

4WRD News and Highlights 2014

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY 4WRD!!!

August 2014

Celebrating a Decade - *It is still hard for me to comprehend 4WRD is 10 years old. Yet all I need is a before and after picture of me at 48 and now at 58 to know that 120 months went by. Here are 10 events I (Gary) remember.*

1. Snowfall in *Prague* as we participated in a European wide conference for librarians. The majority of librarians were from Pentecostal schools.
2. Sweating in *Sri Lanka*, as a group (students, missionaries, Glenna, etc.) created an electronic database for the Assemblies of God Bible School there. Later 4WRD helped double the size of the library by sending a container of books that slipped through customs without a problem.
3. Seizing a moment with a number of groups to reprint 8,800 original Full Life Study Bibles with 6,000 going to *Papua New Guinea* via Australia.
4. Sending our first container to *Mindanao, Philippines* with resources for 12 different schools. Much thanks to BGMC (Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade) and the AGWM (Assemblies of God World Missions) Asia Pacific Office.
5. Standing with dozens of librarians from Southeast Asia at an Association of Librarians training event in *Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*.
6. Shipping 2,000 books with Missionary Mike Peterson to a brand new Bible school in the *Turks & Caicos Islands*. Always great to be a part of the beginning! Our first connection with those islands.
7. Sorting through a library in *Sint-Pieters-Leeuw, Belgium* of over 40,000 books in 3 weeks, repairing 100's, removing some from the collection due to curriculum changes, obsolescence, or condition, and then shifting the collection to better use the space. Another team of workers including Carlos & Karen Aviles, G.J. Flokstra, Glenna, etc. a delayed return to the US due to a volcano in Iceland.
8. Speaking for libraries at Pentecostal education conferences. On the continent of *Europe* and then *Africa*. 4WRD also gave away thumb drives with than 1,000's of books on them, selected websites for journals and important Pentecostal research, bibliographies, library manuals, and 4WRD's contact information.
9. Selecting books for special collections. One or two schools stand out in this area. After our visit to *Ecclesia Bible College in Hong Kong*, we developed a plan with the help of Northern Asia to provide recommended books every year. 4WRD works with many schools on a regular basis to keep the library up-to-date. Some of these schools are ATCEM in *Singapore* and WAAST in *Togo, West Africa*.
10. Surprise! *Mongolia*. Glenna's qualifications as a teacher got us into this opportunity for ministry. We ended up helping in the library as well. No surprise there.

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We praise God for His help preparing us for the role we now have and for **surrounding** us with so many **people** that help and support us; for giving us more and more opportunities for ministry. Our next overseas mission is to the Assemblies of God Bible School in Kigali, Rwanda. We are planning to go in November. About 40% of the cost of the trip is raised. Glenna and I need another \$4,000 in order to go. Thank you for your consideration and help.

Gary & Glenna

Thanks again for your support!

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