

Lutheran Braille Workers

Helping People Touch the Promises of Jesus

Work Center Memo

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Mission Partners,

On Pentecost we all celebrated the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The attendance at the first Christian Pentecost listened to the Apostles preach the Gospel of Jesus; “each one heard their own language being spoken” (Acts 2:6b). One of the many divine observations one can make of that first Pentecost is that God speaks our language.

Thank you all for being Mission Partners with Lutheran Braille Workers! Your work places the Gospel into the language of many people with visual disabilities throughout the world. Your work changes “useless text” into “readable Braille” and you make it possible for many thousands of people around the world to “see” Jesus, to read of His love, and grow in their faith.



Complete Grade 2 Braille Bible

In this issue of the Work Center Memo, I ask for your specific prayers regarding the following items:

- Ask for God’s wisdom and blessing regarding making Lutheran Blind Mission part of the ministry of Lutheran Braille Workers. We are all very excited about this and we believe many people will be blessed with this merger. Please ask God to help us with the many thousands of details that need to be addressed and that He would raise up the necessary financial resources to make this merger successful.
- As with your congregations, financial contributions to LBW tend to drop during the summer months. Please ask people you know to prayerfully consider providing financial support for your Work Center and/or the Home Office.
- Please request regular prayer from your congregation in a Worship setting and/or in the Bible Class. The needs for Braille and Large Print continue to grow, and through this ministry, people with visual disability will “see” Jesus, many people for the first time in their life!



Complete Large Print Bible

I thank God for you all in my prayers! May God continue to fill you with hope and peace, in Christ! - *Rev. Dr. Phil Pledger*

From the Purchasing Department

Work Center Leaders - when receiving supplies for your center it is imperative that you count the boxes before signing the delivery slip to ensure that the delivery is correct and that the boxes have been received in good condition. Also, **write on the slip exactly how many boxes were delivered.** Your signature confirms that the shipment is correct, so it is important to count the boxes. Please share this with the church secretary or the person who ordinarily signs for deliveries. - *Kathy*

PED Training



David being trained by Enabling Technologies' Engineers

Recently, a very special trip was taken by Rose and David to Enabling Technologies, manufacturer of the PED-30 (Plate Embossing Device-30). Their facility was fascinating and nothing like envisioned. They have a really big facility with many engineers that specialize in one particular part of how the PED is put together.

The reason for our visit? Training! We were taught everything there is to know about how the PED operates (electrically and mechanically), how to properly maintain it, how to troubleshoot common errors, and got hands on training by disassembling different parts of the PED and reassembling them. It was truly a blessing to meet the staff at Enabling Technologies and we look forward to receiving our new PED30 machine



New Plate Embossing Device

sometime in June. I also look forward to getting plates made to send to Work Centers that need work. - *David Crespo*



Lay A Rose

Honey Lou Mann, former WC122 Leader at Trinity Lutheran Church in Elkhart IN, passed away May 2012. Honey Lou served as Leader beginning in 2003 and retiring in 2009. A plaque with Honey Lou's name will be placed on our Memorial Wall in appreciation of her leadership at WC122.

Please prayerfully consider Lutheran Braille Workers in your Estate Planning.

From the Large Print Department

I want to thank all the volunteers and staff for your prayers and well wishes since I left work for knee replacement surgery back on the 30th of April. I also want to thank you for your patience and any extra work my absence has caused you.

I am happy to report that my surgery went well and my rehabilitation is right on schedule. Although I am still not back at my desk, I hope to be so within another couple of weeks.

God bless and I'll see you soon. - *Roy*

Charlotte Wilson (Char) will be filling in for him for until he is able to return back to work. If you need assistance contact Charlotte at charlotte@LBWinc.org or call 1.800.925.6092.

From the Braille Department

God is Good! LBW has made its final payment, for the purchase of the Plate Embossing Device (PED), funds granted from The Lutheran Womens Mission League. **It has arrived!!** We will be able to emboss plates again! Centers with broken plates will be able to have them replaced. New books that have been transcribed can be embossed and assigned for production.

More good news! The first fifty complete sets of Bibles were shipped to the Nigeria Bible Society on Friday, June 1st. Our "Thanks" goes to all you volunteers who sent volumes of the Bibles so we could make this happen. We are now working on repacking the next fifty.

We have are request from our shipping department; when shipping books to Yucaipa please do not double wrap the books with plastic bags. This makes it difficult for the volunteers to see the titles when logging them for inventory. Continue to double wrap them when filling all other orders. Have a blessed summer. - *Rose Jaimes*

Braille Production

A big "Thank You" to all of you for going above and beyond to help us meet our deadline on the Nigerian Bible order of 144 Bibles. Books are still coming in from your work center and I think we are on target. If we should fall short I will let you know what we need to have sent to our office as a priority after the first of June. Again thank you so much, what an awesome group you are.

If you have received your letter from me requesting books for audit, please make sure those are sent to us as soon as possible. Please use the return label that I have enclosed with your letter or please ensure that you send the books "attention Linda Mohr" to P.O. Box 5000, Yucaipa CA 92399. As of today, Linda has found a few errors in some of our books and we ask that you take the time to check each book that is sent out to our readers. The good news is that our audit will continue to help the people we serve receive God's Word the way He meant them to receive it and bringing them closer to Him! - *Joanna Ervin*
