

# One Million Books!!!

Joplin, MO – Literature And Teaching Ministries has reached a significant milestone: the production of one million books since 1992.

Taking their motto from 2 Tim. 4:13 where the imprisoned apostle Paul asks young Timothy to “bring the books,” LATM has been doing just that: providing books for evangelism, Bible study, discipleship and leadership training in various languages for use on the mission fields of the world.

Literature And Teaching Ministries (LATM) is a non-profit organization founded in 1992 by Chris DeWelt, Owner and Publisher of College Press Publishing Company of Joplin, Missouri. After serving as a missionary in Chile, and with a burden to supply missionaries and national church leaders with Christian literature in their own languages, Chris created LATM to meet this need.

In its 15-year history, LATM has assisted missionaries and national church leaders in scores of countries in the production of 414 book publishing projects in 49 different languages, for a total number of over one million books printed. These include 88 titles in Russian, 50 in Polish and 35 in Hindi. Other languages include Spanish, Tamil, Lisu, Maasai, Chinese, Khmer, Arabic, Kazakh, Indonesian, French, Czech, Hungarian, Haitian Creole and 33 more.

“We are a *facilitator* of international Christian publishing,” says Phil Casey, who has served as Executive Director of the ministry since its inception. “We don’t actually print the books—we don’t even own a printing press—we simply help missionaries and national church leaders publish the books they need in the languages of their fields. Usually they already have the books in mind that they’d like to see produced; many times they’ve already had them translated or written in their original language on a computer. What they don’t have is the funding required to print the quantity they need. So we make their need known, raise the funds, and do whatever it takes to see that it is printed, usually at a commercial printing company in their own country. These books are then quickly distributed through an already existing network of churches and national leaders who are eager to start using the material.”

Friends of the ministry are invited to an open house celebrating this milestone on Tuesday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the LATM offices located on the second floor of the College Press facility at 221 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Joplin.

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