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

SHIPPING HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2015

Almost every day, Scriptures were mailed from BPS to churches and individuals across the United States. The flags below represent the larger shipments sent from BPS this year. By the end of 2015, BPS employees and volunteers had loaded thirteen shipping containers full of Scripture destined for countries all around the world. Other shipments were sent via crates, pallets, or truckloads. *Below are listed the quantities shipped to each country.

ARMENIA 9,160 WBs

BULGARIA 343,800 JRs

BRAZIL 145,260 JRs and 500 WBs

CZECH REPUBLIC 396,900 JRs

ENGLAND 42,000 GJs and 800 WBs

ETHIOPIA 115,300 GJs

FIJI ISLANDS 12,600 JRs, 750 NTs and 348 WBs

GHANA 4,200 JRs, 1,875 NTs and 618 WBs

HAITI 324,000 JRs and 1,440 WBs

INDIA 494,500 JRs, 18,350 NTs and 5,620 WBs

IVORY COAST 126,000 JRs and 4,500 WBs

92,790 JRs **JAPAN**

5,100 JRs and 2,457 WBs **KENYA**

372,810 JRs, 12,150 NTs and 980 WBs **MEXICO**

15,120 JRs and 384 WBs **NIGERIA**

521,210 JRs, 13,920 NTs and 2,340 WBs **PHILIPPINES**

25,251 NTs **POLAND**

108,000 JRs, 11,880 NTs and 13,680 WBs **ROMANIA**

94,500 JRs, 9,000 NTs and 15,000 WBs **SIERRA LEONE**

342,000 JRs and 2,692 WBs **TOGO**

8,100 NTs **TURKEY**



*Shipping numbers are as of November 23, 2015 **JR-John & Romans GJ-Gospel of John NT-New Testament WB-Whole Bible

BLESS the Lord

As 2015 winds down, we thought it would be a good idea to bless the Lord for all the benefits He has bestowed upon Bearing Precious Seed this year. Please join us in praising God for His goodness.

►One of our biggest praises is when we hear of God using this ministry to reach lost souls for Him. Some testimony highlights came from inmates in a jail on the Zuni reservation in Arizona who accepted Christ and received their first Bible. A missionary in Côte d'Ivoire sent pictures and testimonies of Bibles being distributed in the public schools. Another missionary to Japan gave testimony of distributing John & Romans to Japanese people who had never seen a Bible before.

►Eight new churches were established in Kenya through an outreach by IBOM (International Baptist Outreach Missions). They had distributed Bibles and John & Romans printed by BPS throughout the areas of Kenya where these churches were started.

►We praise God for open doors. In 2015, we were able to print Scripture in thirteen languages. We already have two new languages scheduled for printing in early 2016 (Faroese for the Faroe Islands and Kannada for southwestern India).

►God allowed us to send shipments of Scriptures to twenty-one foreign countries. We were so blessed when He gave us the opportunity to send Arabic Bibles to Syrian refugees in Turkey.

►Through personalized Scriptures, God has allowed BPS to team with local churches for some unique outreach opportunities. (the Iditarod, Super Bowl, PanAm games, Kansas State Fair, Kentucky Motor Speedway and a Veteran's Day parade in Missouri.) Other unique outreaches included several motorcycle ministries, an appliance store in South Carolina, a tent evangelism ministry in Alabama, a crisis pregnancy center in Georgia, and Bible study ministries at the University of Tennessee and Appalachian State University.



►Some pastors choose to use personalized Scriptures to saturate an area in advance of planting a church. BPS had the opportunity to supply Scripture for church plants in California, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Brazil and Mexico.

►Altogether, we were able to create 1,132,540 personalized Scriptures for 186 churches in 40 states and 6 foreign countries.

►Through the end of November, God has supplied 1,005,550 pounds of paper for publishing His Word this year.

►We were able to bind 109,300 whole Bibles and 183,520 New Testaments on the binder in 2015.



►Around 365 visitors from 24 churches and ten states came to tour and volunteer at the print shop this year. This number doesn't reflect visitors who dropped in, nor the volunteers who come in on a daily basis.

►God's protection for tens of thousands of miles traveled by BPS team members throughout the United States and around the globe representing Bearing Precious Seed, first Bible International, Seedline, and BPS El Paso.

►220 people participated in mission trips hosted by BPS El Paso in 2015.
►The mission trips resulted in over 300 professions of faith in Juarez, Mexico, and another 160 professions of faith in mission trips to the Navajo reservation in New Mexico.
►During the mission trips and Project Juarez, over 268,000 Spanish John & Romans were distributed throughout Juarez.
►BPS El Paso shipped three truckloads of Scripture to Mexico City. These shipments contained 11,000 Spanish Whole Bibles, 20,250 Spanish New Testaments, 513,610 Spanish John & Romans, and 11,862,000 Spanish tracts.
►BPS El Paso assembled 20,250 Spanish New Testaments, 215,412 Spanish John & Romans, and 60,500 Spanish doctrinal booklets at the print shop.

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EL PASO



►Almost $20,000 has been raised towards our roof repair project (total project will be roughly $30,000).
►Full renovation of our maintenance shed was complete and many tools were provided.
►Safety provided for all the miles the BPS El Paso staff has traveled. (They traveled approximately 1,500 miles going back and forth into Mexico, 2,500 miles on the Navajo mission trips, and over 20,000 miles presenting the ministry to churches.) All those miles were traveled safely and with no major mechanical problems.

►Fifty churches and two Christian schools in sixteen different states completed Seedline projects in 2015.
►Altogether, there were 1,488,650 Scriptures assembled in the 52 projects.
►Ten of these churches participated in a Seedline project for the first time.
►Longview Baptist Temple in Longview, Texas, Faith Baptist Church in Carrington, North Dakota, and Wick Road Baptist Church in Taylor, Michigan, became Planted Level churches (A Planted Level church is one that has purchased its own equipment and works on assembling Scriptures on a regular basis.)

BPS/SEEDLINE

►Eight churches are now partnering with us in the West as we look to expand this ministry that direction.
►Twelve Seedline Churches worked together to assemble 324,000 French Creole John/Romans for a container shipped to Haiti.
►Many of the other Scriptures assembled by Seedline churches were shipped on containers to Brazil, India, The Philippines, Sierra Leone, and Togo.
►There are currently five Partnering Level churches. These churches obtain materials from BPS, and then encourage churches in their area to become involved in hands-on Scripture production. In 2015, BPS shipped 2,509,025 Scriptures to these five Partnering Level churches.
►Our Seedline representatives traveled 64,669 miles safely and had no major mechanical problems.
►The Lord provided an additional truck that was needed for our newest representative.
►Two of our representatives were able to help with Scripture distribution in Sierra Leone.
►Two retired men from our church have volunteered to deliver materials for us. They traveled over 20,000 miles for us this year alone.
►A young man from our church interned with us again this summer and is praying about his further involvement upon graduating from college.



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►The open door and relationships built on the Armenia National Training trip. Other blessings included the training sessions, the 67 souls saved, and the distribution of 10,000 Armenian Bibles.
►God's perfect timing—Nepalese Bibles arrived in Nepal right after a devastating earthquake struck the country.





►We were able to print and ship 100,000 Amharic Books of John to Ethiopia.
►We also printed and shipped 100,000 Books of John in the Farsi language for the first time.
►Completion of the Mongolian New Testament.
►Progress is being made on the work of the Thadou Old Testament for India.
►New doors are opening for future Bible translations into other languages in India.
►Meeting the translator for the Kannada Bible (for southern India) was a meeting which could only have been orchestrated by God!
►We had a successful training trip to India in November. We were able to work with national pastors, missionaries, church laymen, and their wives in seven different cities. Approximately 130 souls trusted Christ during this trip.
►We have made many new connections for further work in unreached or least-reached areas of the world.

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

Al Braley, BPS Director of Operations

- Basketball legend Wilt Chamberlain never fouled out of a basketball game.
- Golf is the only sport to be played on the moon. Alan Shepard hit two golf balls on the lunar surface in 1971.
- The average life span of a Major League baseball is five to seven pitches.
- Each baseball game has 12,386,344 possible plays.
- While the actual playing time is 11 minutes, it takes more than 3 hours to complete a professional football game.

This type of information is often used for trivia questions. In fact, we often use statistics in our daily routines. Businesses make major decisions based on researching statistics. Commercials use statistics to cause you to think about and purchase their products. However, in the grand scheme of things, these statistics will not make any difference in what we are trying to do to get God's Word to a world in need. Please consider the following statistics:

- World population today – 7,380,423,175 people
- Deaths year to date – 51,793,802 people
- Population growth year to date – 71,886,232 people

By the end of the year, well over 50 million people will die and face eternity just in 2015! It is a sobering thought that the majority of these people never had a copy of God's Word or the opportunity to accept Him.

- Romans 3:23 *"For **all** have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"*
- Romans 5:12 *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon **all** men, for that **all** have sinned:"*

All have sinned! That is a sobering statistic! **ALL**—look at the above numbers and think about those that you know who have died this year. Did you do what you could to reach them, and others? Often we get satisfied that we are doing something. We need to strive to do more and to reach more people around the world. We need more messengers on the field, and we need more copies of the Message to give to those who have never read God's Word.

Over the last six years, Bearing Precious Seed has averaged using thirty-six truckloads of paper per year to print God's Word. Picture thirty-six semi-trailer trucks full of Bibles headed all around the world lined up in front of your church. That is the image of what has happened at BPS each year for the last six years. Consider the 14,000,000 pounds of paper that was purchased, printed, packaged, shipped, and distributed in countries all around the world. Since 2009, 53,965,938 copies of God's Word have passed through the press here because of churches and individuals who have partnered with us.

Statistics can be staggering when you look at what we have done versus the total population or even the number of deaths per year. But we believe it is the responsibility of the church to preserve and print the Word of God. Many people have helped make this happen; however, we need to continue to do more, and we can use all of the help we can get. We want to express our thankfulness for those who through their partnership in this ministry, have helped produce some of the statistics listed here. Please let us know if we can supply you or any of your missionaries with the Word of God. Please come and visit us and see how God is using BPS to get His Word to the world.

NBPM NATIONAL BIBLE PUBLISHING MONTH

National Bible Publishing Month materials will be ready soon as we gear up for another successful year. In 2016, we will focus our attention on the Faroe Islands, Haiti, India, and Sierra Leone. Each one of these projects presents a unique open door to get God's Word to those in need. Would you prayerfully consider setting aside a month this year to raise money for these projects? All funds which are given for NBPM are used solely for the purchase of paper, and do not go to meet any other expense needed for the daily operation of Bearing Precious Seed. Free promotional materials are available to help promote NBPM at your church. For more information about NBPM, please call 513-575-1706 or visit our website at www.bpsmilford.org.











In Luke 8, the Word of God gives a parable of the sower. The focus or thought I was drawn to is found in verse 11, *"Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God."* The seed—the Word of God.

Psalm 126:6 says, *"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."* The question is not about the seed, the Word of God; the question is if the sower will "go" and sow! We know the Word of God said in Isaiah 55:11, *"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."* The Word of God will produce if it is sown. Our responsibility is to sow that which is His—His Word. At Bearing Precious Seed, we desire to furnish the Word of God to those who will sow and to those who need to receive.



This parable speaks of the good ground, the true receiver of the Word that is sown. It states in Luke 8:15, *"But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."* An honest heart, a good heart, a hearer, a keeper of the Word of God and one that brings forth fruit with patience. Oh to be good ground and to sow the Word of God on good ground! It is not our job to determine if other ground is good. Our job is to make sure our own ground is good and producing these things personally in our own lives. Our sowing is to send the Word of God everywhere. God will give the increase!

Please partner with us in making the Word of God available to be sown. We need both the message and the messenger (see Haggai 1:13). We need your prayers, financial commitment and your labor to get the assignment done.

In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor

Dear Folks at BPS,

I Just wanted to send a note to you over there, thanking you again for all the hard work to get these John & Romans printed in Japanese. Praise the Lord, they are being spread all over Japan as I write this to you. Missionaries and pastors have begun to contact us, and I've stayed busy making trips to the post office, sending out boxes of Scriptures. We still have a large stockpile here, but hope to see all these Scriptures spread throughout Japan and put into the hands of folks that have literally never seen a Bible. Over and over I'm told that by people to whom we give them.





Missionary Randall Smith, Japan



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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