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Bible correspondence courses for the children of the world ■ NOVEMBER 2008



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“Let the little children come to Me...” Jesus Christ

Dear Friends,

I need your help! I know we have just been through a grueling election and our economy is struggling.

Yet, GOD has given *The Mailbox Club* unprecedented opportunities right now to reach hundreds of thousands of precious children—all around the world—for the Lord Jesus Christ!

We have been awarded three matching grants this year to share the Gospel with **MANY** children around the world! But, we are a long way from meeting our goals with the end of year fast approaching.

Despite all the recent challenges, God is still in control! Jesus still loves the little children and yearns for them to know Him and be set free.

I have listed below the three huge outreach opportunities with matching grants:

A. Operation Christmas Child Discipleship Program: \$785,458 budget

We are in the midst of reaching out to 1.8 – 2 million OCC children in over 60 countries offering them the opportunity to enroll in *The Mailbox Club*. In our partnership, OCC pays to print the lessons, and our portion of the budget, \$785,458, is used for training nationals, traveling, and administering the project. These funds will enable us to present the Good News clearly to the OCC children who enroll, by giving them our Christ-centered Bible lessons. The follow-up is highly-effective and the majority of the work with the children will be in-person through local churches and volunteers. We are expecting about 75% of these children to complete a series of ten Bible lessons, called Explorer's 1, and praying for thousands to receive Christ as personal Savior. A \$150,000 matching grant was awarded by The Maclellan Foundation; each dollar you give will be matched by the foundation! To date, \$104,729 has come in or been pledged toward this project.

Funds needed: \$45,271

B. Africa and the Middle East Outreach: \$668,900 overall budget

Reaching out to over 909,000 children, in 36 countries, we are partnering with many different ministries and churches who will use our Christ-centered lessons to reach kids for Christ. Partners include *Child Evangelism Fellowship, Africa Inland Mission, Scripture Union, Jesus Film, Compassion International, World Vision, Operation Happy Child*, local churches and others. All of the children will be taught the

Bible lessons in-person by a local believer. We are anticipating at least a 75% graduation rate! A \$167,225 matching grant from an anonymous donor is being offered to those who designate their funds to this project! So far, \$42,545 has been raised to date.

Funds needed: \$124,680

C. My Hope India Project: \$400,000 overall budget

Two years ago, the *Billy Graham Evangelistic Association*, spear-headed a massive evangelistic campaign to India, unlike anything they had ever done before. Rather than traditional crusades held in soccer stadiums, thousands of churches were engaged to mobilize believers to open their homes and invite ten unbelievers to come watch a special evangelistic telecast at Christmas. Even though this was a one-time event for BGEA impacting millions of people, the remaining results are that over 61,000 churches still participate in this network and countless families are willing to open their homes to unbelievers!

In December 2008, a similar MHI telecast is planned with *Gospel Mission India*, which will include a "golden opportunity" to disciple 500,000 precious boys and girls through Explorer's 2. These children were previously given a shoebox and Explorers 1, an evangelistic course of Bible lessons, produced by *The Mailbox Club*. Explorer's 2 teaches life-changing truths of the indwelling Christ. One child, properly taught these truths, can be used by God to reach thousands for Christ!

To make disciples, not just decisions, is the passion of TMC. We believe making disciples will have a lasting impact on families, churches, communities and the nation of India. Through this \$400,000 budget, we desire to further invest in helping 500,000 children in India grow in their relationship with Christ and learn to live the victorious Christian life.

A generous Christian Foundation awarded us with a matching grant of \$200,000 in October 2008! Praise the Lord – that's half the money! We have received \$89,000 to date. We need to raise the balance by November 30, 2008 to keep up with the printing schedule.

Funds needed: \$111,000

On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of children, I am writing to ask you to consider giving toward one of these matching grants. For less than \$2 per child per year, you can offer hope in the Name of Jesus to hurting children through a series of Bible lessons. Whether you can support ten children, or 100, or a 1000 or 10,000, we appreciate your caring, prayerful support! Thank you on their behalf!

As the Lord leads you, please feel free to share this information with your friends, family and church! And, of course, please support these projects if you are able!

Thank you for your service!

For the children,



John Mark Eager

