



The CLA Newsletter

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Gratefully Received

"Thank you for the literature you have sent me.... The books and Bibles have helped me a lot while I plant churches. I am praying that God may keep CLA prosperous as it does the greatest work in Africa.

Many souls have been won to Christ because of you sisters and brothers.

May the Lord furnish you with all you need in order to continue to be effective."

Rev. Dumsile Shiba Siteki, Swaziland

"The men of Judah were victorious because they relied on the Lord." (2 Chronicles 13:18)

CLA was victorious! Victorious because we relied on the Lord in writing and publishing the book, *Cape Verde: A Fruitful Branch*. Victorious in manning a booth at General Assembly in Orlando and meeting many of you there. It was overwhelming!

If heaven is better we will certainly need a new heavenly body to take it all in. We praise God for our ten dedicated volunteers who talked to people, introducing them to CLA. They also gave out CLA brochures and both *Battle With a Crocodile* and *Cape Verde: A Fruitful Branch*.

Pray that many new people will respond by praying for us, collecting Bibles and books and donating what the Lord would have them give to help us meet all our ministry needs, both in the U.S. and in Africa.

"It was grand to see you at GA, Edna!!!!
 Blessings on all you are and do. You have a magnificent team!"

—John Watton, Missionary to Ghana, West Africa



The CLA Booth manned with volunteers. Center: Lauralee & Tom Nothstine. Right: Mable Wardlaw



Volunteer Greg Statom tells visitors about the ministry of CLA.

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Barb Page (left) helped at the booth and in many other ways.



Volunteer Larry Finney, seen here talking about CLA, used his truck to take CLA supplies to Orlando.

Thousands of People Learned First Hand about CLA

A never to be forgotten experience!

In early June CLA volunteers worked daily putting eight thousand CLA brochures, donation cards and self-addressed envelopes into 3,000 copies of *Battle With a Crocodile* and 5,000 copies of the new book, *Cape Verde: A Fruitful Branch*.



Volunteers worked hard preparing for General Assembly

These books were taken to Orlando, Florida for the Nazarene General Assembly. There, from the booth shared by CLA and Education Development United Foundation (EDUF), ten CLA volunteers handed out over 6,000 books to visitors. As a result, 682 contact cards were signed and turned in, adding to CLA's mailing list. Most of the 46,000 copies of these books that have recently been printed for 25 and 36 cents a copy will later be sent to Africa.

It was such a great experience to meet Nazarenes from around the world as they poured into the exhibition hall. As visitors passed by volunteers would ask, "Would you like a book?" Volunteer and CLA Board member Carol Robbins stood in the aisle announcing in English and Spanish, "Have a book!" As the CLA volunteers handed each

visitor a book they had an opportunity to explain the ministry of CLA.

No other booth was as busy as the CLA booth. It was a beehive of activity from the opening hour until the closing moment every day!

Thank you for praying for CLA's trip to General Assembly in Orlando. Thousands of people learned first-hand what CLA is and what CLA does. Only eternity will reveal what will come out of this opportunity to tell more people about CLA.



Two friends from Swaziland, Rose Mahlalela and Gladys Dlamini, stopped by the booth to greet Edna

It was good to meet friends— Old and New!

Education Development United Foundation shared their booth with CLA with no cost to us! Thank you Ken Walker! This organization has five chapters cooperating to help pastors in training. CLA is their library development chapter, sending pastoral training materials, along with our usual books for pastors, youth, children and laymen.



Volunteer Tom Nothstine (right) with CLA's friend and partner in South Africa, Goodwin Chirwa.



Edna with Mr. Benidito Montiero, a Cape Verdean living in the USA who visited our booth

Visitors to the CLA Ministry Center

Introducing Greg & Amy Crofford

It is always special when missionaries from Africa visit CLA. Recently Greg and Amy Crofford spent some time with us. It was good to learn about their work and ways we can help meet their needs as they return to Africa.

They are now in Kenya, which will be their base of operations. Amy wrote to us concerning their assignment:

Greg is the Director of the Nazarene Theological Institute, which is responsible for theological education for the Africa West and French Equatorial Fields. Those two fields are composed of 20 countries. It's a big job!

Amy is Greg's assistant, and also the Africa Regional Editor for Engage magazine (www.engagemagazine.com).



Greg & Amy Crofford with former missionary and CLA volunteer Mable Wardlaw at the Nazarene General Assembly in Orlando

After their visit to CLA Greg sent this e-mail:

Today, I got to speak with Mark Louw (Dakar, Senegal) over the computer. He wanted me to let you know how grateful they are for your interest in literature over the years, and for CLA's investment through Risograph machines. As you know, the Accra print shop is run by missionary John Watton, and is currently mass reproducing handbooks for pastoral education. Thanks to those machines, one handbook costs only the equivalent of \$1.00 U.S., making it affordable for pastors to purchase these as part of their courses toward ordination. Without the Risograph, the book would cost several times that, and be too expensive for the pastors to buy. So you can see that the Christian Literature Association's help has been crucial. Please thank your supporters for what their gifts have made possible, for helping ground African pastors in solid biblical teaching. We couldn't do it without you!

Introducing Paul & Sharon Martin

We were happy to have Paul and Sharon Martin visit CLA in June. We have been sending Bibles and books to them in Sierra Leone for a few years. Paul and Sharon pioneered the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Sierra Leone in 2003 following years of Civil War. They work with church development, discipleship, theological education and pastoral and leadership development.



Paul and Sharon Martin, missionaries to Sierra Leone, with Edna Lochner

A Visitor Turned Volunteer

A young man in his twenties has been coming to work at CLA during his lunch hour—eating his lunch in the car on the way! Matt Bulmahn has a vision of Africa's needs and a determination to do what he can to get Bibles and Christian literature into the hands and hearts of Africans. Matt, who lives and works near the CLA Ministry Center in Fort Wayne, has been a great help in packing books and moving boxes. He has also taken books home to repair. Matt says, "I've been having lots of fun packing boxes and helping CLA!" Welcome to the CLA team, Matt Bulmahn!

Our Partners in Idaho

Frank Robinson collects Bibles and books in his garage in Nampa, Idaho, and sends them to CLA. He took over this ministry from Carl Greek when Carl, his friend and a former CLA Board member, passed away. Frank is also the father of Charlene Clevenger, CLA's Office Manager. Frank, his wife Genevieve, and Char's sister, Nancy, visited CLA when they were in the area for the high school graduation of Char and Don's son.



Left to right: Charlene Clevenger, Nancy Robinson, Edna Lochner, Genevieve and Frank Robinson, at the CLA Ministry Center



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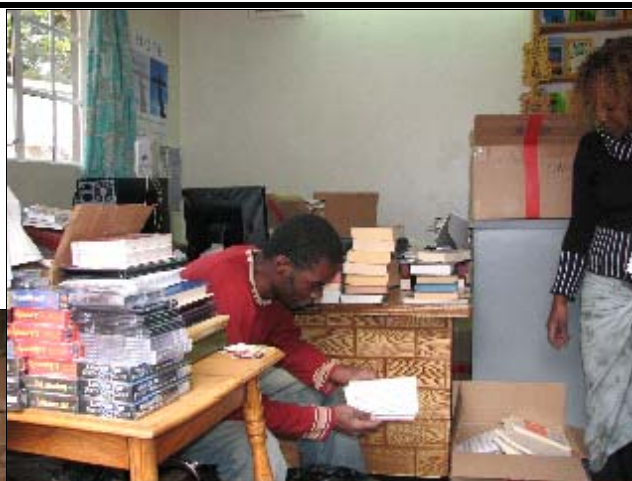
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Shipping Containers to Africa

Praise the Lord! The container sent to Kenya earlier this year has arrived safely in Nairobi! Literature workers at the Africa East Field office were overwhelmed with the hundreds of boxes of books that filled the 20-ton container.

“Thanks again for all your hard work sending these out! They will be a blessing to all who use them.”

Joelene Boccaccio
 AEF Administrative Assistant
 Church of the Nazarene



Literature workers in Nairobi Kenya sort through the thousands of books sent by CLA and partnering organization, Love Packages. The books and Bibles will be distributed over several countries.



David, Lydia and Abraham were excited to receive so many Bibles and books at their literature office in Nairobi, Kenya.

Next Destination: Ghana, West Africa

With God’s help we will next send a container of Bibles and books to **West Africa**. This is a vast area with many new Christians. Please put aside Bibles and Christian books that you can send to West Africa. We need everyone’s help to fill an entire 20-ton container. **Bring boxes of books to our Ministry Center in Fort Wayne, or mail them through the US Post Office using Media Mail to:**

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Urgent Notice: CLA is a faith ministry supported only by donations from interested partners and volunteer workers. (CLA pays only one part-time worker.) Copies of Cape Verde: A Fruitful Branch were printed for 36 cents each! This book tells of God changing people and a nation over a period of 100 years, and how the Cape Verdean people have influenced their own islands and many other countries for Christ. CLA has had 20,000 copies printed. Would it please the Lord for you to help us pay for them? The cost of 10 copies is \$3.60. 20 copies—\$7.20, 50 copies—\$18.00, 100 copies—\$36.00, 500 copies—\$180.00, and the cost of 1,000 books is 360.00!