



# BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER

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Mark 6:30-31

*"And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught. And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat."*

The fact is we are all very busy about the work. It is such a privilege to read and know God said in 2 Corinthians 6:1, *"We then, as workers together with him..."* 1 Corinthians 3:9 states, *"For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."* To be laboring is not the joyous part. However, to be laboring for Christ and with Christ—His work is the joy of it all! Does the work get tiresome? Sure! Are we fatigued and weary? Sure! But it's a good fatigue, a good weary, and a good work—because it's His!

Praise the Lord for the privilege of knowing Him, serving Him and partnering with others for Him. We have seen an amazing first six months in 2016! Our shop is receiving more and more orders for Scripture in multiple languages. Just a few weeks ago, we printed our first Hebrew Bible! God's been good, and especially good to us this year. Our Seedline portion of BPS is growing as well, as additional churches get involved. FirstBible is on the move and they just concluded training sessions in Armenia and will host additional sessions in India in early 2017.

Thank you for the many who partner with us in prayer, in giving for National Bible Publishing Month, and in giving monthly support to BPS Milford. If we can assist you, your church, or your missionaries with Scripture, please let us know. Remember, we provide Scriptures free to our missionaries overseas. For churches in America, we ask you to cover the cost. Let us get the Word of God to those who are without.



In His work together,

  
William Duttry, Pastor

# *Memorials have been received in memory of:*

**Larry "Toad" Ault** by Carl & Peggy Blevins of Chillicothe, OH  
by Grace Fogt of Frankfort, OH  
by Kelly Hayslip of Chillicothe, OH  
by Mary & Ray Skeens of Suffolk, VA  
by Katrina Starling of Chillicothe, OH  
by Tidewater Baptist of Chesapeake, VA  
by Charles & Alice Ware of Chillicothe, OH

**Tuger Bill, IU & Grandparents** by Royce & Pamela Braley of Fargo, ND

**Jeff Bond, Sr.** by Calvary Baptist Church of Casper, WY

**Ivan Dale Bower** by James & Michelle Bryant of Walhalla, SC

**Albert & Pansy Braley** by Royce & Pamela Braley of Fargo, ND

**Ernest & Lucille Braley** by Royce & Pamela Braley of Fargo, ND

**Otis Braley** by Lena Braley of Blanchester, OH

by Royce & Pamela Braley of Fargo, ND

**Pastor Carl Brothers** by Victory Baptist Church of Panama City, FL

**Joseph Caramanico** by Joseph & Juliet Conard of Rockport, TX

**Gladys M. Findley** by James & Michelle Bryant of Walhalla, SC

**Roberta Fox** by Janet & Edward Hess of Cincinnati, OH

by Amex Nooter, LLC of Tinley Park, IL

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**Janice Ruth Hardy** by James & Michelle Bryant of Walhalla, SC

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by Clyde & Linda Durnil of Milford, OH

by Barbara Mills

by Barbara Romans of Cincinnati, OH

by Bill & Mary Lou Wilson of Goshen, OH

**Harold Turner** by Victory Baptist Church of Panama City, FL

**Emily Tuten** by Linda Warren of Panama City, FL

**Harold VanVoorus** by Bible Baptist Church of Griffin, GA

**Helen Webb** by Victory Baptist Church of Panama City, FL

**Helen Wehmeier** by Clyde & Linda Durnil of Milford, OH

by Janet Read of Terrace Park, OH

by Mary Lou Wilson of Goshen, OH

**Nancy Zamecnik** by Zelma Ragle of Milford, OH

## *& in honor of:*

**John Mason** by John W. Mason of Hilliard, OH

by Glen Lovitt & Amanda of Cincinnati, OH

by Virgil & Tracey Lovitt

My name is Brian Heath, and I am a missionary with Rock of Ages Prison Ministry, working in prisons and public schools in the Midwest region of the United States. One way we minister to inmates is through sport crusades consisting of softball or basketball games with the inmates, a Gospel message in the prison yard, and distributing John & Romans and Gospel tracts. A couple of years ago, Bearing Precious Seed printed personalized John & Romans for us, and we have distributed nearly 10,000 in prisons in Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois during the last two years. God has blessed these efforts by allowing us to see nearly 400 inmates respond to the Gospel invitation and publicly come forward to receive Christ as their Saviour!

Here is a brief testimony of how God used some of the John & Romans we distributed. I was preaching at a correctional facility in Michigan one Sunday evening, and an inmate came up to me after the service and related the following testimony:

"Brother Brian, you probably don't remember me, but I first met you last summer when your softball ministry came into our facility. You all were such an encouragement to me. When you were passing out the John & Romans, I asked if I could have a couple of extra copies. I sent one to my thirty-year-old daughter who lives in Florida and one to my son, who is in his late twenties and lives in Michigan. I also wrote them a letter expressing how much I desired that they trust Christ as their Saviour. In the months to follow, I received a letter from my daughter. She told me she had read through the John & Romans and had made the decision to trust Christ as her Saviour. She also told me she has been baptized and is now faithfully attending a church in her area. Then a few weeks later, I got a letter from my son who told me that he followed the marked verses of the John & Romans several times and he too had been saved!"

With tear-filled eyes he continued to express his gratitude to me for our ministry and for the John & Romans we brought. His testimony is exactly why we pass out John & Romans at our crusades. Yes, they get to hear a gospel message during the crusade, but when you leave the Word of God in someone's hand, it will continue to preach to them long after we are gone. That is the power of the printed Word of God. I could not have gone to visit this man's children. Nor could he have traveled to them to witness to them. However, a John & Romans sent through the mail got the job done.

I believe it is of utmost importance to get the Word of God into the hands of the inmate, and it alone has the power to make a lasting change in the hearts of these men and women. I am so thankful for the ministry of BPS and for their burden to get the printed Word of God into the hands of sinners here at home and around the world. We will soon be ordering another 10,000 Scriptures for the coming season, and we look forward to seeing what God will do through them.



## MEXICO

638,330 Spanish J/Rs, 8,100 Spanish NTs, and 4,000,000 Spanish tracts from the Fellowship Tract League have been shipped to Mexico City from BPS El Paso this year.



## HAITI

270,000 French Creole J/Rs, 4,002 French Creole NTs, & 2,003 French WBs were shipped to Haiti on 5/23/16. Another 198,000 French Creole J/Rs were shipped to Haiti earlier this year.



## ITALY

405,000 Italian J/Rs were shipped 5/3/16 to Italy. 75,000 were personalized for outreaches in Grosseto and Montecatino, Italy, and 100,000 were personalized for a church plant in Verona, Italy.



## ROMANIA

441,000 Romanian J/Rs were loaded on a container and shipped 6/16/16. They are for a distribution campaign. Couriers for Christ will be holding in Romania later this Fall.



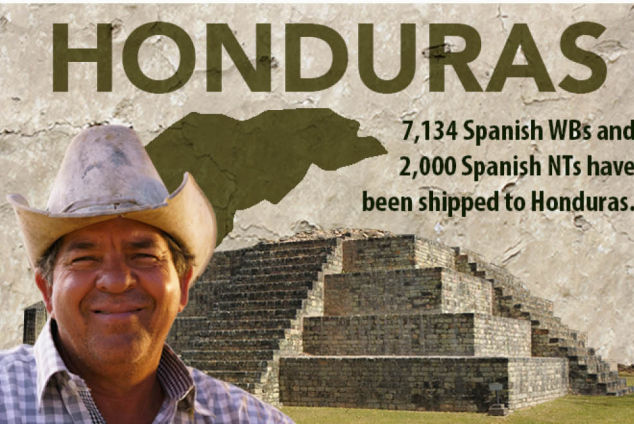
## THAILAND

303,525 Thai J/Rs were shipped to Thailand 5/3/16. In March, 15,561 Thai NTs were included on a container another ministry sent to Thailand.



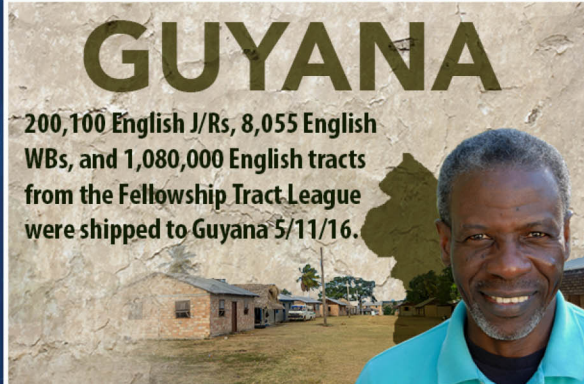
## HONDURAS

7,134 Spanish WBs and 2,000 Spanish NTs have been shipped to Honduras.



## GUYANA

200,100 English J/Rs, 8,055 English WBs, and 1,080,000 English tracts from the Fellowship Tract League were shipped to Guyana 5/11/16.



## BRAZIL

175,000 Portuguese J/Rs were shipped 6/21/16 to Brazil for distribution during the Summer Olympics. Another 105,000 Portuguese J/Rs sent on the container were for 3 churches in the Rio, Brazil, area. An additional 204,000 Portuguese J/Rs were shipped to Brazil earlier this year.



## EASTERN AFRICA

288,000 Swahili J/Rs were shipped to another ministry in March. They will be distributed in the Eastern African nations of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.



### OTHER YEAR-TO-DATE HIGHLIGHTS:

250,200 English J/Rs, 15,094 English WBs, and 8,640 English NTs have been shipped to multiple countries.  
 16,800 Burmese J/Rs were shipped to Myanmar.  
 36,000 Arabic/English J/Rs were shipped to Europe in June for distribution among refugee camps.  
 135 French WBs were shipped to France.  
 252,500 English J/Rs, 40,150 Kannada J/Rs, 20,250 Tagalog J/Rs, and 12,500 Spanish J/Rs have been shipped to ministries in Canada.

### YEAR-TO-DATE STATISTICS:

5,389,550 Scriptures have been printed through June 6th.  
 Twenty truckloads of paper have been used so far this year.  
 BPS has printed in ten languages year-to-date.  
 In May, BPS printed the Hebrew Old Testaments for the first time.

J/R = John & Romans  
 NT = New Testament  
 WB = Whole Bible

To *God* be the Glory;  
 Great Things *He* hath done!

It always amazes us to witness the opportunities God gives us to work together with fellow Christians and send the Word of God all around the world. What a blessing we receive when we hear of folks from all around the globe receiving the Word of God.

The first five months of this year have been very busy, as you can see by the statistics listed above. Many truckloads of paper have come in and many loads of Scripture have been shipped to a number of foreign countries. Thank you for the role you have had in getting the Word of God to others. The requests for Scripture are many, and we are trying to fill as many of them as we can. Thank you for being part of supplying the messenger with the message!

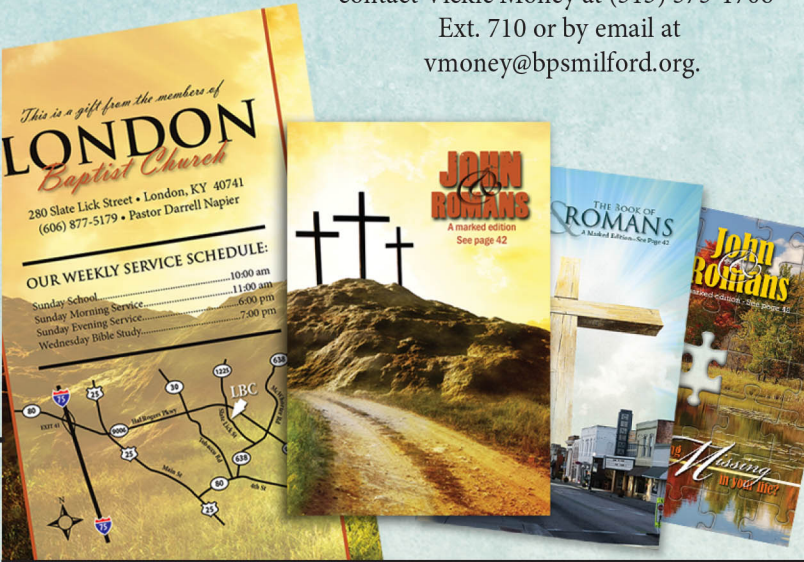
Al Braley, BPS Director of Operations

## 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](http://www.bpsmilford.org).

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## Scripture Focused Mission Trips

### Experience BPS El Paso

- Assembling God's Word and then distributing it in Mexico and to the Navajo Nation in New Mexico.
- Ministering in Juarez, one of the fastest growing cities in the world.
- Ministering to the largest Indian Reservation in the world, with a Navajo population of over 500,000.
- Working with local Independent Baptist churches throughout Juarez and the Navajo Nation.

April 2-7 ♦

June 3-9

June 10-16

June 17-23 ♦♦

June 24-30

July 8-14

July 15-21

July 22-28 ♦♦

August 5-11

August 12-18

August 19-25

♦ Juarez Project

♦♦ Navajo outreach

For more information,  
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