



BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER

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"And the gospel must first be published among all nations." Mark 13:10

"And the word of the Lord was published throughout the region." Acts 13:49

Published throughout the region; published among all nations—the gospel continues to go throughout the world. Others partnering with Bearing Precious Seed continues to ensure Scripture is being published throughout the world. God continues to supply and get His Word where it is desperately needed. On August 22, 2016, a container was shipped to Togo, West Africa, with 395,250 French John & Romans for distribution throughout the country. Nine days later, on August 31, 2016, 10,800 English Bibles and 286,800 English John & Romans were shipped to the West African nation of Sierra Leone.

Articles in this newsletter show examples of Scripture being "published" in various regions and among nations. Recently, we also received testimony and a photo of a pastor in Uganda receiving Bibles for members of his church.

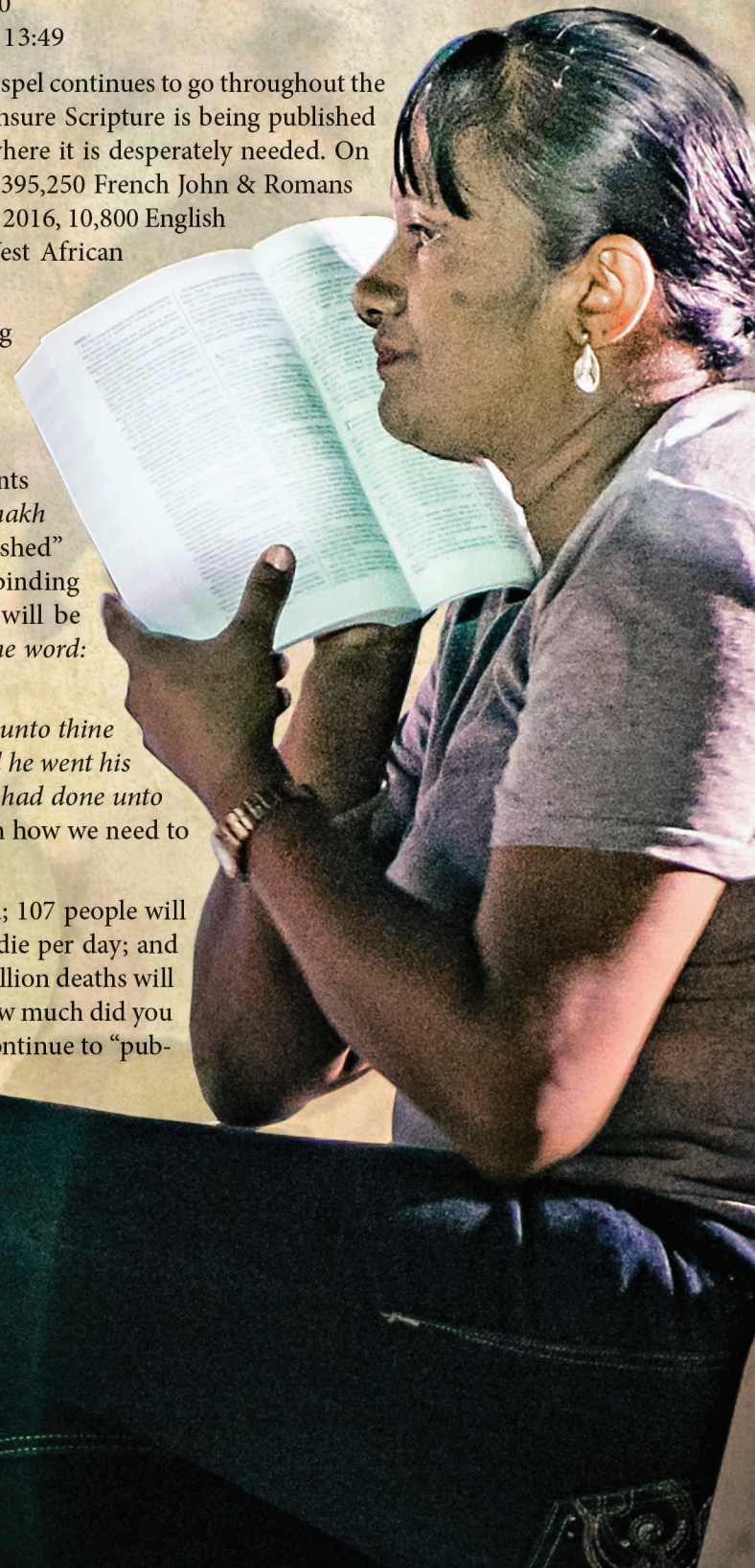
We just finished printing and binding 30,000 Polish New Testaments that will be "published" throughout Poland. 2,500 copies of the *Tanakh* (Hebrew Old Testament) were completed and shipped to be "published" in Israel. 40,000 English Bibles were printed recently, and the binding process will be completed in the next three weeks. These Bibles will be "published" around the globe. Psalm 68:11 states, *"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."*

In Luke 8:39, Jesus instructed the just-delivered Gadarene, *"Return unto thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him."* He published what great things Jesus had done unto him! Oh how we need to publish what Jesus has done unto us!

Consider these statistics: on average, 1.78 people will die per second; 107 people will die per minute; 6,390 people will die per hour; 153,360 people will die per day; and 56,000,000 people will die per year. Based on a 70-year lifespan, 3.9 billion deaths will occur in your lifetime. One out of every 113 people died last year. How much did you "publish" the Good News to those you came in contact with? Let's continue to "publish" God's Word every opportunity we are given.

Daily I get to witness and be involved in the great things Jesus is doing, as He uses BPS to publish his Word throughout the world. Through your involvement in this ministry, both prayerfully and financially, you are helping get His Word to the unreached in the regions beyond. Together, we will continue to reach the lost as we publish His Word.

Al Braley, BPS Director of Operations

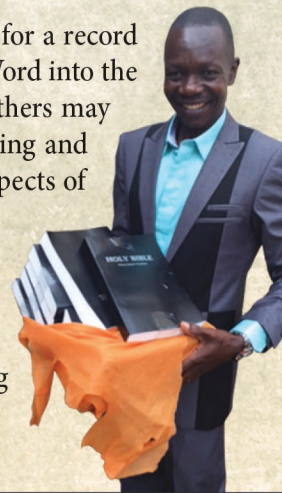




Thank you for your continuous support, both financially and prayerfully. We are on pace for a record year of printing. This excites us, because as this issue highlights, it is all about getting the Word into the hands of those without it. We do not print simply for the sake of printing; we print so others may know Him and for the sake of the distribution of His Word. Our end is often the printing and providing end, but it overwhelms us with great joy and excitement to be involved in all aspects of getting His Word to the world.

As you read these accounts, please know we would love to partner together in going—not only in getting any opportunities, like these, to distribute, but also to provide through prayer, production and partnering financially. II Corinthians 6:1 says, “We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.” We together, with Him, in His work. That is our desire. It is His work—His work with His children laboring together with Him.

Pastor William Duttry, First Baptist Church



While I’m in one of our Seedline churches assembling Scripture for the foreign field, I’m often asked, “Will you be going there to hand out these John & Romans?” Typically, my answer is, “No, not this time.” The opportunity to actually go to the foreign field and hand someone the Word of God in their language is a rare but joyful moment for me. When these moments do happen, I often think about all the hands that have touched the Scripture and all the effort given just to get it to that point. Then as I hand it to a lost soul, I think about the potential it has from there!

This past Spring, we assembled Italian John & Romans in some of our Seedline churches. These Scriptures were shipped to three different missionaries in Italy. One of those missionaries was Stetson Planck in Verona, Italy. My wife and I had the privilege of joining a small group and helping them distribute 10,000 Italian John & Romans personalized for Bro. Planck’s church plant. Our efforts that week were mainly focused on getting the John & Romans into as many mailboxes as possible. Stuffing mailboxes with Scripture might not sound as thrilling as handing one to someone on the street; however, it was exciting to realize the Scripture was actually getting into homes, and God knows the potential it had from there.

Even after just one day of distribution, there was an immediate response. An 81-year-old lady received one in her mailbox and contacted Bro. Planck. She was irate about receiving the John & Romans, and asked him why he was doing this. She sternly told him she had a priest and a church and did not need this. She then stated she did not know what to do with the John & Romans. She said she could not throw it away, because it had a cross on it. When she said that, it gave us hope it would not be thrown away, even if it was simply due to her superstition!

At the end of our week of ministry in Verona, the Plancks and our group traveled to the top of the mountains that overlook the city. As we contemplated Verona’s 265,000 people who have been so ingrained with a false gospel, we collectively prayed for the work the Plancks are doing there, the John & Romans that were distributed, and the many souls who need to be saved. After our time of prayer, we stood there, looked over the city and sang a few verses of “Send the Light.” Bro. Planck then turned to us and said, “The only hope that Verona has is the Gospel!” No truer statement could have been uttered. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is what Verona needs to hear. It was a privilege to be small part of distributing the powerful, written Word of God that tells this great Truth!

Chad Robinson, Seedline Representative

VERONA ITALY

LEONARA

GUYANA

Almost three years ago, I sat across the table from Pastor Kevin Broyhill and a few of his men from Calvary Baptist Church in King, NC. We discussed the possibilities of partnering for a project in Guyana, South America. They had been working directly with a national pastor for years through an organization of their church called HELPS Ministry. The project originated on a restaurant napkin. We jotted down notes, mapping out everyone's part. The plan was to partner with a Guyanese church and hold a five-day tent crusade and city-wide Bible distribution. After the vision was cast, Bearing Precious Seed committed to raise the funds and print 10,000 whole Bibles for Guyana.

The easy part was committing to provide that many Bibles; fulfilling that commitment was another story. The familiar vehicle we chose in order to raise the funds was National Bible Publishing Month. Each year we ask churches to set aside a month and focus on the publishing of God's Word. As churches concentrate their preaching and teaching on this subject, they also give toward current Scripture projects. The Bibles for Guyana was one of those projects. Throughout the year, funds began to trickle in while we prepared to go to press. This project would take no less than 25 rolls of paper! Each roll weighed about 1,400 lbs., cost approximately \$650.00 and produced an average of 400 Bibles. Distribution of God's precious Word can only happen after the money is raised, the paper is purchased, the Scriptures are printed, and the Bibles are bound, boxed, and finally shipped.

During each day our team was in Guyana, we distributed John & Romans with an invitation to come to the evening meeting. The tent crusade was incredible! Each night people flooded in from all over the area, and we placed a Bible in the hands of every visitor. The people were so receptive of our gift. Many went to their seats and immediately opened up their Bibles and started working through the pages. There were a few who received their Bibles, held them close to their chests and kissed them. There was one lady who held her Bible so dearly she rubbed the pages of Scripture on her cheek. It was an amazing sight to see.

What a joy to see as Pastor Broyhill opened up his Bible to preach, everyone else had the opportunity to follow along in the Scriptures of their newly-printed copy of God's Word! Throughout the crusade, many people trusted Christ as their Savior, one of which was a 61 year-old Hindu man. He came to the meeting with the heavy weight of sin and left freed of his burden, a new creature in Christ Jesus. God surely showed Himself mighty under the starlit sky in a small town in Guyana, South America!

Though there is still much to be accomplished, the churches now have the tools in hand (a fresh supply of Scriptures) to complete the task God has given them. Thanks to all those who gave through National Bible Publishing Month. Because of you, God's Word is at work in places like Guyana, South America.

Dale Money, firstBible Director



RIO DE JANEIRO

BRAZIL

Consider an Olympic athlete. They are willing to change their entire lifestyle to pursue a single goal. Their dedication to this goal is seen in everything they do. They wake up early to train. They are on a very strict diet. They often move, along with their family, to a different part of the country or the world so they can receive the best coaching and training. There is no limit to what an Olympic athlete will do to achieve the goal set before them. The Gold medal is what they live for. It is what they dream about. It becomes the purpose of their life and what they are dedicated to. We have all watched an athlete stand on the highest platform, and the flag of their country is raised. A tear rolls down their cheek as their national anthem is played. All of this is for a gold medal and the recognition as the best in the world in their sport.

Referencing the Word of God, Psalm 19:10 says, “*More to be desired are they than Gold, yea, than much fine gold:...*” Very few people actually received a gold medal in Rio, but we know more than 180,000 people received something more valuable than gold. Bearing Precious Seed printed 180,000 Scriptures which were distributed in Brazil during the Olympics. Individuals from more than 45 different countries received a copy of the Word of God in their language. It is convicting to compare the dedication of an Olympic athlete as he pursues the gold with our dedication and pursuit of the propagation of the Word of God. Are we willing to change our lifestyle—not for self recognition, but so that God may be recognized for who He is? Names such as Simone Biles and Katie Ledecky were not very well-known before the Olympics, but now they are household names. Jesus Christ, that name above all names, is now known in places and in people’s lives, because of the more than 180,000 copies of God’s Word distributed during the Olympics.

As a result of this campaign, we are already aware of twenty-three people in Rio who accepted Christ as their Saviour. One day, they will not stand before a panel of judges, but before the King of Kings. It will not be the Star-Spangled Banner that is raised, but the Blood-Stained Banner of the free. It will not be their national anthem ringing throughout the stadium, but they will be singing a new song. Maybe it will be “*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.*”

The Olympics in Rio de Janeiro are over. The athletes and fans have traveled back to their countries. The constant newsfeed of what was happening in Rio has come to an end, but the most important thing that happened in Rio has just started. The Word of God was distributed in twenty-five different languages during the Olympics. The Seed has been sown, and our prayer is that it will be watered and eventually bring forth new life.

Phil Taylor, Seedline Director





What an amazing summer God allowed us to have this year! As with each summer, we can plan all we want, but we never know what is going to happen until we go through it. Once again, God did much more than we deserved or could ever imagine! It truly was one of the best summers that we have ever had, and we are grateful that God chose to bless us that way.

Each trip brought groups from around the country that came with such a tremendous spirit and desire to see God work. The groups were a continual encouragement to our ministry, and we rejoiced in serving together. Including our off-season trips, we had approximately 300 guests serve with us this year. We had groups come from Pennsylvania, Missouri, Georgia, and many other states

across the country. It is exciting to see churches still have a desire to go to the foreign field and

see souls saved. One highlight of the summer took place in June. Satan had been attacking particularly hard in a few areas, but God had great things in store to end the month! During the fourth week, we had over 1,000 people attend the four services! We were blown away by how God continued to bring people to the services. To put it in perspective, 600 people attending the services in a week would be excellent. God overflowed our cups by allowing us to see so many more come than we expected. A valuable lesson we learned was to never put God in a box. He will do as He sees fit when He sees fit to do it! With all the trips this summer, there were nearly 300 professions of faith made! We rejoice in those decisions, and we have been able to hear of twelve national churches following up with those converts.

Since 2012, we have been able to go on two mission trips each summer to the Navajo Indian reservation and serve with the Don Chitty family and Open Bible Baptist Church. Each trip has been a tremendous blessing, and we continue to see great fruit from them. The Chittys have repeatedly told us that the two weeks in the summer bear fruit for the rest of the year. We are thankful we get to minister with them. This summer, we saw over 130 Navajos profess Christ as their Savior! In addition to that great news, we were privileged to work with a church that brought their teens for their first mission trip ever. The church has experienced some transition over the last few years, and teen visitation had not been occurring during this time. However, during this mission trip, three of their teens were able to lead people to Christ for the first time! Since that trip, the youth pastor has testified their teens have been on church visitation every week! Praise the Lord for souls saved and lives changed.

Another blessing from the summer was answered prayer. We have always used buses to transport people back and forth on our mission trips. Each year, we get permits from the Mexican government to take our buses into Mexico. This year, we had great difficulty getting the permits, and we finally realized God was simply answering “no” to our request. While we thought we needed the buses, God had a better plan. He provided vans for us to use on our trips. That not only allowed us to use air conditioning, but it also saved time at the border each night when going home. We learned trusting God always works out better than trusting our own plans!

Thank you for praying and supporting the ministry of BPS El Paso. I want to invite you to visit our website at www.bpselpaso.org and prayerfully consider joining us for a missions trip this next year. Our 2017 summer trip dates are listed on our website, and we are looking forward to having more guests join us in reaching the lost with the Gospel.



Kenn Winn, BPS El Paso Director



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