

Thanking God for His Faithfulness in 2012

There's nothing like the grace of our God, is there? As we look back over the past year, Nanci and I are thanking Him for the many surprising ways He is faithfully using Eternal Perspective Ministries to make an eternal impact. EPM supports many ministries through the giving of my book royalties around the world. But it's much more than that.

Our wonderful EPM staff serves as a vital resource to the thousands of people who contact us over the course of the year, by phone and by email, with good questions. Some are related to worthy organizations we give to and pray for; others are personal and family questions; some are about books I've written, or needing help finding a Bible-teaching local church. We have a staff member who researches what churches to refer people to, and one who writes hundreds of letters to the male and female prisoners who contact us requesting books and spiritual guidance. Other staff members connect people with the thousands of written, audio, and video resources on our website, www.epm.org.

EPM continues to expand with every new book, magazine, speaking opportunity, phone call, email and visit to our website and social media (do you follow us on Facebook and/or Twitter?). We find ourselves in contact with more and more people each month, and we're joyfully laboring to keep up.

I want to thank you for giving to support EPM's work. We are grateful to you and to the Lord for each gift. God himself is the ultimate Source of every provision. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17).

It's the kind donations of our supporters that not only allow us to operate, but also are an investment in every ministry we support, including feeding the hungry, giving them tools to raise crops, and wells for drinking water, and the Scriptures in their heart languages, and training in understanding God's Word. It also allows us to be more dependent on the Lord to provide. If we kept the book royalties for ourselves we wouldn't need to pray and depend upon the Lord and others for provision. And no one would have the vested interests in praying for our ministry that come with financial support.

More than anything, I would ask your prayers for our ongoing ministry in 2013. Daily we are humbled and amazed to see remarkable responses from people all over the world who are being touched by this ministry. Nanci and I are so proud of our amazing staff. We thank God for their servants' hearts and Christ-like character. And we thank you for lifting us up before our King and for being a vital part of EPM this past year.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now (Philippians 1:3-5).



Randy Alcorn
Founder and Director



See inside for more about how the Lord used EPM to make an eternal impact in 2012. ➤

teaching

Randy's 2012 writing projects

Randy completed the draft for the *Eternity* graphic novel (long bound comic book style) in early 2012. It's a fictional depiction of Christ's story of the rich man and Lazarus, and it weaves the gospel into the story line. (Due out in June 2013; learn more at www.epm.org/eternity.) Randy loves the quality of the art. He also began work on a nonfiction book dealing with happiness, and where we should be seeking it.



49,552
books
given away

Each month EPM gives away thousands of Randy's books to organizations and individuals for ministry needs.

Social media

38,826
followers on Randy's Twitter

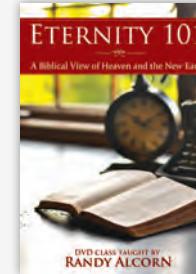
25,845
followers on Randy's Facebook

2,040
followers on EPM's Facebook

619,529
pageviews on Randy's blog
including the 151 blogs posted in 2012

Heaven class at Corban University

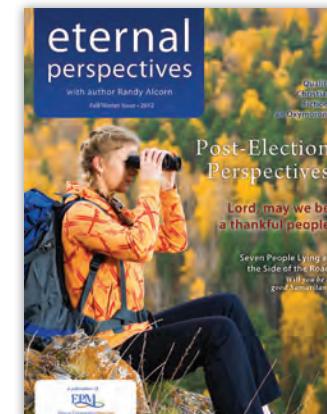
In May, Randy taught a three-day, graduate-level course on Heaven at Corban University in Salem, Oregon. Fifty students attended, some of whom came from across the nation. EPM staff and volunteers filmed the class, enabling EPM to expand the reach of Randy's teaching. We offer the *Eternity 101* DVD set, which contains 12 hours of video, at our online store (www.epm.org/eternity101) along with a free downloadable study guide.



Eternal Perspectives, EPM's free magazine

EPM produces a full-color magazine 3-4 times each year which is sent free to those who request it. It's filled with thought-provoking and informative articles on Christian living, Heaven, giving, and more.

Since 1991, we've printed in black and white in order to save money on printing costs. But after we recently decided to revisit the possibility of printing in color, our printer was able to offer us a price that is actually saving us money, allowing us to better steward our resources and provide readers with a more attractive (and shareable) magazine.



16,079 print
subscribers **2,358** online
subscribers

- 
1. United States
 2. Canada
 3. United Kingdom
 4. Australia
 5. Philippines
 6. India
 7. South Africa
 8. Netherlands
 9. Singapore
 10. Germany

EPM's two goals

to **teach** the principles of God's Word, emphasizing an eternal viewpoint
to **reach** the needy in Christ's name

reaching

EPM gives 100% of the royalties from Randy's books to other worthy organizations. We love the fact that God uses Randy's books to change people's lives in two ways: through the reading of the words and through the giving away of the royalties.

Royalties given in 2012:

\$318,389

Lifetime-to-date royalties given:

\$6,098,449



Some of the projects EPM supported in 2012

Voice of the Martyrs: Participating with Strategic Partners Program

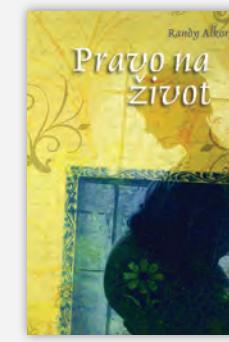
This program provides support for persecuted pastors, allowing workers for Christ to focus on serving Christians and witnessing to non-believers. We received a note from one pastor we support in Nepal (we rejoice that the *Heaven* book is now translated into Nepali):

"I would like to give thanks to you for your sacrificial help to my ministry. Because of your generosity I am able to minister and take care of my family...I manage weekly fellowship, youth ministry, children's ministry, women's fellowship, home groups, and home visitation...Six people are going to be baptized very soon. Please pray for my ministry, my family, and our nation."



Operation Mobilization: Why Pro-Life? translations

George Verwer, founder of OM, has given away thousands of copies of Randy's book *Why Pro-Life?* in English and spearheaded its translation into other languages all over the world. In 2012, EPM funded the French, Albanian, and Bosnian translations. Our hope is that it will educate people worldwide and help save the lives of unborn babies.



Open Doors USA: North Korea safe houses

It is an amazing feat for a person to escape from North Korea. Besides the risk of getting caught is the very real possibility of falling into one of the treacherous traps at the border. Most traps aren't designed to capture a person; rather, their purpose is to ensure that no one makes it out alive.



Action International: Hurricane Sandy Relief in Cuba

EPM supported Action International in providing relief to Santiago, Cuba in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. Twelve days after the hurricane Action delivered money and 200 pounds of supplies, including tools, medicines, and vitamins, to church leaders for distribution. The churches are now in "repair and reconstruction" mode and have organized work teams to repair structures in the community.

Even if they do succeed in escaping, these brave individuals face the threat of being deported back to North Korea, and often dying in a labor camp. Open Doors provides safe houses to many who choose to risk their lives for freedom. In addition to safety, these safe houses provide for their physical needs such as food and medicine, as well as spiritual nurturing.

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Randy's books for prisoners: exploding growth in 2012

It's our privilege to have given away literally thousands of Randy's books to prisoners and chapel libraries in 224 different institutions. These materials minister to a wide range of inmates, from those who are serving sentences for drug-related crimes to those who are on death row. The books are often shared with other inmates, so one book may be read by several people. EPM seeks to respond to every prisoner letter we receive—500 or more each month!



Here's two of the many letters we've received from prisoners in the past year:

"I have a friend that is here with me and he has gotten books by you and he keeps telling me how good and inspirational they are. I've seen a big change in him and I would like the same thing to happen in my life."

"The books that I request are so instrumental in my children's walk along with my wife's. I can't start to tell you how instrumental these books are in my walk. Instead of taking 10 steps backward, I have taken 10 steps forward. Of course, the Bible is the ultimate book for my walk and my family's."

Special funds giving

While we are dependent on our donors' faithful giving to the general fund, EPM also offers opportunity for those who want to designate to a specific area of ministry such as missions, prolife, or the suffering church. When money is given through EPM specifically to one of our special funds, we then choose worthy ministries to support in each particular area. In this way, EPM serves as an eternal investment brokerage for those desiring to store up treasures in Heaven. (EPM gives 100% of what is designated to special funds; nothing is withheld.)

**Interested in helping
send Randy's books to
prisoners?**

You can give directly to
"Books for Prisoners" as
one of our special funds at
www.epm.org/donate.

\$59,079

amount donors gave to
special funds in 2012

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your partnership and
would love to keep
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the latest news and
resources from Randy
and our ministry.

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