

Lutheran Braille Workers

*Helping People Touch the
Promises of Jesus*

Work Center Memo

MEMO #389

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Dear Partners In Ministry,

Update on Dr. Phil and Rev. Stueve's Trip to the Baltic States

On Tuesday, September 27th the home office received an email from Dr. Pledger in Helsinki, Finland informing us that every meeting they have had has been greater than they could have expected. On Wednesday, they will meet with Jaan Barenson of the Estonian Bible Society and then continue their journey on to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, and Germany as they strive to serve more people by raising the awareness of the ministry of Lutheran Braille Workers, before heading back home.

Please continue to pray for Dr. Phil and Rev. Stueve as they go where people live, work, pray and learn, and where decisions by and for people with low or no vision are made.



Meeting with the United Bible Society - Csilla Molnar, Dr. Phil Pledger, Ingrid Felber-Bischof, and Rev. Dennis Stueve

From the Braille Dept:

There have been many changes in the Braille Dept especially with labels this past year. We thank all of you for your patience and positive attitudes during this transition. We also want to remind the centers who produce multi-volume books, you will no longer receive labels for each volume, instead you will receive one label with volume one book number followed with "mv".

Example: Book # -BR00921mv
NCV ICB Psalms G1

Sets of the books must be packed together in the same box. Contact us if you have questions or unclear how to read the labels and want to discuss your production. The best way is through email.

- For label concerns, book returns, T-shirts and other PR items contact Lori: lori@LBWwinc.org
- To order supplies, update volunteer roster, WC donations contact Kathy: kathy@LBWinc.org
- For WC concerns, increase production, change of leadership contact Rose: rose@LBWinc.org

Braille Centers who have been waiting for a new book or a new set of plates; I wish I had better news, unfortunately the PED is not working again. It will be close to a year before we receive a new one. Once the order has been placed it will take the manufacturer seven to nine months to build us a new PED.

Rose Jaimes - *Braille Administrator*

From The Large Print Department:

New Work For Large Print Centers

Mustard Seeds Are Being Produced Once Again

Thanks to a generous, designated gift from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church here in Yucaipa, CA., LBW is once again producing the Lutheran Women's Missionary League's, (LWML), popular "Mustard Seed" Devotional Books. This contribution covers the cost of new Ripit plates for all ten books currently in the Large Print Catalog. In the past, we were only able to produce these inspirational works by means of the Xerox machine, which we no longer have.

These newly re-formatted, APFont (pronounced "A-Font") volumes are already popular choices of our visually impaired readers. Some 3,000 copies of "Begin with God," "Give God Glory" and "Walking with My Lord" have been sent to Large Print Work Centers for assembly. The fourth Mustard Seed "Lift Me Up, Lord" is currently being reformatted and should hit work centers in the upcoming months. Praise God for touching the hearts of all those, including our dedicated volunteers, who have helped to make this happen!

Roy Fisher - *Large Print Administrator*

"Label Lady"

As many are aware, we have made some changes in the last few months. I would like to start off with a big THANK YOU for all the prayers, support as well as your patience during my transition to the Braille Dept., as your new "Label Lady". Here at LBW we all wear several hats, so I will remain the Thrivent Rep. to assist you with Thrivent projects, and other fund-raising ideas for your work centers such as; Dining in the Dark, Sunday School Chapel offerings, Braille Sundays, and conventions. You may also, continue to order shirts, decals and other LBW information from me.

We were faced with a challenge to complete a large Braille Bible order, and with the help of beloved volunteers we got through it. We sent 75 Bibles to The Bible Society of Nigeria. That is a total of 2,738 books! It was an awesome experience and an honor to be involved in such a project knowing that LBW will be touching so many lives.

One more thing, the end of the year is quickly approaching, so those of you who have Thrivent hands-on or fund-raising projects, please turn them in no later than December 7th. Also, I would like to thank all of those that have chosen LBW as a recipient of your Choice Dollars. If you haven't already, you still have time to make LBW your Choice before the end of the year, please contact me if you need any assistance.

Blessings, and thank you once again.

Lori E. Alonzo - *Braille Production Coordinator*

Change In The Purchasing Department

The pink copy of the Purchase Order that is sent to the Work Center Leader no longer needs to be returned to the Home Office. I will continue to send the pink copy to let you know that your materials were ordered, however I don't need it returned. In an effort to save money on postage, it would be prudent for me to send the information that is on the pink copy of your purchase order to you by email. If you have email and would like to receive your copy this way, simply send me an email letting me know at Kathy@LBWinc.org. This will also ensure that I have your correct email address. If, for some reason, you don't receive the materials that were ordered, call or email me at kathy@LBWinc.org. Also, please know that I always acknowledge your emails. If you don't get a reply from me, this means that I didn't receive your email. Thank you!

Kathy Buss - *Accounts Receivable*

****Please return your inventory sheets before October 24th****

New Face - Braille Tech

First and foremost, I thank God for helping me find Lutheran Braille Workers. It has been a true blessing since day one. I remember finding this organization on the internet and applying for the position. I thought to myself, it is within 20 minutes from home and will finally get back into the field that I enjoy. A little about me; my background is actually a variety of things from manufacturing metal building parts to office administration. For the past several years, I have worked for an administration office and at a retail store. I enjoy working with people and working as a team. Here at Lutheran Braille Workers, I get to use those many “hats” from creating the Newsletter, Memos (like this one), and reports, at the same time get to work hands on in manufacturing plates for you, the work centers. I have worked for a non-profit organization in the recent past, so I know that being flexible is very important in accomplishing our goals.



I thank each and every one of you for making me feel welcome and a part of your team! I am still learning the “system” and you all have been very nice when you call in or come by the office. I look forward to gaining more knowledge and helping Lutheran Braille Workers continue to reach those who are visually impaired “see” Jesus.

I am hoping that I can meet many of you soon! Until then, may God bless you!

David L. Crespo - *Braille Tech*



LBW thanks you for your dedication and hard work!



In Loving Memory



Gloria Kieschnick, who passed away in July of 2011, was a Work Center Leader (#109) at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas from 1979 till 2008. She will be truly missed.

Also, we will miss Frances Land, WC128 Leader at Episcopal of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Columbus MS, who began as the first leader when the Center opened in 1979. She retired in 1989, after serving for 10 years.