost without any hope in Christ?



Rev. Mweni is pictured here giving away one of the Bibles that we sent to him. He said, "the field is ready for the harvest, but the laborers are few"

A Pastor from Zambia writes:

"Thank you for always remembering us with the highly treasured Gospel materials which have always helped us advance the Kingdom of God in a better way."

An Evangelist in Ghana writes:

"Greetings in God's love, peace and protection to you. I am happy to write again. It is about the tract captioned, "No Greater Love." People are craving for more copies."

A Pastor from Zambia writes:

"Africa needs the written Word of God. We have a monthly door to door evangelism as a church. We have been using the tracts as tools for reaching out to the lost souls for their redemption."
(This was an especially important letter since some here in America have questioned the effectiveness of tract ministry.)

A Lay Pastor from Ghana writes:

"The customs officials at the Ghana Post Office supervised me to open the package that you sent to me. I told them that they were meant for evangelism. All of them expressed a desire to own copies. One of the female staff started reading aloud the contents in the literature. I saw goose pimples all over my skin as I watched her. I was overjoyed!"

He continued to share an account of a magician who was converted to Christianity after attending a Crusade where the tracts we sent him were distributed After reading the tract, "He admitted he was a sinner and called on the name of the Lord to be saved."

Questionnaire

Since we were having difficulty making the native pastors and evangelists understand that we wanted them to share testimonies of how the Lord was using our tracts to win souls to Him, we started sending a Questionnaire that we developed. Some reported: "more than 300 made professions of faith in Christ," "25 people received Christ as their Savior," "45 prayed to receive forgiveness of sins." There is so much more to share about the responses that we received, however, I do believe that you get the idea that God is using His Word to:

Change Lives & Change Nations!



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