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Dear Friends and Supporters,

We thank our God with you for the privilege it is to be involved in this ministry of the Word of God. We thank Him also for all of you who support the ministry of *LGP* both in prayer and financially. We also apologize for the lateness of this newsletter as it should have been sent some weeks ago.

ANNOUNCEMENT

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE NEW FINANCIAL COORDINATORS ON BOARD THE MINISTRY OF LGP. Their postal and email addresses appear at the head of this letter. Please make sure you send any mail or emails to them at those addresses. We thank Shaun, our previous Financial Coordinator, for his work on behalf of LGP; he is no longer working with us, so please don't send any mail to his address or his email as he is overseas and his house is rented to tenants.

SUCCESSION PLAN WITH PHIL ON BOARD

We thought we should start this time with some words from Phil.

I know I have said this to some of you already, but it has been exciting coming on board the ministry of *LGP* after many years of seeking God's mind on where he would like me to serve. It has certainly been a challenge, especially seeking to maintain a balance with my other "secular" work to keep the bills paid, and this work, which has much more far-reaching effects. It would be great to be able to ease that pressure, but all in good time - i.e. God's timing. There's been a number of changes made to streamline things, and I am sure Patty doesn't always say "how wonderful" but rather gets frustrated at the changes happening.

I am getting close to finishing a software system to manage the work and provide a significant amount of automation. It includes things like book media/file management, printing quotes and orders management and eventually sales orders, warehouse communications and stock/distributor management in various places around the world. Our new Spanish website has gone live (www.librosgp.org), although it is not quite finished. I am about to turn my attention more fully to the LCC Trust site. We hope to have the structure of the Trust fund changed and streamlined in the next few weeks, and so the timing of the launch of a new Trust website is fast drawing near. We have a new logo but that is about it. Once we have that in place, God willing we will be ready to start a push to expand the support base with the idea of increasing the funds in the Trust available for the ministry so that it can continue into the future.

Looking forward to meeting you all face to face, Phil

THE TRUST FUND: Life change through Christ

Phil's comment on the changes he is making and Patty's "fright" at times at those changes (MORE things to learn and get used to!) reminds us how often Patty says: "Why didn't Phil come on board ages ago?"! It's called streamlining, but Patty calls it **S T R E A M L I N I N G!!!** (Can you hear her shouting it?) It is just marvellous to see how things are being improved and made so much more efficient, and therefore taking up less time overall. We are very thankful for Phil's role in the ministry and ask God that he will continue to provide so that we can give him more time with us. He is doing an excellent job!

We have a meeting next week with our accountant as the first step in making the changes to the Trust fund that Phil referred to above. For old heads like Grahame's and Patty's it all seems very complicated. For a young head like Phil's, it all seems very normal! So that the changes that need doing can be completely sorted, we will need to get some legal work done, yet again, but hopefully, after these changes, this will be the last time that will need to happen. For those of you who understand these things, we are changing the Trust so that an Incorporated Company (with multiple directors) can be the sole trustee, as it will make the whole area of finances a lot easier to manage. No doubt, together with Phil, a lot of you know more about this whole area than we (Grahame & Patty) do, but hopefully all will be sorted and more efficient in the very near future.

Once we have the setup of the Trust fund totally sorted out, as Phil said, we will set about organizing the promotion of that fund so that the extra costs that will be incurred in the coming years as we, Grahame & Patty,

reduce what we do in the ministry work-wise due to age, will be covered. Once we stop doing what we currently do, we will have to pay people to do those jobs, something we have not done in the past nor do at the present time because we are on a pension, so all donations that come in, only go to the costs of the translation, editing and printing. However, there are a lot more costs involved than in those areas, and they are the ones that will need to be financed with other people doing them once we are no longer involved or are in the New Creation!

THE EDITORIAL - *LIBROS GRAN PANORAMA* BOOK MATTERS

Digital print runs in different countries

These are moving ahead well and we are starting to see some good organization take place as the results of all that Phil mentioned above takes shape and becomes functional. A few days ago Phil showed Patty some of the latest streamlining work he is doing on the administrative side of things and it is very impressive; amongst other things, he is streamlining the whole print order process for all the different countries, something which will save an awful lot of time as it will mostly be automated. I guess to some young heads maybe it would seem relatively normal, but to old heads like Grahame's & Patty's, it is all quite incredible!

We have just set in motion in Chile the printing of various quantities of 6 different books for sale in that country. *Preaching God's Big Story* by Phil Crowter has a sizeable order pending, awaiting the completion of the printing of that book. Pablo Sánchez who runs the bookshop in Santiago, is exceptionally enthusiastic and a great promoter of the books, doing seminars and promotions all over the country from time to time, whilst he also looks after his wife and young daughter and works on the completion of his law degree. We included a short message from him in our last newsletter. He is a real blessing from our God and we thank Him for Pablo.



Books awaiting preparation and printing

This list appeared in our last Newsletter and it hasn't changed as of today. Hopefully it will very soon; some books have to go for editing, something which will keep Grahame busy for some time once that is done, some have to go for translation, another task that hits Grahame's desk for checking once completed, and many need formatting and graphics done and these land on Patty's desk. Patty's health has interfered with this process over the last year and a half but it has taken a turn for the better over the last couple of months for which we give our God thanks, and whilst her health is still very inconsistent, it has improved considerably, something which is totally unexpected. Grahame's health is going reasonably at present, although his Essential tremour continues to worsen and he gets tired fairly easily, but that's no doubt affected for both of us by age!

CLOSING WORDS

Our thanks go out to you all again for your continued prayers for and support of the ministry of *LGP*; we thank our God for you all. May God bless each one of you as you serve Him where he has placed you and may we all always strive to do what Colossians 3:23-24 encourages us to do: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Patty, Grahame & Phil

 POINTS FOR THANKSGIVING	 PRAYER POINTS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For Jesus and all He has done for us. We should never cease to thank our God for his Son. 2) For the encouraging sales we see in many of the countries and the way people are being changed as they understand God's Word better. 3) For the incredible changes Phil is making to the administrative side of <i>LGP</i> and the time it is saving in so many areas. 4) For God's constant provision to date of all the needs of the ministries, both <i>MOCLAM</i> and <i>LGP</i>, and for his constant direction as to the way ahead. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) For those who read the books and study the <i>MOCLAM</i> courses, that they will be transformed by the renewing of their minds (Rom 12:2) as they study God's Word. 2) For the printing arrangements in the different countries, that God will direct us to the right people and printers in each country and that the system will eventually run smoothly. 3) For God's guidance as we make changes to the Trust Fund, that the decisions we make will be wise as well as the best ones to enable the ministry of <i>LGP</i> to continue well into the future. 4) For continued part-time work for Phil as he works to support his family and for fluency in his Spanish.