In a world full of uncertainty and change, God has unexpectedly opened a door for continued and expanded ministry for Open Door Libraries!

On July 1, 2020 Open Door Libraries will officially become a ministry of New International (NI), a mission organization with over 30 years of experience in helping missionaries thrive. New International currently facilitates the ministry of over 200 missionaries in 32 countries, all of whom serve with the goal of “proclaiming Christ and making disciples globally”. Detailed information concerning New International can be found by visiting www.newinternational.org.

Why make such a move after 45 years as an independent ministry? Here are several factors that led the Open Door Libraries Board of Directors to make this decision after months of prayerful consideration:

- Most importantly, being a ministry of New International will allow us to better serve the needs of our missionaries. Not only will some services be improved, but we will also be able to offer services such as media and recruiting that have not been offered in the past. Donors will also notice enhanced systems for communication.

- As a ministry of New International, we will be able to keep our identity as Open Door Libraries (think of how KFC, Pizza Hut, and Taco Bell have kept their own identity and branding as a part of Yum Brands). I (Glen Gibson) will continue as the Executive Director of ODL and will continue to provide support and oversight to the staff and missionaries of ODL. Our ministry centers/libraries will operate as before with oversight and management of their own mission, objectives and programs.

- Together with New International we will be better stewards of the resources God has provided to both organizations. The cost of operating a non-profit organization in the USA has increased greatly over the last couple of decades. Operating as one organization rather than two will result in substantial savings to the Kingdom of God.

- There will be no additional cost to ODL missionaries. The teamshare of 10% to cover administrative costs will remain the same, while we take full advantage of the improved and expanded services available to all New International missionaries.

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• We will enjoy the benefits of being a part of a larger missional community. Opportunities for **fellowship as well as personal, spiritual and ministerial growth** will be greatly expanded as a part of an organization with over 200 missionaries.

• New International will benefit from the presence of ODL’s long-term missionaries and our **expertise in operating libraries** as a means of connecting with the non-Christian community in our various locations.

• **A foundation of trust has already been developed** with the leadership of New International. I served with New International for two years prior to joining the ministry of ODL. Trusting relationships have continued to grow as all ODL missionaries have recently undergone the affiliation and orientation process with New International.

It is our desire to make this transition as smooth as possible for all who are partners with the ministry of Open Door Libraries. Further communication will outline the details of this transition that will take place on July 1. **For the month of June, if you use a check to donate to ODL please continue to mail your gift to:**

Open Door Libraries  
PO Box 1766  
Monument, CO  80132

Recurring electronic donations will continue without interruption.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (glen@opendoorlibraries.org) or any one of our missionaries.

**Thank you for investing in the ministry of Open Door Libraries and its missionaries.** This move will set the stage for many new and exciting steps forward for ODL. We are all thrilled to see how God will continue to use the ministry centers/libraries of ODL to connect with lost people who will not typically walk through the doors of a church, and provide resources to help them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ! **Your faithful partnership with ODL, its libraries, and its missionaries is both needed and very appreciated as we move into this exciting new future.**

For His Glory,

Glen Gibson  
Executive Director,  
Open Door Libraries

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**In June, please continue to send check donations to our Colorado address. A change of address will take place in July.**