



BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

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

Much has happened! Much is happening! Much more needs to happen! The ministry of Bearing Precious Seed Milford has a rich heritage and track record. BPS continues laboring hard to do all it can for the cause of Christ and to meet the need of the Word of God going forth to every man. Our future is bright because of your commitment to continue with us as we labor together with others of like faith to reach the world with the Gospel.



With over 140 million Scriptures printed by BPS Milford since 1973, we have but scratched the surface of all that needs to be done. Our assignment and desire is to be faithful to the Lord, His Word and His work.

Would you consider partnering with us in a couple of key areas? We are in need of both prayer support and financial support, and we are very appreciative of all who partner with us.

If you would like to use our twenty-acre property in El Paso, Texas, for a mission trip or simply to spend time with your church family, please let us know. It is available for groups up to 100 people any week of the year. You may want to bring the Senior class from your Christian school for a retreat or a mission trip.

Friends at BPS,

We distributed the French Bibles and the John & Romans to 18 Baptist churches. Also, we used the Bibles as awards to children who memorized 15 verses in our Children's Bible Club.

Here is a photo of the children who received the Bible.

Baptist Mid-Missions
Côte d'Ivoire

I would like to put in a request to any and all pastors who have never been to BPS Milford to come see what God is doing with your faithful support and prayers. I would be delighted to host you and enjoy some fellowship together. You can send an e-mail or call to set a date, and we will be glad to work with you and to see what time best fits your schedule.

In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor



THE BPS MINISTRY

My Introduction, Inclusion and Involvement

Al Braley, BPS Director of Operations

I had one goal in high school and that was to play football in college. After following that dream for two years, I came home and started working and attending college locally. It was during this time of my life that Missionary Carlos Demarest came to our church and invited me to go on a mission trip with him to Mexico. I made excuses about not being able to go due to my work schedule. I finally committed to go if my boss would allow me to take time off. Unexpectedly, my boss agreed and told me to have a good time! I've shared this testimony many times, how God took me out of my comfort zone to show me the need of His Word. On that trip, I surrendered to do what

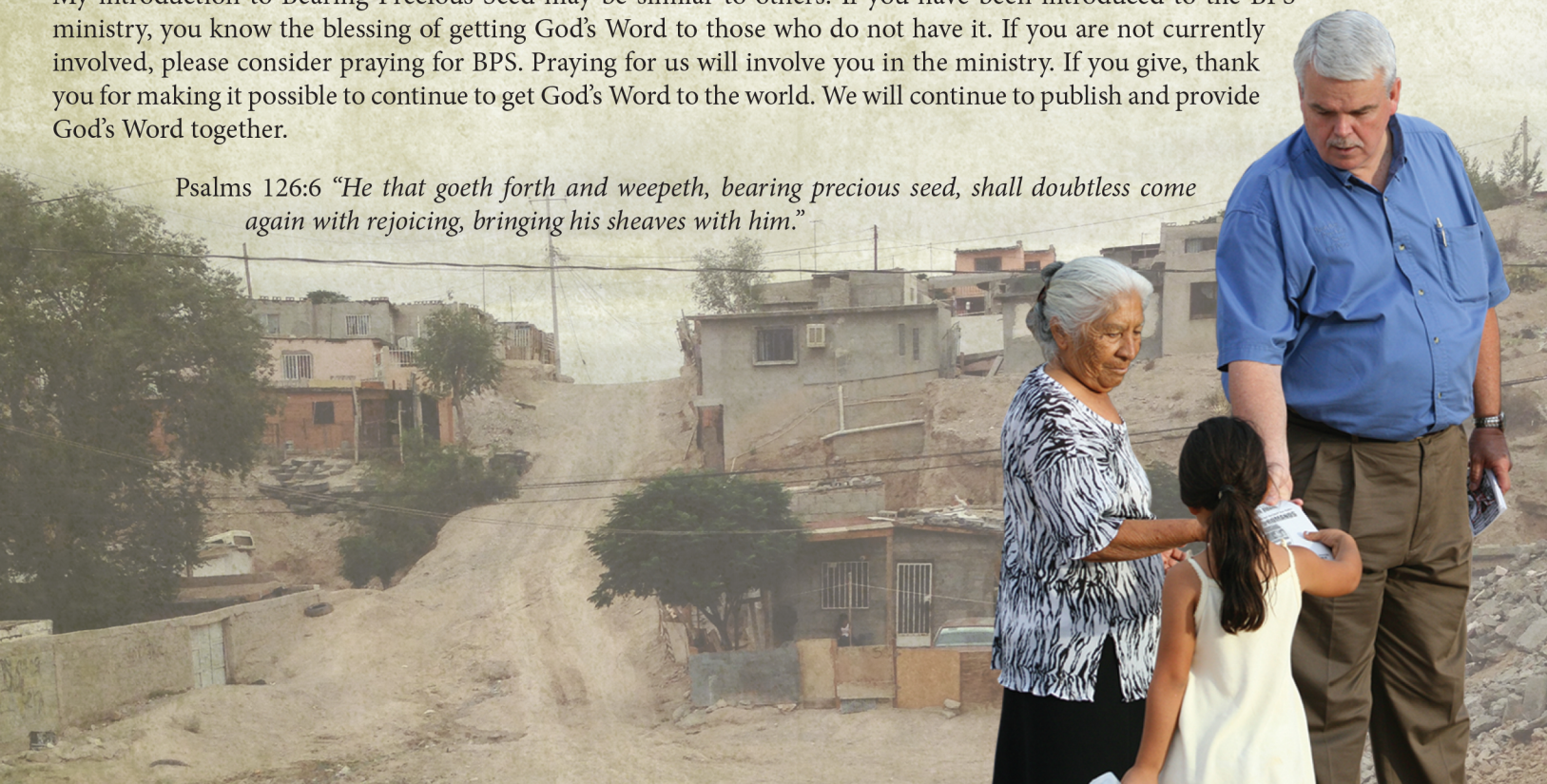
God would have me do with my life; I was introduced to Bearing Precious Seed; and I met Penney, who would later become my wife! I tell people I am the only person Carlos Demarest invited to go to Mexico and wished he had not, because I wound up marrying his youngest daughter! He forgave me later. He said the grandchildren brought forgiveness!

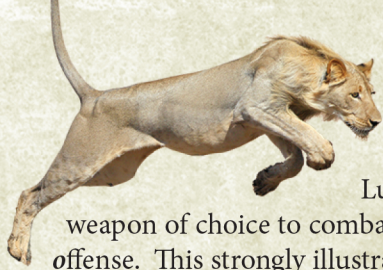
When I returned from that trip, I enrolled in the Bible college at First Baptist Church of Milford. On Fridays, the class was assigned to work in the print shop, often running the single-pocket binder. They always involved us in getting Scriptures produced. Little did I know what God was preparing for me back then! As I look at the production numbers from 1978 – 1980, the total Scriptures produced while I was in Bible college was 249,126, or 83,042 per year. Praise God, today we can print that much and more in a few days! Because of the foundation that was laid, the effort to grow the ministry, and the faithfulness of those involved supporting the ministry, we are able to do what we can today.

Please consider taking a mission trip to our facility in El Paso, Texas, where we will put Scriptures together and then distribute them on the foreign field of Mexico. Visit us here in Milford and see what God has done with this ministry through the years. Volunteer at the print shop to help assemble Scriptures. Contact us about a Seedline Scripture project, which will allow your church to have a hands-on involvement with Bible publishing and getting God's Word to the world. Pray for firstBible International, which is our Bible translation and publishing ministry. Its goal is to do as much as possible for unreached people groups, by providing them with their first Bible in their language, which in turn helps the training of national pastors and the planting of churches.

My introduction to Bearing Precious Seed may be similar to others. If you have been introduced to the BPS ministry, you know the blessing of getting God's Word to those who do not have it. If you are not currently involved, please consider praying for BPS. Praying for us will involve you in the ministry. If you give, thank you for making it possible to continue to get God's Word to the world. We will continue to publish and provide God's Word together.

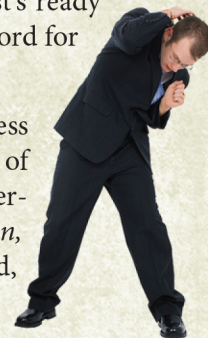
Psalms 126:6 "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."





Recently, I have been studying the passages related to the wilderness temptations of Jesus. As I read Luke's account, I was reminded yet again of how the written Word of God was Christ's ready weapon of choice to combat the deceptive lies of Satan. God's Word was both His shield for *defense* and His sword for offense. This strongly illustrates to me that apart from God's Word, I am defenseless.

This brought to mind the plight of those who do not have God's written Word in their language. In what defenseless position does that leave the Unreached? What weapon is there for the Bibleless people to unsheathe at their time of attack? It leaves them defenseless, no shield, and no sword. Imagine for a moment living in a constant state of vulnerability, where at any time the enemy's attack is eminent. I Peter 5:8 states, "*Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*" If you lived among one of the 2,000-plus Bibleless peoples of the world, you would be completely open to satanic attacks; you would be defenseless.



BPS *update*



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- ◆ We have printed Scripture in 6 languages so far this year.
- ◆ 1,832,650 Scriptures have been printed year-to-date as of March 2nd.
- ◆ 13,680 Romanian Bibles, 11,880 Romanian New Testaments, and 108,000 Romanian John & Romans were shipped to Romania January 12th.
- ◆ 10,180 Japanese John & Romans were shipped to Japan February 23rd. Another 55,000 will be shipped before the end of March.
- ◆ 9,160 Armenian Whole Bibles were shipped to Armenia March 4th. Another 800 Armenian Bibles were shipped to England.
- ◆ Shipments are ready to be sent to the Philippines, Myanmar, and India and should be loaded in the next few weeks.

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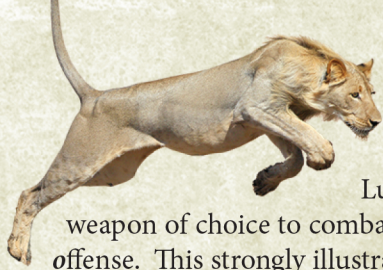
- ◆ Pray for the machinery to run well. Our stitcher had a part break in February, and it was down for two weeks. Some parts were repaired, and it is now up and running.
- ◆ Pray for the groups who will be participating in the summer mission trips in El Paso, Texas. Pray for more groups to be involved.
- ◆ Pray for increased support and involvement in the ministry.
- ◆ Pray for safe arrival and distribution of Scriptures heading overseas.
- ◆ Pray for the National Bible Publishing Month offering. It will help purchase the paper needed to print Bibles for India, Guyana, and Liberia.
- ◆ Continue to pray for the safety of those working in the print shop each day.



National Bible Publishing Month is off to a great start. Because of the involvement of many churches, 25,000 Polish New Testaments have been printed, bound, and are ready to ship to

Missionary Brent Riggs in Poland. This printing has helped us complete one of the four main printing projects BPS has committed to through NBPM. Your church can participate in National Bible Publishing Month and help send God's Word to India, Guyana, and Liberia. For more information, call (513) 575-1706 or visit www.bpsmilford.org/nbpm.





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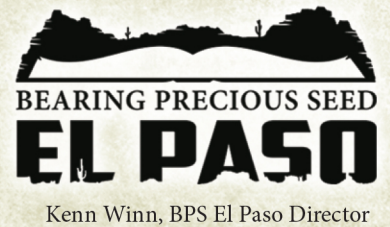


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We are thankful every day that the Lord allows the ministry of BPS El Paso to continue in the work that it was started to do almost 37 years ago. It is certainly true that times have changed, but it is a peaceful thought to know that our Lord has not. As 2015 is already quickly going by, we look forward to the summer mission trip season that lies before us. Soon we will have buses pulling into the property, flights landing at the airport, and many guests desiring to see God work. While we never know what each mission trip has in store for us, we do know that God will remain the focus of our trips and we will rejoice in the many souls that will be saved.



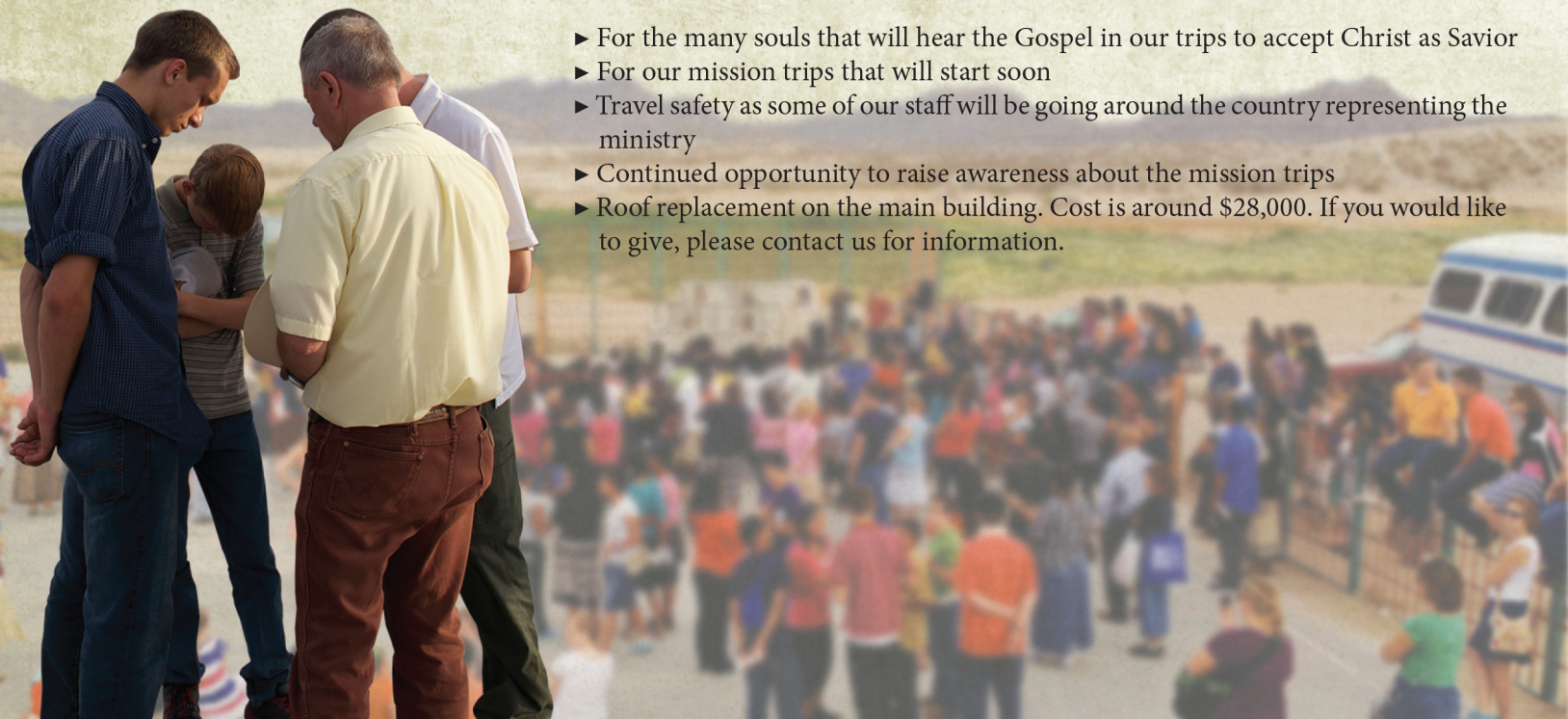
One of the great lessons that God is teaching our ministry and staff through His work here is the overwhelming need for prayer. While we often hear messages on prayer, it is the everyday use of that resource we so desperately need. The more we do the work He has called us to, the more we are seeing that we must pray more. Prayer is more than just talking with God. It is actually us turning our will over to His. If we pray, we are acknowledging we need God to do as He sees fit in the situation, our lives, and His work. Unfortunately, there are many times in ministry that we get so caught up in the work of the ministry we lose sight of the walk in the ministry. Our walk with Christ must be of utmost importance before we can ever expect our ministry to have an impact. If we look back, we might find that we often did the work of the ministry without His strength.

Not only does prayer give us access to the power of God, it also provides an opportunity to see the provision of God. As with any ministry, there are often times countless needs before us. For BPS El Paso, it could be the need for more groups to come and join us on mission trips. Missionaries have a need for monthly support to get to the mission field God has called them to. For churches, perhaps it is the need of a building project or a time of hardship with the church people. Whatever the situation and need, we would all do well to take some time and regularly bring these things to God. Throughout Scripture, we see God delighting to provide for His children as they come to Him in prayer. Our desire is that God blesses and provides as a result of faithful, daily prayer.

Most importantly, prayer is a great way to see the person of God. As our ministry continues to see God work in our trips and meet our needs, we stand in awe at who God is. Whether it is seeing 100 souls come to know Christ as Savior in one of our meetings or God simply paying our utility bills, prayer allows us to see our sovereign God working. Our desire is to see Christ glorified, for He alone is worthy. The more we pray, the more we will see Him high and lifted up. This will result in more people being drawn to Him. That is our goal—that souls will be saved! I encourage you to take time today to pray and seek God's will in our lives. Whatever the need, prayer is the resource provided to us that allows us to speak to our Savior. May we pray as we ought.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support for BPS El Paso. We ask that you specifically pray for a few requests we have:

- ▶ For the many souls that will hear the Gospel in our trips to accept Christ as Savior
- ▶ For our mission trips that will start soon
- ▶ Travel safety as some of our staff will be going around the country representing the ministry
- ▶ Continued opportunity to raise awareness about the mission trips
- ▶ Roof replacement on the main building. Cost is around \$28,000. If you would like to give, please contact us for information.



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,
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Terry Dayton by Arlene Harvey of Dillon, MT
Douglas Harvey by Arlene Harvey of Dillon, MT
Ernest Harvey by Arlene Harvey of Dillon, MT
Charles Hatchett by Sherrell Wolter of Star Prairie, WI
Alice Hayes by Alice Demarest of Milford, OH
 by Arlene Harvey of Dillon, MT
Helen Higgins by Calvary Baptist Church of Casper, WY
Wm. Don Jennings by Richard Manley of Pittsburg, TX
Zelma Kilgore by Steve & Donna Boerger of Harrison, OH
 by Judy Gischel of Columbus, OH
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Brian Moke by "The Men's Double Quartet" of FBC Milford, OH
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Max Potter by Jerry & Patricia Andrews of Charlotte, MI
 by Phillip & Linda Austin of Charlotte, MI
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 by The Adam Wheaton Family of Charlotte, MI
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