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Dear Supporters,

Well it is letter-writing time again, and I do sincerely thank you for the prayers and support you have given, not only to me, but to the Lord's work in this remote place. From the point of view of Bible sales it has been a good year. I don't keep exact records of how many Bibles I sell through the year, I only know that I am forever monitoring my stocks, and from time to time ordering more.

People stories and Bibles never cease to amaze me. A young white man, a stranger walks into the shop, "I want to buy a King James Bible...I'm only on TI for another week." So I gently start digging to see where he is at, and what he was looking for in a Bible, in the process I discovered he was 28 years old. Well blow me down with a feather duster, he was a Bahia, and he wanted to know more about Jesus.

Drawing on all my years of experience, I gently started to show him various Bibles. Contrary to normal trade practises, I always show them the cheapest Bible first and its features. In the process I get in as many licks for Jesus as I can, because over the years I have learnt quite a bit about what many Bahia's believe. I discovered this young man was genuinely seeking, and he was not too sure if what the Bahia's teach was the right story.

Many Bibles later and after looking through them, I hooked my new fish and showed him Ray Comfort's Living Waters 'Evidence Bible' with all its modern day problems of life study pages. That was the one, (The Evidence Bible is a King James Bible with all the Shakespeare language dropped, I have three like that.) He bought it on the spot. He came to say goodbye before he left for Brisbane, glowing about his new Bible. The shop is rightly called the 'SOWER.

Another young white man comes in and wants a specific Bible, again a King James Bible. I couldn't toss him this time, he bought a standard KJV Bible, but he had links to the good ole Salvation Army, and knew just what he wanted and why.

During the year I rotate among about five churches on TI. I still get a kick out of seeing not only many in the congregation carrying Bibles and Bible cases that they have bought in the Sower, but it is a special privilege when I see the priest or pastor using one he has bought in the shop.

The sales of Christian books large and small have been steady, along with CD's, DVD's and gifts. The DVD library is more than fulfilling its part. Catholic ladies from Hammond Island and teachers from the local Catholic School come looking for children's DVD in the library. Other Mum's and Dad's make a selection for themselves and their children. My latest little red book is almost full, time to buy a new one soon.

Last month I had to do the same as I had to with the Videos. I had to replace nearly fifty missing DVD's. This number has accrued over nearly two years of them being loved to death. The material costs for each replacement is about \$5.00 consisting of a blank disc, new case, photo paper insert and labels, plus printer ink.

Well the Housing Commission has allocated me a flat, and I ride my bike past the building site every other day to see when they might be finished, and ready for me to move into mine. Oh dear, when you line the workers up with the fence posts, and the posts move, the other objects are the workers. Despite this snails pace, I'm still optimistic that I will be able to move in before Christmas.

I still keep a watchman on the tower lookout for events in Jerusalem and the Middle East. It sure doesn't quieten down any. Truly that last trumpet call will sound without any warning, and the sands of time are fast running out for witnessing Christians to save the unsaved.

The sad thing is, Christianity among the English speaking nations seems to be diminishing, and as much as nations over seas still need the Gospel, I feel our own country is in serious danger. If the wrong people gain power in the senate this election, we will discover Christianity will come under very heavy attack; far worse then those two ministers in Victoria experienced.

So it's truly is a time for that old hymn 'Christian soldiers marching of to war,' the big battle is just starting, as we find ourselves in the run up to the end of the Church Age .

Yours In Christ,

Stan Pedler.

P.S. (Hazel)

Praise God for answered prayer for accommodation for Stan. Pray that it will be completed and available before the wet season when construction and the availability of trades people is limited and difficult..

Stan is coming south in January for a Pedler Family Reunion., and will use the opportunity to shop for the new supplies for the Bookshop.