



BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER

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BPS is a ministry of First Baptist Church in Milford, OH

Bearing Precious Seed, firstBible, Seedline, National Bible Publishing Month, JJS (Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria), and John the Baptist Publications—all of these make up the mission and purpose of Bearing Precious Seed Milford: to get the Word of God into the hands of every person. Some of these people sit in church pews, while some sit

unreached across the street. Others are without the Word of God in their language. Our desire is to help you reach those for whom you are burdened. Together, we can reach those for whom seemingly few are burdened. We must labor together to get God's Word to a lost world—yours, mine and theirs.

We need your help. We often hear missionaries request prayer as they journey on deputation and then to the field. We all need prayer! We need to pray for one another, and we need to PRAY!

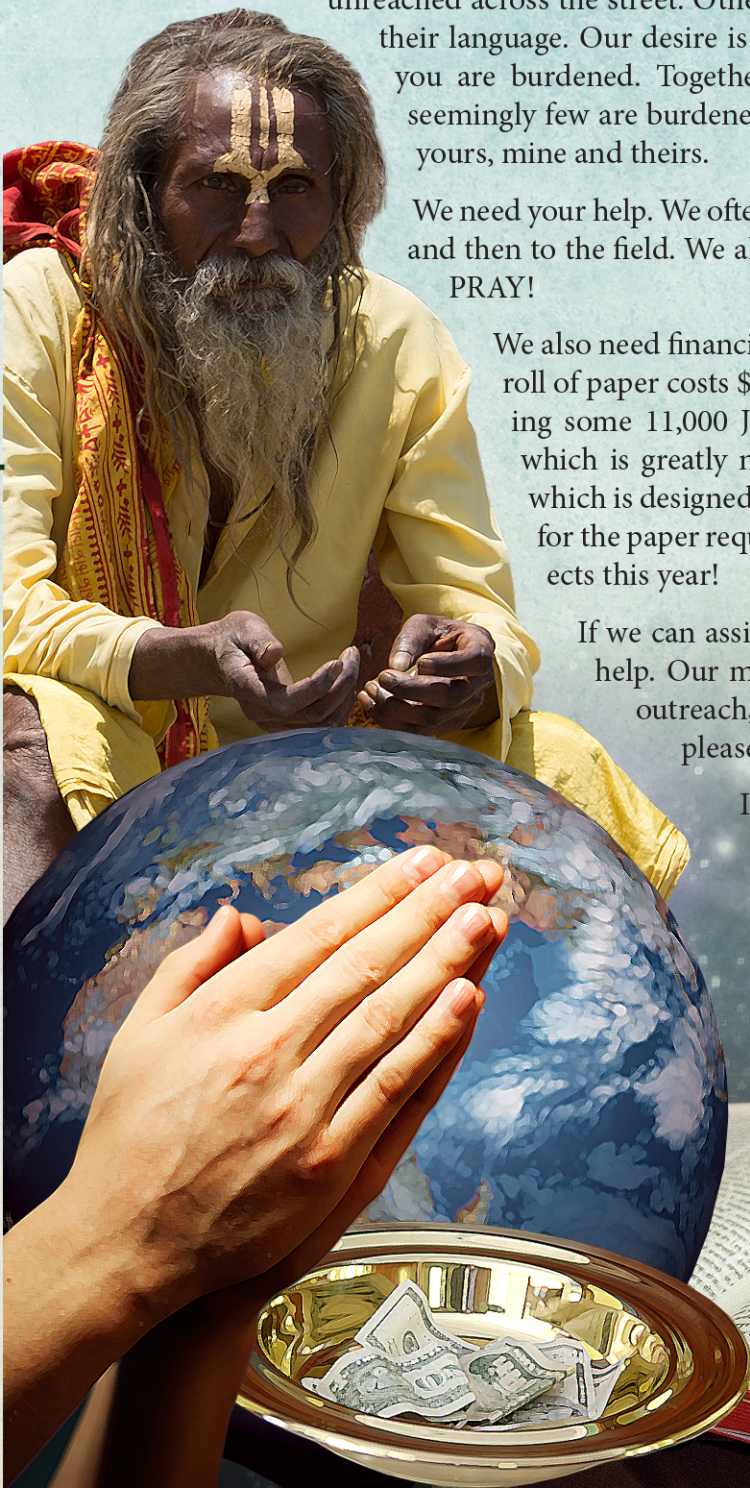
We also need financial assistance to purchase paper, thousands of pounds of paper. A roll of paper costs \$625.00; one roll of paper can be run in about half an hour, printing some 11,000 John & Romans. Many of you help through monthly support, which is greatly needed. Others help through National Bible Publishing Month, which is designed to raise funds just for our paper needs. We need \$300,000.00 just for the paper required to complete the four National Bible Publishing Month projects this year!

If we can assist you with your Bible needs, we would love the opportunity to help. Our motto is "Provided freely to the foreign field missionary and his outreach, but not free to us." If you have a missionary in need of Scripture, please let us know. We want to help them.

If you would like to visit Bearing Precious Seed, we would love to host you and allow you to participate and see the ministry first-hand. We would love the opportunity to visit you and your work as well.

In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor



TOGETHER, WE CAN INCREASE!!!

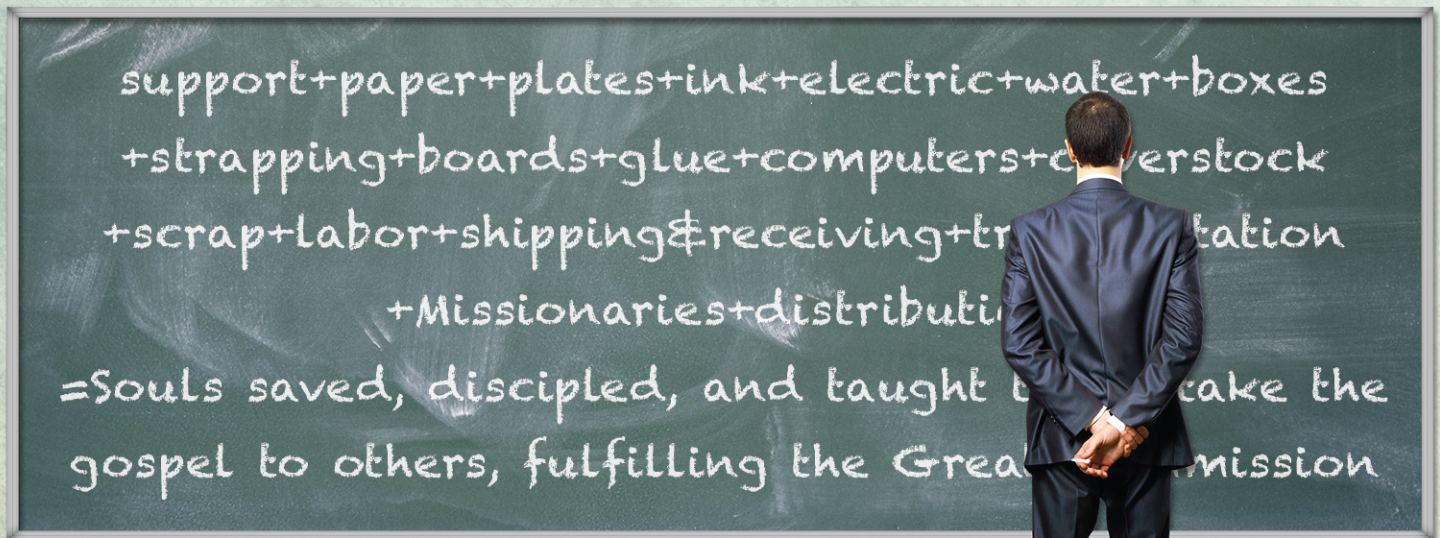
Al Braley, BPS Director of Operations

Acts 6:7 *"And the word of God **increased**; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith."*

Most likely, you have a Bible and you can read it almost any time you choose. How did you get that Bible? As I sit at my desk and look around my office, I see many Bibles. Some of them are very old; in fact, one dates back to 1826. Many Bibles are in other languages, and I have a copy of the Bible which was written longhand by the members of First Baptist Church in the early 1980's. When I see the Bible from 1826, I find myself wondering how many people came to Christ because of that copy of the Word of God. I have three old pulpit Bibles in my office, and as I look at them, I imagine the sermons that were preached and the lives that were impacted through those copies of the Word of God.

What an amazing opportunity you and I have to share God's Word with others! God has used Bearing Precious Seed to supply many people around the world with the first Bible they have ever owned. Many times, I have had the opportunity to personally hand people their first copy of the Bible. Witnessing their joy as they received the Bible was priceless.

The task is still daunting, but with God's help we have been able to print and distribute over 135,000,000 copies of His Word since 1973. It took 36 years to reach 100,000,000 copies. It has taken 4.5 years to add the next 35,000,000. God continues to supply needed equipment, and as additional churches partner with us through their support of the ministry, the production of Scripture continues to increase. Additional growth is possible if more churches will join with us through their support. The equipment God has added gives us much more production potential than we have the funds to produce at this point. Pray with us about more churches getting involved, allowing us to increase the amount of Scripture produced. We will produce to the level God uses others to supply. Our goal remains the same—to produce as many Scriptures as we can, and send them, take them and provide them freely to missionaries all around the world. Together with your support we can continue to increase our efforts and reach even more with the gospel.



5K TURNS INTO 40K

Phil Taylor, Seedline Director



We were contacted earlier this year by the student body president of Pensacola Christian College. He informed us that the student body officers were putting on a 5K run for missions during the month of April. He asked if Bearing Precious Seed had any needs, and if they could help us by giving the proceeds from the run to BPS. We told him that our greatest need was for paper to print New Testaments and whole Bibles. Their run was on April 25th and they decided they would give all the funds that were raised to BPS. It was not long after this that an anonymous donor told us they would match whatever amount the student body was able to raise.

Each student who participated in the 5K run gave a minimum donation of five dollars. The college provided each runner with a t-shirt, and the students were permitted to stay out after curfew to participate in the run which took place at 11:00 PM.

Students, teachers and faculty began to sign up, and soon the number of participants reached over 3,500. Dale Money and I decided we would go to PCC for the race as well. When we arrived, we were soon overwhelmed by all of the excitement that had been generated for the 5K missions run. The day of the race the students were allowed to wear their race t-shirts. That day the campus was covered with a sea of blue shirts inscribed with the theme of the race: "Redeeming the time".

The night of the race was an exciting time for PCC and for BPS. All 3,500 of the racers filled one of the athletic fields on campus. At 11:00 the administration had a special surprise for the students. They put on an amazing firework display just before the race started. Some ran, some jogged, and some walked, but everyone had a great time. The students had a night they will not soon forget, and most importantly, eternity was impacted because the student body cared enough to help others get a copy of God's Word. When it was all said and done, they raised \$20,001.85. Add to this the matching funds for a total of \$40,003.70. Thank you PCC student body and faculty for making this a great event. Thank you for your generosity, and your love for others and for God's Word.





NATIONAL BIBLE Publishing Month

It is hard to believe 2014 is nearly half over already. With only seven months left in this year, would you please prayerfully consider choosing one of them to partner with us through National Bible Publishing Month? Your emphasis on the value of the Word of God and making a one-time offering toward the furtherance of the gospel would be a great blessing. Our prayer and desire is to be able to get the precious, life-changing, eternity-altering Word of God to the countries of Nepal, Romania, Sierra Leone, and Thailand. Millions are living their lives in spiritual darkness. Their only hope is for someone to bring them the true Light from heaven. Would God have you be a part of providing this Light to them? It will take us 480 rolls of paper to print the amount of Scriptures we are trying to provide. At \$625 per roll, we are asking God to provide the \$300,000 needed. Praise the Lord, we have seen a little more than \$150,000 come in for these project areas this year. We have already been able to print the Scriptures for Thailand. Would you please pray that the remaining \$150,000 will come in to accomplish this task for the people of Nepal, Romania, and Sierra Leone also? Truly, souls of men and women, boys and girls hang in the balance as they wait to receive the gospel message in time.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AVAILABLE:

- Posters • Bulletin Shells
 - Offering Envelopes
 - 4-Week Lesson Plan
 - *The Structure of the Nations*
 - *The Sin of the Nations*
 - *The Scattering of the Nations*
 - *The Salvations of the Nations*
- Created for Children, Teens, & Adults



BPS update



NEWS/PRAISE:

- A gift came in last month to take care of binding 500 hardback French Bibles. If you would like to help with this project, we still need to bind an additional 1,500 Bibles, and they cost \$5 each to produce.
- As an answer to a prayer request mentioned in the last newsletter, we were able to purchase a single-pocket binder. It will give us the ability to produce small quantities of New Testaments and Bibles without changing the binding line over for small runs.
- Our lead pressman took a much-deserved vacation during May. At First Baptist Church and BPS, we believe we should be constantly training others. During Jerry's absence, we were able to witness the training he had done in the past. Our other pressmen were able to print over 600,000 John & Romans while Jerry was gone, printing well over a truckload of paper!
- We printed the Thadou New Testament for India during April and May.
- In the past two months, we have shipped 204,852 Swahili and English Scriptures to Kenya, 252,000 Hungarian John & Romans to Hungary, and 975,240 Portuguese Scriptures to Brazil.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the distribution of one million Scriptures during this Summer's World Cup in Brazil. Pray for the many folks who will be distributing them in the cities where the games will take place.



The past couple of months have certainly been a great time for BPS El Paso. One of the greatest highlights of the year for us is the Juarez Project which takes place every spring. The purpose of this event is to distribute as many copies of the Word of God as possible in a week in the city of Juarez, Mexico. We set a goal this year to pass out 100,000 copies of John and Romans. This year was our 4th Annual Project and we were anticipating another example of God's sovereign hand upon the ministry. As with any undertaking that anyone does for the Lord, Satan loves to throw as many obstacles as possible in the way to prevent us from fulfilling our goal. We

knew that he would be up to his old tricks so we spent much time in prayer seeking God's power and asking Him to do as He saw fit. One of the things that seemed to get us down was the small number of guests that we had signed up to come and help us. We only had seven people join us for that week and with only five days to pass out 100,000, we began to question if we had taken on too large of a task.

However, we learned very quickly that the size of the task is always overwhelmed by the size of our God! With the help of the local churches in Mexico, we were able to hand out almost 105,000 copies of God's Word! That certainly did not seem possible at the beginning, but we are so thankful that God works above what we think is possible. We rejoice in all that God did during that week and we look forward to doing the same thing again next year. If you are interested in serving with the ministry of BPS El Paso during the Juarez Project, please visit our website at www.bpselpaso.org for more information. We would certainly count it a privilege to serve alongside of you.

Not only has God been faithful in the spiritual endeavors, He has also provided the needs for a few physical projects on the property. One of the exciting things for our ministry was the recent construction of a rock wall entrance at the front of our main drive. While some people may not think that to be a big accomplishment, for our ministry and those that serve here, it was an answer to prayer and a blessing from the Lord. We have been praying for quite some time for the Lord to allow us to make some repairs and changes to our property. We were very thankful when the Lord opened this door. After the completion of the rock wall, the staff men had a time of prayer and dedication to the Lord for this wall. We know that this entire ministry belongs to Him and we simply want Him magnified. We rejoice in His blessing and look forward to many more things that He will do in this ministry.

As we plan and prepare for the coming summer missions trips, we are anticipating many amazing things that God will do. Our first week in June was a very busy and exciting one. Over 80 men from First Baptist Church in Milford, Ohio came down for a week to do major construction and renovation projects on the property. It is always a blessing to have visitors from the home church and we enjoyed getting much accomplished along with some sweet fellowship. After they departed, we began preparations for 200 guests that will be coming on missions trips with us this summer. We are praying already for a great evangelistic reach this summer and for the souls that will come to know Christ as Savior. If you are interested in joining with us for a missions trip or desire to support the ministry of BPS El Paso, please email us at missionstrips@bpselpaso.org for more information.

Kenn Winn, BPS El Paso Director



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Personalized Scriptures Available



We can personalize John & Romans and New Testament covers for your individual church needs. Church or ministry information can be placed in a pre-designed cover, or we can custom design a cover to fit your outreach needs. To view sample covers, please visit our website: www.bpsmilford.org.

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