

# Looking Back at 2013

## *with Hearts Full of Gratitude*

I am profoundly grateful for all that God has done in and through EPM this year. On December 10, we had our annual staff Christmas luncheon. My wife, Nanci, put together a great meal, and as we sat around our host's living room, she and I shared how much we love and appreciate our staff. I can't say enough about how Christ-honoring and capable they are. I thank God for them.

I'm presently in a season of very heavy writing. (Your prayers are greatly appreciated!) As hard as it is to fight for writing time, I'm grateful for the Lord's provision of that time, as well as the energy and the health He provides. And I'm so grateful for Nanci. I would be lost without her love and support and encouragement.

I look back on 2013 and am struck by God's goodness. Nanci and I are enjoying our walks with God and our ministry more than ever. As you'll see in this report, God is continuing to graciously use EPM's efforts to teach an eternal perspective through my books, our online resources and social media, and so much more. And people around the world are being reached in Jesus' name through the royalties given away to other worthy ministries, as well as through the books that are now in more than 60 languages.

God has been faithful to provide for EPM over the years but I think these past summers of a serious financial shortfall may be His gentle reminder that in trusting Him we must be careful to never take His provision for granted, and to continue using it wisely. Our efforts to carefully plan and budget are in place.

Special thanks go to you, our donors, for partnering with us this past year through your prayers and financial gifts. We truly consider you a vital part of our ministry and appreciate your continued trust in us to steward your gifts well. It is a trust we don't take lightly.

*Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20).*

In the grace of Jesus,



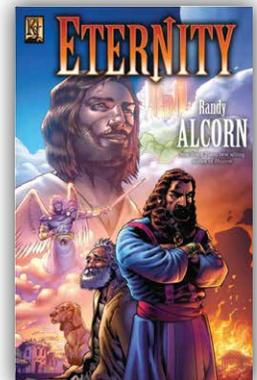
Randy Alcorn | Founder and Director



## Delighted to give away 39,440 books in 2013

Each year EPM gives away thousands of books to organizations and individuals for ministry needs. This was an especially significant year for book giveaways with the release of Randy's *Eternity* graphic novel. Because the book clearly contains the gospel and targets a different audience than his other books, we were excited about the outreach potential. We offered multiple copies to prison chaplains and Christian ministries such as Youth for Christ and Cru Military Connection, resulting in over 3,500 copies of *Eternity* given away.

One prisoner wrote, "This comic book is so cool! I opened it and couldn't stop reading!" We are continuing to pray that many more readers of *Eternity* will enter into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



# teaching

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to **teach** the principles of God's Word  
to **reach** the need

## EPM publishes two books by Randy

Randy's books are one of the most important aspects of our teaching ministry. In 2013, we published two of his titles both in print and in ebook format. Our hope is that these books will not only encourage readers, but also provide a source of funding for our ministry.

Randy thoroughly revised and updated *Help for Women Under Stress: Preserving Your Sanity*, which he originally wrote in 1986 with his wife Nanci. "Easy to read and full of truths that I desperately needed to be reminded of," wrote one reader. *Seeing the Unseen: A Daily Dose of Eternal Perspective* is a 60-day devotional that offers insights from Randy on a variety of topics related to the Christian life, along with Scriptures and inspirational quotes.



## Website

over **926,345 visits**  
from **223 countries/territories**

## Social media



**52,519**

followers on Randy's Twitter



**31,733**

followers on Randy's Facebook

**3,548**

followers on EPM's Facebook



**413,271**

pageviews on Randy's blog



To learn more about how EPM is making an eternal difference around the world for Christ, we invite you to watch our short video at [www.epm.org/about](http://www.epm.org/about).

## Encouraging and impacting pastors

Because Randy was a pastor for 14 years before starting EPM, he has a heart for providing resources and encouragement for church leaders. One pastor who has been helped in his ministry wrote, "I have always appreciated EPM's commitment to biblical truth and am thankful for men like Randy who are helping to build into the next generation."

Besides the resources on our website, EPM offers pastors 9 different free kits. Each kit includes a book or booklet by Randy and an informational brochure, and some also include other resources like DVDs and wallet cards. (Learn more at [www.epm.org/pastorsresources](http://www.epm.org/pastorsresources).)



## Randy's speaking engagements

Randy spoke at the 2013 Desiring God National Conference where he gave a message titled "C. S. Lewis on Heaven and the New Earth: God's Eternal Remedy to the Problem of Evil and Suffering" ([www.epm.org/dg2013](http://www.epm.org/dg2013)).



He also spoke at an "Evening with George Verwer and Randy Alcorn" to encourage and inspire listeners on their journey as generous givers, as well as at Harvest Church in Riverside, California with Pastor Greg Laurie about Heaven and evil and suffering.

## An online resource and a life saved

Sometimes we're privileged to see how one of our teaching resources is used by the Lord to touch lives to His glory. Early in 2013, our office received a call from a young pregnant woman who after reading Randy's article "Can God Forgive Abortions?", had changed her mind about abortion. Although she was hundreds of miles away from our office in Sandy, Oregon, in God's providence, she lived just ten miles from a sister-in-law of Randy's executive assistant. They started a relationship, and we are thrilled to say she chose life for her baby!

## Two goals

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# reaching



Randy strongly believes God has directed the Alcorns to give 100% of the book royalties to worthy Christian ministries. Because Randy and Nanci believe in what EPM is doing, they've recently decided to give 10% of the book royalties to EPM (to help offset the costs related to the writing/researching/editing of Randy's books, as well as to facilitate the giving away of our books to people all over the world). **Donations to EPM's general fund from supporters like you are what fund our own operating costs and enable Randy and Nanci to continue giving away the royalties. Thank you!**

Royalties given in 2013:

**\$477,615**

Lifetime-to-date royalties given:

**\$6,576,064**

## Some of the projects EPM supported in 2013

### Dalit Freedom Network: Schooling for Dalit Children

The Dalits in India are history's longest standing oppressed people group. Because their children face discrimination and abuse in government schools, the Dalit Freedom Network operates over 100 Dalit Education Centers throughout India. Nearly 30% of the 25,000 children receiving education at these centers have parents who are bonded laborers, so the education they receive helps them escape the poverty that puts them at risk for commercial sexual exploitation, forced labor, or bonded labor.



### The Guardian Project: Mobile Ultrasound Unit



EPM supported the Guardian Project's efforts to raise the startup costs associated with purchasing and operating the first ever mobile ultrasound unit in Oregon to reach abortion-minded moms. This mobile unit, which will be operational in early 2014, will focus on the areas of Portland, Oregon where there are currently no alternative pregnancy resource centers for women.



### ALARM: Training in South Sudan

ALARM is an African-led and African-based organization that focuses on equipping leaders by training them in biblical theology, conflict resolution, mediation, and leadership skills. EPM supported a trauma healing and recovery training for local staff in South Sudan.



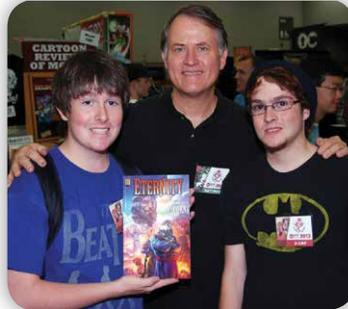
### Compassion First: Rescuing Survivors of Trafficking

Compassion First provides frontline, hope-filled solutions for survivors of child sexual trafficking. With a desire to work in regions not already served by other organizations, their flagship effort is in Indonesia. They provide residential and community-based aftercare, legal advocacy, and human rights services. EPM supported Compassion First's Rescue Fund, which provides funding to pay for interventions on behalf of children trapped in forced prostitution.

# reaching

## Randy at Comic Con

The *Eternity* graphic novel has opened up new avenues for ministry. In September, Randy attended Portland's Rose City Comic Con to share the book and its message. He writes, "I really enjoyed sharing both the *Eternity* graphic novel and the gospel with lots of folks. Praying God will touch the hearts of people I spoke with." Randy, EPM staff member Julia Stager, and some volunteers will be attending another Comic Con in January 2014.



## Books for prisoners

Every year, EPM sends thousands of Randy's books to prisoners and chapel libraries.

**679 each month**

average number of books mailed to prisoners each month in 2013

**7,000**

prisoners we have had contact with since keeping records in 2008

# what's ahead

## Randy's writing projects and future books

Randy spent a significant portion of 2013 working on his next book, a theology of happiness, which is expected out in spring of 2015. He writes, "It centers on the large group of biblical words that include gladness, joy, happiness, delight, merriment, celebrating, feasting, etc. One of the goals is to correct the misguided notion that joy is spiritual and deep and not an emotion, while happiness is secular and shallow and emotional...as if emotion is bad, and God doesn't want us to be happy. The truth is much richer and far broader. God, who is Himself infinitely happy, has indeed called us to eternal happiness and celebration that begins here and now. There's a lot more, but that's an important part of it."

Randy also wrote the manuscript for his next graphic novel, which will tell the life story of the Apostle Paul and is due out in 2014.



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## EPM's greatest need in 2014

If someone were to ask what EPM's greatest financial need is today, we would say it is *new monthly supporters*. This would stabilize us long-term, allowing cash flow to continue during the lean summer months, when giving has been historically at its lowest. After your commitment to your local church, and only if God so leads, we'd be deeply appreciative if you would ask Him whether He would have you join our team of monthly givers.

## Convenient monthly giving

We now offer the option of donating by EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer), which allows you to transfer money from your checking or savings account directly to EPM. You can also set up recurring gifts using EFT or a debit/credit card. We hope this will be a convenient option for our donors, with the added benefit of no checks to write and no postage to pay! Set up recurring donations online at [www.epm.org/donate](http://www.epm.org/donate), or call us at 1.877.376.4567.

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