



BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER

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



"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."
(Mark 6:31)

Have you ever felt like this verse was directed to and about Jesus' disciples? Bearing Precious Seed has experienced God's overwhelming blessings this year, as well as years before. We have seen the hand of God provide from "nowhere", and we have seen God supply in ways that we've never seen before. He just keeps showing He's God and it's His work and His Word!

We have witnessed God provide new equipment for His work this year. We've seen production increase dramatically, and we've seen Him provide the paper needed to produce Scripture at a record amount. We are just praising Him and giving Him all glory that belongs only to Him.

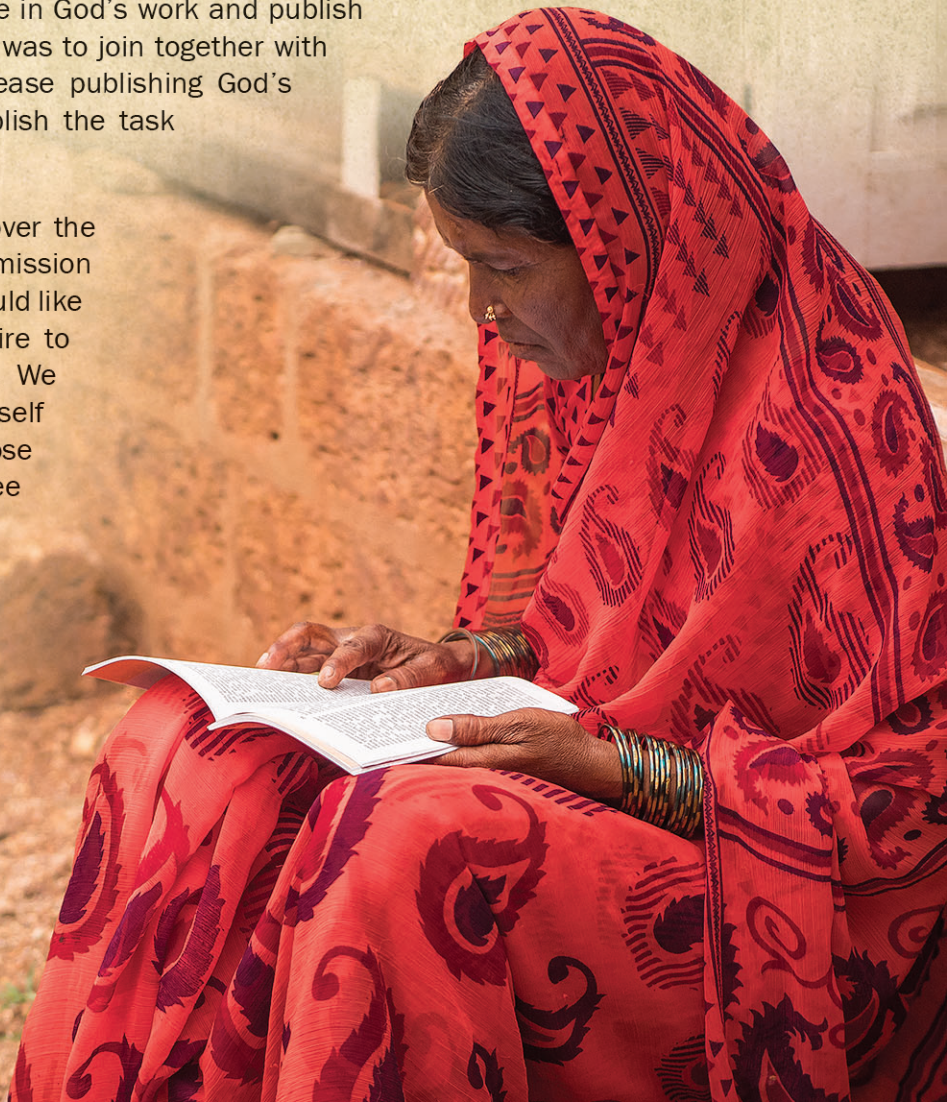
The first Bible Publishing Summit drew numerous printing ministries together and helped accomplish much on several fronts—from ministry to ministry, from men to men, and from the Word of God to the world. Our endeavor is to participate in God's work and publish His Word to the world; the goal of the Summit was to join together with like-minded ministries and seek ways to increase publishing God's Word around the world. If we cannot accomplish the task together, why would we attempt to do it alone?

Our El Paso property has seen great growth over the past three years with folks experiencing the mission field firsthand—many for the first time. If you would like information about BPS El Paso or would desire to participate a mission trip, please contact us. We would love for you to see this ministry for yourself and be a part of giving the Word of God to those who do not have it available to them. You can see the 2018 mission trip schedule on the back page of this newsletter. I hope you will plan to join us!

Thank you for your support, prayers and giving which have enabled the Word of God to be published at BPS Milford. It is with great joy we partner with you in this great endeavor.

In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor



GIVE CALL GLORY *Sing* MAKE KNOWN *TALK* *Rejoice* SEEK

Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually. 1 Chronicles 16:8-11

We at Bearing Precious Seed have much to give thanks unto the Lord for during 2017. Time after time, God has provided above what we could even think about! We deeply appreciate all who call upon His name and pray for the ministry. We are in the midst of the greatest year of Scripture production we have had in the history of BPS, and we are excited to share that with you. What a joy it is to be able to produce His Word and send it all around the world! Through the printing of this publication, we have printed Scripture in 17 languages in 2017, and we have produced more whole Bibles this year than any other year. The addition of the fourth web on the press has allowed us to print John & Romans in half the time needed before. That has freed the press and allowed us to print more New Testaments and whole Bibles. Our ministry's main need continues to be paper, and God continues to supply it just when we need it for the next print run. Praise the Lord! Thank you for your continued involvement in this ministry and for partnering with us to get the Word of God around the world.



Memorials have been received in memory of:

Lois Baur by Walter and Donna Gray of Loveland, OH
Otis Braley by Lena Braley of Blanchester, OH
J.W. Broadstreet by Eaves Tabernacle Baptist Church of Leesburg, TX
Jerry Carlson by Calvary Baptist Church of Casper, WY
Rosa Sue Chisman by Crossroad Baptist Church of Cincinnati, OH
John T. Duvall by Karen Duvall of Indianapolis, IN
Eileen Greenfield by Victory Baptist Church of Walhalla, SC
Larry Greenfield by Victory Baptist Church of Walhalla, SC
Audrey Griffith by Victory Baptist Church of Panama City, FL
Ernst Lykins by Crossroads Baptist Church of Cincinnati, OH
E. Gladys Milton by Lee and Audrey Howell of Blue Ridge, VA
Oddos Morris by Poplar Run United Baptist Church of Farmland, IN
Glen Nelson by Victory Baptist Church of Walhalla, SC
Christopher Pearson by the Ladies' Class of Grace Baptist Church
Betty Setzer by Hope Hamilton of Lenoir, NC
Kerry Smith by Eaves Tabernacle Baptist Church, Leesburg, TX

Willa Smithers by Ruth Ann Ashburn of Odessa, FL
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by D. Lee and Allison Higgins of Dalton, GA
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by Charlotte and Jack Evans of Milford, OH
by Mel and Ruth Hahn of Milford, OH
by Linda Johnson of Goshen, OH
by Pat Parsley of Loveland, OH
James Frank Ulyan by Margaret & Stephanie Shuey of St. George, SC

& in honor of:

Dr. & Mrs. Keen by the Evans Family of Milford, OH
John E. Mason by John Mason of Hilliard, OH
The Setzer Family by Hope Hamilton of Lenoir, NC



National Bible Publishing Month is a program designed to make it possible to get the Word of God to those who may never have another opportunity to receive the glorious message of our dear Saviour. NBPM is an attempt by Bearing Precious Seed Milford to ask others of like faith to partner with us to provide Scriptures for those in need. We have the ability to do the printing. We are asking others to help by providing the funds necessary for the supplies. Every dime received through NBPM is used exclusively for the purchase of paper to produce Whole Bibles and New Testaments for missionaries all around the world.

numerous countries yearly, these particular countries are the focus for the offerings given during National Bible Publishing Month. This approach has helped others get involved in specific projects going to specific areas of the world. Since 2012, NBPM offerings have supplied New Testaments and Whole Bibles to the following countries:

2012—Mexico, Philippines, Southern Sudan and Zambia
2013—Armenia, Lebanon, Myanmar and Peru
2014—Nepal, Romania, Sierra Leone and Thailand
2015—Guyana, India, Liberia and Poland
2016—The Faroe Islands, Haiti, India and Sierra Leone
2017—East Africa, Papua New Guinea, Peru and Scotland

TOTAL: 310,000 Whole Bibles and 365,000 New Testaments for 21 countries

We are currently working on the projects for NBPM 2018. Two countries we plan to supply with Scripture are Wales and Japan. We will inform you of the other countries as soon as we finalize them. Thank you for your involvement with National Bible Publishing Month in the past. We pray many others will become involved in this worthwhile project as we go forward.

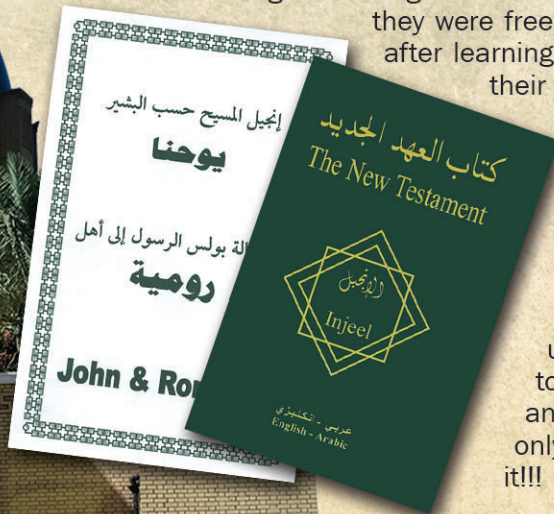


God's Word, a Catholic Priest, and Islamic Gunmen

A longtime friend of Bearing Precious Seed recently called and shared a testimony. He had shipped Bibles to Baghdad, Iraq, but they were held up at customs because the customs official said there were not enough Christians in the country to matter. It looked like the Scriptures wouldn't make it to the intended destination until a Catholic priest in Baghdad heard Bibles were being held up in customs. The priest demanded the official release the Bibles. Upon their release, they were sent to the intended destination which was a house in the area.

After some time, gunmen came to the house and demanded the Christians living there give them their money. The Iraqi Christians told the gunmen they had no money. The gunmen replied they had been watching the house, and they had witnessed people leaving the house with boxes, so they must be selling something. The Christians responded that the boxes held Bibles and they were free. The gunmen had never heard of a Bible, and after learning what it was, they carried several boxes out to their van and left!

This story caused us to consider how God gets His Word where He wants it and how He uses what He does to get it there. Someone gave financially for these Arabic Bibles; they were printed, and someone took care of shipping them to their destination. Then God used a Catholic priest and some Islamic gunmen to get these Bibles into places we could never go and to people we could never reach. As always, only God receives the glory, because only He can do it!!!



BIBLE PUBLISHING SUMMIT

On July 13-14, First Baptist Church of Milford, Ohio, hosted the *Bible Publishing Summit*. Our goal was simple—to give God glory for what He has done through numerous printing ministries. It was created to be a time of fellowship together, an opportunity to share ideas, and a time to present needs and questions which fellow ministries could help answer. Not every ministry invited was able to attend; nevertheless, the meeting was well attended for a first attempt. It was a joy to witness some of the pressmen from the various ministries sharing ideas, and to see some of the ministries learn more about the others and what we can possibly do to help each other do more for the cause of Christ. Please continue to pray for all the ministries involved in publishing the Word of God. Printing ministries of Independent Baptist churches have combined to print 368,035,820 Scriptures and 4,500,000,000 Gospel tracts.

We have created a Facebook page where ideas, blessings and needs can be shared between ministries. One of our Seedline Missionaries, Tyler Bridges, will maintain it so the printing ministries can stay in communication going forward.

We would like to thank all those who participated in the *Summit* meeting, both with the input shared and the time of fellowship spent together. Special thanks go to our speakers this year: Pastor Bill Duttry, Dr. Charles Keen, Pastor Mark Campbell, and Bro. Bobby Lemmon. Initial plans are underway to possibly host another meeting in 2018. For more information, please contact our office.



BEARING PRECIOUS SEED EL PASO

grateful for all of the guests that came. We always enjoy seeing our familiar friends and making new ones. With over 300 guests, we were able to cover more areas in Juarez and on the Navajo reservations. The two fruits of this blessing are more Scriptures distributed and more people invited to the evangelistic services. We may not know in this life how many souls have been saved, but we are grateful for the opportunity to share the Gospel with the lost.

One exciting highlight of this summer concerned the different churches. Of the seventeen churches that participated this summer, four of them had never even been on a missions trip of any kind. Those groups shared how they were a little nervous about the trip but very quickly were grateful for how everything was going. We were able to hear from new and old churches alike how great a missions trip with BPS El Paso is—both for a church which has never been on a missions trip and also for a church that regularly goes on missions trips. Group leaders expressed their appreciation for the logistics covered by BPS El Paso, allowing them to enjoy the trip with their missions team.

We desire God to use the ministry of BPS El Paso to help facilitate missions trips and to be a valuable resource for churches and pastors seeking to give their people a burden for missions. If you have any interest in going on a week-long missions trip and witness Godworking on the foreign field, please visit our website at www.bpselpaso.org or contact Director Kenn Winn at 513-617-8583 or by email at kenn.winn@fbcml.org. Prayerfully consider joining us on a missions trip!



MEET

Nathan Pennell



On July 25, 1985, as a six-year-old boy, I received the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour at the Delaware Correctional Center in Smyrna, Delaware. My dad was a Chaplain there for over 30 years, and our family would go into the prison for services.

As a teenager, I surrendered my life to do whatever the Lord wanted me to do. In the fall of 1994, Carlos Demarest came to our church and presented the ministry of Bearing Precious Seed of El Paso, Texas. He invited our church to go on a mission trip to Mexico. I signed up for the trip and spent a week in El Paso and Mexico in the Summer of 1995. It was on that trip that the Lord began speaking to my heart about the ministry of BPS and what I could do to be a part of this ministry. I went back to El Paso in 1996 and 1997. After graduating in 1997 and spending the summer in El Paso, I felt I should just stay and work in the print shop and not return home to Delaware. I spoke to my parents about my desire and my dad encouraged me to come home, help out on the family farm, and talk to my pastor about what I felt the Lord calling me to do. After spending much time in prayer and talking with my Pastor, Eldon Fowler,

about what I felt the Lord leading me to do, he and my home church, Capitol Baptist Church of Dover, Delaware, sent me out of their church as a missionary to work with the ministry of BPS El Paso. On May 8, 1998, I started working with this great ministry—printing, assembling and distributing the Word of God. Seventeen years ago, I met my wife in El Paso, and the Lord has blessed us with six adopted children.

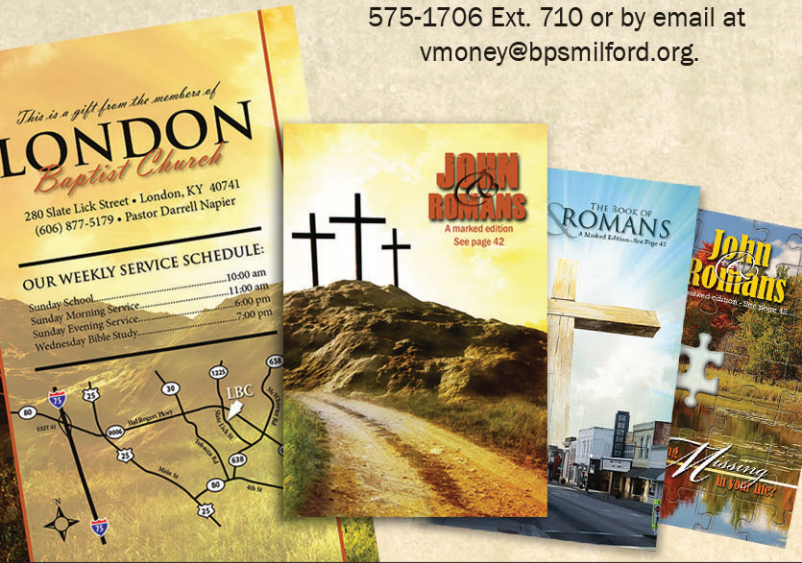
In 2015, Pastor Duttry approached me and asked me to come work at BPS Milford and use my experience to run the binding production in Milford. Needless to say, this was a very difficult decision for me, because I had invested eighteen years at the El Paso location. After much prayer, fasting and seeking the Lord, my wife and I both had peace about the decision, and on August 15, 2016, we moved to Milford, Ohio. I am so thankful to be a part of this great ministry, and every day I look forward to printing and putting God's Word together. The verse the Lord has used in my life is found in I Corinthians 15:34, "Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."

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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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.

June 2-8 †
June 9-15 †
June 16-22 †
June 23-29 ♦♦

2018 SCHEDULE:

July 7-13 †
July 14-20 ♦♦
July 21-27 †
August 4-10 †
August 11-17 †
August 18-24 †

† Juarez Project
♦♦ Navajo outreach

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