# BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER
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No words can express the sight of watching the Word of God come off the end of the press at the rate of about 24,000 John & Romans an hour. To see and hear the machine printing the Word of God and to know those Scriptures will be given to souls without the Gospel is such an awesome sight and privilege. I would like to personally invite you to come to Bearing Precious Seed and see the print shop any Monday through Thursday and watch and listen for yourself.

This ministry of First Baptist Church has had the privilege, opportunity and joy of supplying the Word of God to the missionary on the foreign field free of charge for many years, thanks to the many churches and individuals who give. Beginning in 1973, we continue, and will continue to do all we can for God and His Word. Our cost, like everything else, continues to increase yearly. Our endeavor and commitment is to print as many portions or whole Bibles as we can with as great quality as possible with the monies given and supplied for God's work. Thank you to those who have partnered with us for many years. We need to increase our finances for the purpose of continuing to supply Scripture at no cost on the foreign field.

In 2016, First Baptist Church will be planting it's second church here in America in the last five years. We will be helping Bro. Josh Wright start the Riverside Baptist church of Chesterfield, Missouri. Part of this help will be supplying John & Romans to be distributed in the community. If you are beginning a work and are looking for an effective tool, personalized John & Romans with your church name and location is that tool. Even if your church is not a new church plant, we would love to show you what can be done to get personalized copies of God's Word out into your community. We also have whole Bibles, leather and gift Bibles, hardback Bibles, and pocket-size soul winner New Testaments. We believe it is the churches' responsibility to print and distribute the Word of God. We are here to help meet your Bible needs from one church to another.

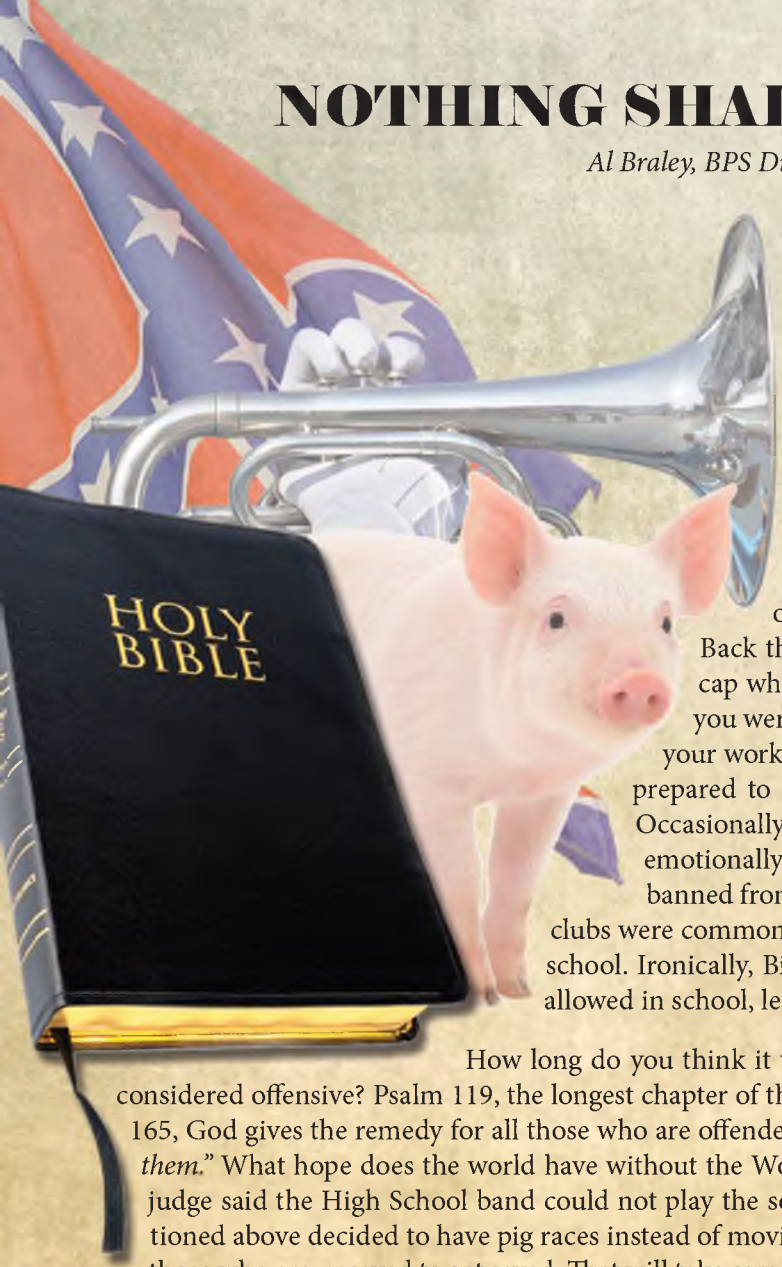
Please contact us for a visit, a Bible need or with a prayer request. We are here as your extension in God's work for His Word.

In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor

# NOTHING SHALL OFFEND THEM

*Al Braley, BPS Director of Operations*




Today we often hear of things being offensive. Some are offended by a flag; others at a ballgame in Mississippi were offended by a song that referenced God. Not too long ago, Muslims wanted a man who has farmed his land for years to move, because they built a mosque next to his pig farm.

While growing up, I recall local pastors being invited to preach at High School graduations. Back then, I never heard anyone complaining about being offended. I remember when it was okay to pray at school, and no one was offended by it. I remember standing each morning and saying the Pledge of Allegiance. The only thing that was offensive about it was when someone did not show proper respect. Back then, you addressed teachers with respect. If you were wearing a ball cap when you entered a building, you removed the hat. If you failed a class, you were held back. It was not offensive; it was the consequence of not doing your work. When we played baseball, we kept score. If we lost, we lost. We then prepared to play better the next game. Many of these things are different now. Occasionally in youth sports, organizers refuse to keep score so no one is hurt emotionally, even though most of those kids know they lost! Prayer has been banned from school so no one will be offended—how has that worked out? Bibles clubs were common in schools in the past, but today it's not okay to even have a Bible in school. Ironically, Bibles are encouraged in prisons. I'm certain that if the Bible was still allowed in school, less would be needed in prison later.

How long do you think it will be before the agenda will be "no Bibles" period, due to it being considered offensive? Psalm 119, the longest chapter of the Bible, alludes to the Word of God 172 times in 176 verses. In verse 165, God gives the remedy for all those who are offended. *"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."* What hope does the world have without the Word of God? The song referenced earlier was *How Great Thou Art*. A judge said the High School band could not play the song. In response, fans all stood and sang the song. The farmer mentioned above decided to have pig races instead of moving. On the surface, these reactions are amusing, but the real fix is for those who are unsaved to get saved. That will take care of many of the offences. We need to keep getting God's Word to those who don't have it, giving them the opportunity to realize why they are offended. What a privilege we have to be involved in publishing God's Word and getting it to the world.

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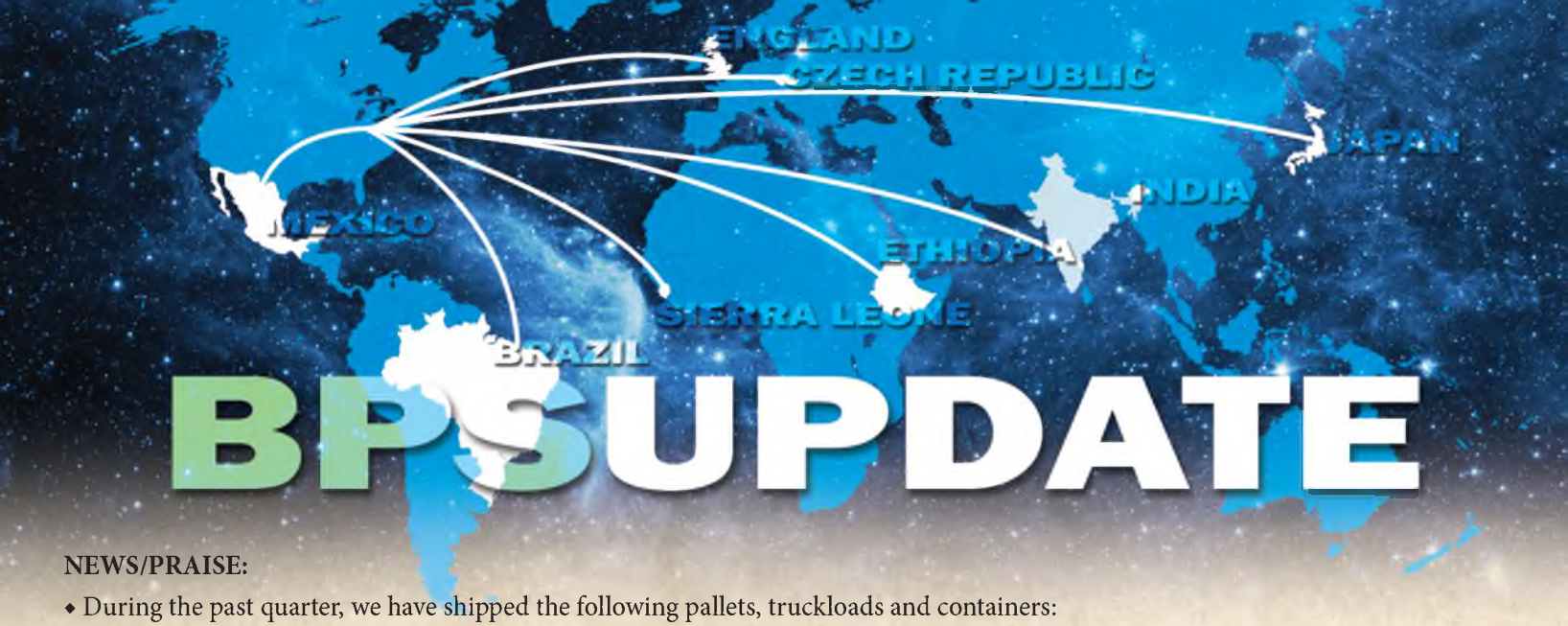
What another amazing summer we had at BPS El Paso! As each summer approaches, we never know what God will do, but we alwa summer for all the wonderful things that He does. This summer, we were privileged to have 200 guests join us for mission trips that through the first week of August. Each group that comes provides a different dynamic, but it is a thrill to see God bring everyone toget the Gospel. We had several returning church groups come, and it is always a joy to see old friends. We also had the opportunity and pri tries, and we are thankful to make new friends.

Throughout the summer, we saw many things that reminded us of God's continued blessings. Whether it was providing excellent weather for our outside services, protecting our guests as they traveled, or setting captive souls free, God allowed us to see Him work in so many ways. Our ministry goal and mission since 1978 has been to take the Word of God to the lost and see souls saved. In our Mexico trips this year, we were thankful to have a few hundred professions of faith. In our two Navajo mission trips, we saw over 150 professions of faith! Our ministry and our guests are so thankful for the opportunity of seeing God do what only He can do! To God be the glory!




# BPS UPDATE

**NEWS/PRAISE:**

- During the past quarter, we have shipped the following pallets, truckloads and containers:
  - ►42,000 Farsi Gospels of John were shipped to England on 6/15/2015.
  - ►396,900 Czech John & Romans were shipped to the Czech Republic on 6/22/2015.
  - ►37,800 Spanish John & Romans and 980 Spanish Whole Bibles were shipped from BPS El Paso to Mexico on 7/7/2015.
  - ►82,610 Japanese John & Romans were shipped to Japan 7/15/2015.
  - ►100,000 Nepalese Gospels of John, 126,000 English John & Romans, 36,000 Burmese John & Romans, 14,330 Burmese New Testaments, and 4,000 English Whole Bibles were shipped to India 8/6/2015.
  - ►145,260 Portuguese John & Romans were shipped to Brazil 8/13/2015.
  - ►335,010 Spanish John & Romans and 12,150 Spanish New Testaments were shipped from BPS El Paso to Mexico on 8/19/2015.
  - ►97,300 Amharic Gospels of John were shipped to Ethiopia 8/25/2015.
  - ►94,500 English John & Romans, 15,000 English Whole Bibles and 9,000 English New Testaments were shipped to Sierra Leone 9/9/2015.
- BPS has printed 5,566,850 Scriptures in eleven languages through the end of August.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

- Safe arrival and distribution of shipments which are in transit to missionaries and national pastors
- New language projects which are being prepared for future printing
- Equipment to run well and safety of the workers throughout the shop
- Those who represent BPS for safety on the roads and fruitful meetings
- Salvation of the souls who receive God's Word
- Increased involvement in BPS, both in prayer and finances

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## EL PASO

*Kenn Winn, BPS El Paso Director*

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started at the end of May and continued
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about our mission trips, please visit our web
be the best available time for many groups.

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As though the scene had been scripted by the writer of a novel, she walked right out of the field and sat under a shade tree next to our van. The incident could not have worked out any better; that moment and the entire scene had obviously been orchestrated by God.

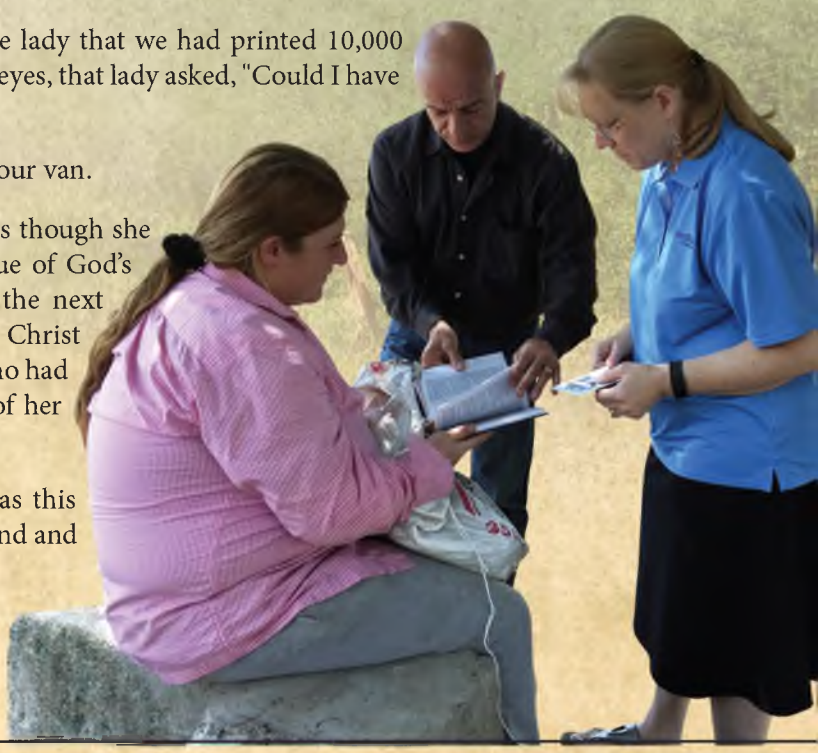
In June, a team of nine from firstBible International took an 18-day trip to Armenia. Our goal was to invest hours of training into the Armenian pastors in areas of doctrine, discipleship and general Biblical truths. Though most of our time was spent preaching and teaching the Word of God in and around the capital city of Yerevan, we did schedule a three-day trip to a remote part of the country nine hours away near the border of Azerbaijan.

One hour removed from Yerevan is a famous Apostolic church situated on a hill. If the clouds cooperate, there is a beautiful view of the mountains of Ararat in the background. As we drove closer to this site, the clouds began to part, offering us a short window of opportunity to capture a few pictures. We detoured down a side road toward the legendary church and chose the best place for taking pictures, a spot beside a field about a half of a mile away from the normal tourist area. After parking under a shade tree, we prepared to snap some photos. As we were setting up our gear, out of nowhere a woman emerged out of the fields to take a rest under the shade tree next to our van. Kelly Johnson, (wife of Randy Johnson, veteran missionaries) motioned for Brother Raffi, an Armenian pastor from California and our interpreter. He assisted in the communication between Kelly and the Armenian lady, and this is when this story gets exciting!

During the few minutes of introduction, Kelly explained to the lady that we had printed 10,000 Armenian Bibles for the people of her country. With hope in her eyes, that lady asked, "Could I have a Bible? I've never had one."

"Of course!" Kelly exclaimed, as she rushed off to get one out of our van.

When Kelly handed that dear lady her *very first* Bible, it were as though she had been handed the keys to her very own mansion. The value of God's precious Word was clear. She was so very appreciative! For the next twenty minutes or so, Raffi shared the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ with the Armenian lady. When all was said and done, the lady who had joined us under the shade tree bowed her head and repented of her sin, trusting Christ as her Savior!



Soon, we said our goodbyes and with full hearts we watched as this simple farm lady slipped back into the fields with her Bible in hand and Jesus in her heart.

*Dale Money, firstBible Director*

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excited about what God is going to do throughout the rest of this year in preparation for next summer's trips. We are continuing to raise ust take care of. God knows the need, and we praise Him now for His faithful provision. We are also starting our ministry travel over is travel is to raise awareness and support for the mission trips that we run throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more site at bpselpaso.org or contact me at 513-617-8583. While we will run mission trips throughout the year, our summer season seems to We have included our 2016 summer schedule to assist in planning purposes. Please prayerfully consider joining us for a mission trip. We are thankful for almost 200 people that have already signed up for trips next summer. Come join us as we serve together to share the Gospel with those in Mexico and the Navajo Nation. Thank you for your support of BPS and the work that God has allowed us to be a part of.

**Summer 2016 Trip Dates:**

**Week 1—June 4-10**
**Week 2—June 11-17**
**Week 3—June 18-24 (Navajo)**
**Week 4—June 25-July 1**
**Week 5—July 9-15**
**Week 6—July 16-22**
**Week 7—July 23-29 (Navajo)**
**Week 8—August 6-12**
**Week 9—August 13-19**
**Week 10—August 20-26**

# What is a SEEDLINE Project?

BPS/Seedline is a means for the local church to have hands-on involvement with Bible publishing for the world. A Seedline project is a plan or design for a Church to be involved in Scripture Publishing without investing in equipment. Your church would assemble John & Romans in a foreign language, and these Scriptures will be given to a missionary at no cost to him for distribution on the field. Your investment would be to cover the cost of the signatures, covers, boxes, etc., plus the expense of the BPS Missionary to come and assist with the project. BPS/Seedline would furnish all equipment needed, including staplers, cutter, etc. to complete the project. A good time to do a project is during a Mission Conference, Bible Conference, or a meeting just for this purpose.

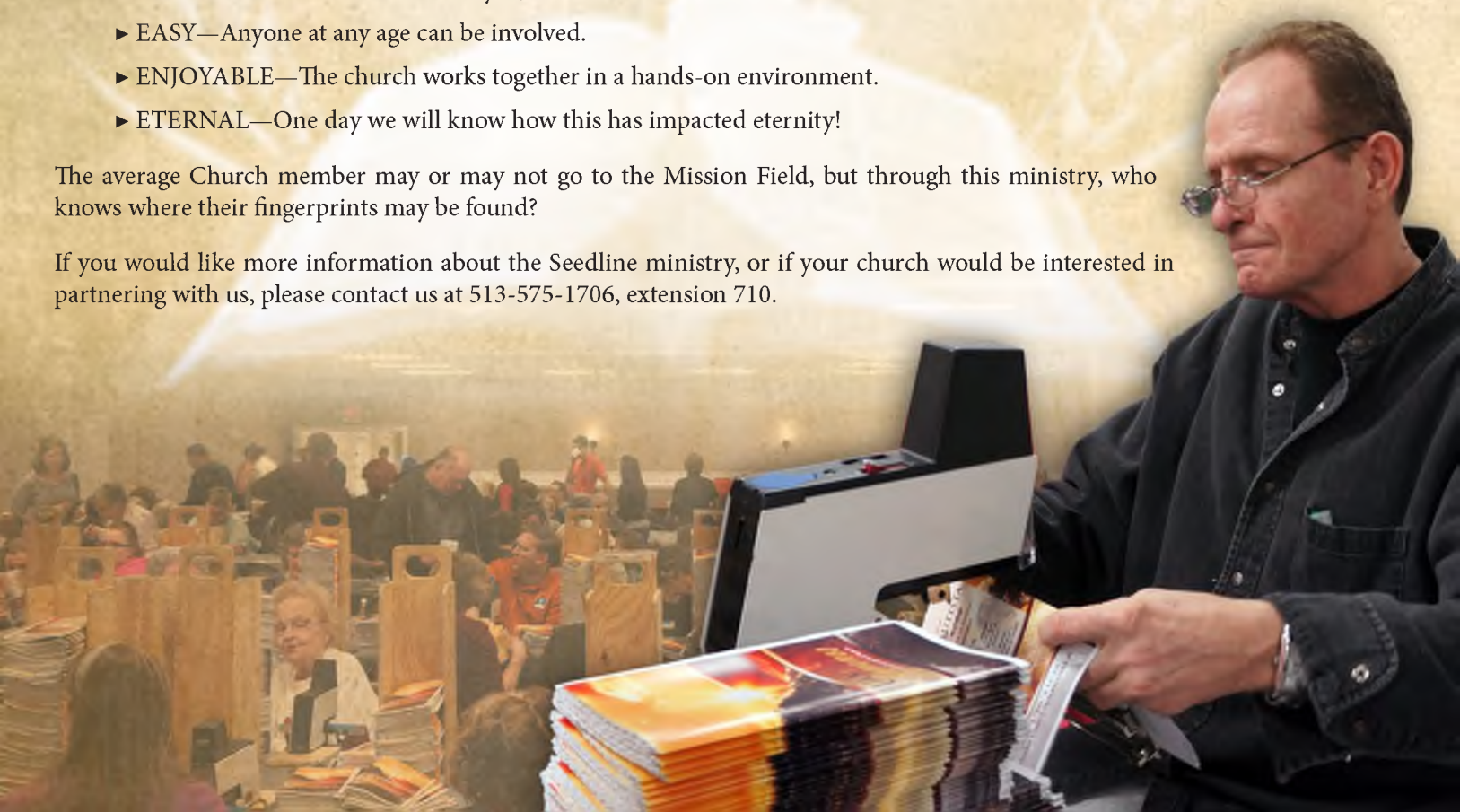
- The BPS missionary will come and set up all the equipment.
- Tables and chairs will be set up for each step in the process: bursting signatures, collating signatures, folding covers, putting the Scripture in a cover, stapling it, trimming the book and boxing it for the field.
- The BPS missionary will oversee the volunteers from your church as they work during the designated times.
- The Sunday or midweek service following the project is an opportunity to have a special dedication service when the church prays over the boxed Scriptures that are ready to go to the field.

We believe that the BPS/Seedline ministry is;

- ► EASY—Anyone at any age can be involved.
- ► ENJOYABLE—The church works together in a hands-on environment.
- ► ETERNAL—One day we will know how this has impacted eternity!

The average Church member may or may not go to the Mission Field, but through this ministry, who knows where their fingerprints may be found?

If you would like more information about the Seedline ministry, or if your church would be interested in partnering with us, please contact us at 513-575-1706, extension 710.



## 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.

For more information,
contact Vickie Money at (513) 575-1706 Ext. 710
or by email at vmoney@bpsmilford.org.

*Memorials have been received in memory of:*

**Bessie Baxter** by Jim & Paula Cournoyer of Brooklyn Park, MN
by Tom & Judy Moessner of Spring Lake Park, MN
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**Alan H. Case** by Matthew Case of Columbus, MI
by Sue Howard of Mundelein, IL
by Lee & Jane Juett of Bloomfield, MI
by Gary & Nancy Klemmer of Burtchville, MI
by Richard & Mitty Koppy of Westland, MI
by Ronald & Donna Stahl of Columbus, MI
**Michael Dickinson** by Ken & Bonnie Hopper of El Paso, TX
**Frank Griffin** by Grace Baptist Church of Tifton, GA
**Dorothy Harris** by Gary & Dixie Melton of Seneca, SC
**Dorothy Kraft** by Ken & Bonnie Hopper of El Paso, TX
**Alice Lacy** by Calvary Baptist Church of Casper, WY
**William Cecil Merck** by James & Michelle Bryant of Walhalla, SC
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