



# BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

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

*"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:5-6)*

Bearing Precious Seed is the printing and distribution of the Word of God by God's people, the church. What a wonderful thought and joy to be involved in the Word of God in this manner! I just read an article about a church in Georgia that finished their John & Romans Seedline project for the upcoming Winter Olympics in South Korea. As a result, not only is the Scripture headed to the Olympics, but also some 30 people are headed to South Korea to distribute it! These people have committed to go for two weeks in February 2018 during the Olympics. It takes God people, the church, working together to do all parts of the Great Commission. One of our privileges at the *First Baptist Church* is to print the Word of God that is being distributed around the world.

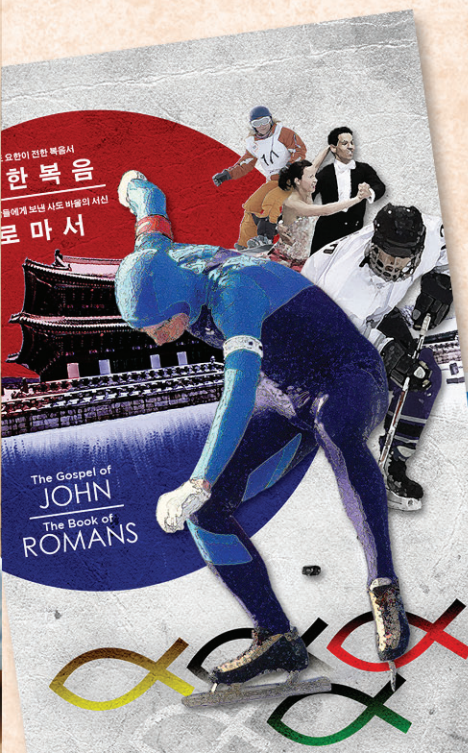
I have heard it said that the sun never goes down in this world in a place that has not been given the Word of God. But I also know that spiritual darkness still lies within half the world where they do not have the Word of God. We should be shaken by the imbalance. There are those having much and those with nothing at all. Our desire at *First Baptist Church*, *Bearing Precious Seed*, and *firstBible International* is to provide a copy of God's Word to those who still remain without it. They do not have a single copy—not one copy—of the Word of God!

As we conclude another year at *Bearing Precious Seed* Milford, I speak on behalf of all of us - "Thank you!" Thank you for partnering with us in order to get the Word to those without it. As we head into 2018, would you first and foremost pray? Then would you consider your commitment in the area of going and or providing the Word of God to those who go? I am not asking you to do anything our church does not do.

May God be seen and glorified *greater* in 2018 by our commitment and partnering than ever before!

In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor  
First Baptist Church



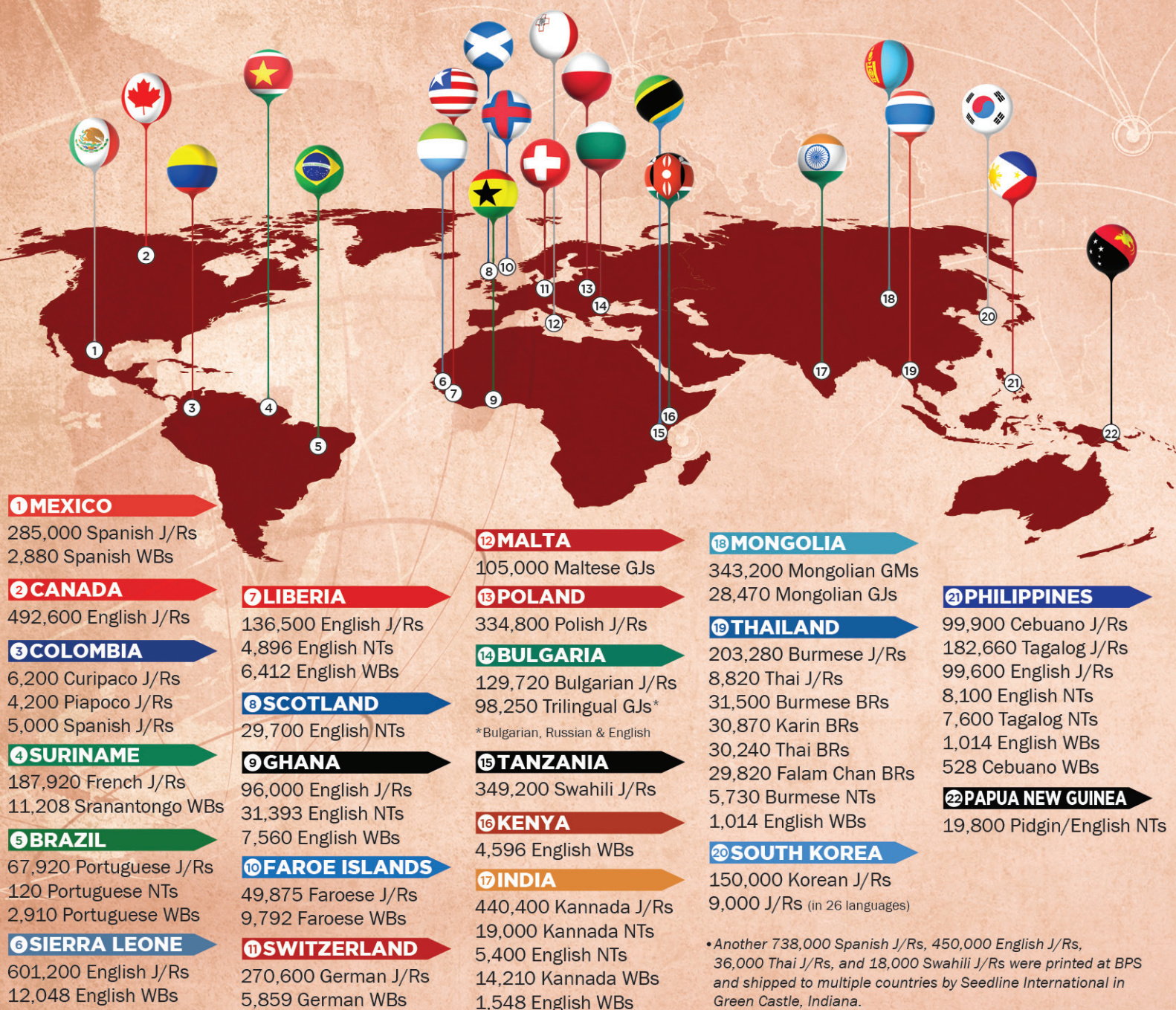


*And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. Acts 13:49*

Throughout 2017, many areas of the world have had portions of the Word of God shipped to their region—from Central America to Africa; from the Faroe Islands to India; from the jungles of Columbia to major cities in Europe. By the end of 2017, Bearing Precious Seed will have shipped 21 containers of Scriptures around the world. Churches have been taking the Gospel to those in need, whether it's through an international outreach in Bulgaria, church planting in the United States or distributing John & Romans to every school child in Sierra Leone.

God richly blessed BPS in 2017. This was the first year BPS has been able to print more than 12 million Scriptures. We were also able to bind 425,600 New Testaments and 133,150 whole Bibles in 2017.

2018 promises to be a busy year as well. We just finished printing 12,500 Portuguese Bibles, and we will soon begin printing 50,000 Polish New Testaments, 20,000 Burmese Bibles, 40,000 English Bibles, 50,000 English New Testaments, 20,000 Spanish Bibles for Honduras and 15,000 Ilonggo Bibles for the Philippines. God continues to bless, and by printing His Word, we will continue to help others publish It in their region!





*Memorials have been received in memory of:*

**Mel Borczynski** by Victory Baptist Church of Eustis, FL

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

**Etta Faye Broadstreet** by Eaves Tabernacle Baptist Church of Leesburg, TX

**Regina Combs** by Crossroads Baptist Church of Cincinnati, OH

**Linda Hoek** by Jerry and Naomi Stewart of Tulsa, OK

by Pan Pacific Products of Broken Bow, OK

**Milford "J. R." Gibbens** by Victory Baptist Church of Panama City, FL

**Francis Latt** by Lena Braley of Blanchester, OH

**Boots Miller** by the Phoebe Class of First Baptist Church of Milford, OH

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**Jim Pickerill** by Crossroads Baptist Church of Cincinnati, OH

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**Nancy Womick** by Victor and Georgeann Basse of Carbondale, IL

*& in honor of:* **Bob Ford** by the Ladies' Class of Rincon Baptist Church in Rincon, GA

## THE COST OF ONE MINUTE

When we added the fourth tower to the web press at the beginning of 2017, it did more for our production than what we had anticipated. We went from being able to produce 20,000 signatures per hour to being able to produce 40,000 in that same amount of time. 40,000 signatures is the equivalent of running 3.6 rolls of paper through the press in one hour. To break down that amount even further, it costs Bearing Precious Seed **\$37.50 per minute** for paper alone while the press is running.

During 2018, we will be asking people to partner with us for at least one minute's worth of paper. Would you consider joining what we pray will be thousands of other "**1 Minute**" paper suppliers for Bearing Precious Seed?

## BEING A PAPER SUPPLIER



NATIONAL  
BIBLE  
PUBLISHING  
MONTH

*A People  
for His Name*

*Acts 15:14*

Would you please prayerfully consider partnering with us through National Bible Publishing Month? Our prayer and desire is to be able to get the precious, life-changing, eternity-altering Word of God to Honduras, Japan, Myanmar, and Wales in 2018. Free promotional materials are available upon request. For more information, please contact us at 513-575-1706.

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I wanted to thank the BPS team for the work that went into designing, printing, and shipping the 98,000 trilingual books of John. What a blessing you have been. Yesterday, November 3rd, we handed out the last of them. We had a team that came at the beginning of the summer and helped us hand out over 35,000 in just over a week. As the summer went along we continued to hand them out to the young people that came to the city for the different youth events. I think we distributed around 75,000 throughout the summer. As the events ended and the tourists left, we continued to distribute them into the homes and apartments here in Varna. We have had many hits to our

website and Facebook page, both of which offer a Gospel presentation in

Bulgarian, Russian and English (the website tries to default to the appropriate language and provides an option to choose a different one). We have seen hits to the website from Bulgaria, Ukraine, Russia, Turkey, Romania, Moldova and a few other countries. Through the summer, about 1/3 of all website visits were from Russia and the Ukraine. We have also seen an influx of visitors to the church. Along with the books, we designed a trilingual tract, basically a shortened version of *God's Simple Plan*. We included a map to the church as well as the service times listed out in Bulgarian and English. Last year we were averaging about 7 people in any given service. For the past 2 to 3 months we have been seeing around 20 people consistently attending the church. In this group of new attendees there is a group of young people between the ages of 13 and 20. Two of them are young men. Please pray for them (Pavel and Daniel). What a potential they have to reach Bulgaria.

Thank you for what you do and the part you (and all the churches that support the ministry, the Seedline churches that help put the books together, etc) have played in helping to get the Gospel into Eastern Europe.

I had an opportunity to present the Gospel to a lady (and a bystander who listened until I said "Jesus Christ is God" and then walked away angry) when we were on the streets handing out the books. Her son had been either killed or injured in a war (I am still a bit limited in my Bulgarian and so sometimes I only understand the main thing and not the exact details), and she was angry at God and wondering why He would allow that. She then began weeping and at that point became open as I tried to explain to her that war is a result of man's sin, that God made a perfect world, but man's sin leads to hurt and pain. Then with the Gospel of John in hand I was able to show her that God does love her and the whole world. The opportunity to plant the seed of the Gospel was a direct result of us having literature to distribute on the street. Also, having a printed copy of John that I could point to the verses and leave with her was a great help when my language ability is limited.

In Christ,

*Missionary Jeff Shergalis*







*"According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon..." 1 Corinthians 3:10*

Some 44 years ago, Carlos Demarest, realizing and understanding his debt of love to our Lord, came to the desert in El Paso, Texas. His desire and motivation were to honor God by spreading the message of the Gospel and sharing the light, the love and the blessed hope—that hope that shone in a very special way in him. The challenge was as tangible as the desert: open, empty and vast. The task was almost impossible, but the need was also real, urgent and his love was overflowing.

He envisioned building a facility with a twofold purpose: printing Bibles—God's very words, His love letter to the people—and proclaiming the Gospel to the lost people in Mexico. As time passed, other pastors, Christians and churches decided to help and joined the project. Several churches brought building materials, rocks, sand, gravel, cement, boards, nails, screws, wires, light fixtures, furniture and paint. Every heart moved every hand, and all those materials were put together in harmony. They were devoted to just one purpose and desire: all must be accomplished to bring honor and glory to God.

Though we were not involved in the original construction project, my family and I have had the privilege of serving our Lord in El Paso for almost 18 years. We have participated and coordinated printing and distributing Scriptures all over the world—26 semi loads of Scripture to Mexico City alone! In the past 18 years, more than 6.5 million John & Romans, 100,000 New Testaments, 10,000 whole Bibles and at least 12 million Gospel tracts have gone forth from BPS El Paso. For the last 18 years, we have seen more than 10,000 souls make a profession of faith, and thousands more have had the opportunity to hear the message of the Gospel.

In 2017 we experienced a very unusual rainy season in El Paso. For the first time in my life I was able to see **grass** growing in this hot and arid desert! One day a storm raged, and it was one like we had never seen before. After almost three hours of rain, water came inside the building through the rock walls. In 44 years, no one could have even predicted that was a potential problem; only a strong storm could reveal those problem areas.

For the last 17 years we have seen another building being constructed—a spiritual building, where faithful churches still bring their church members and youth departments to experience the mission field. The desire and the motive is the same: to honor and glorify God. Each boy and girl, each man and woman and each pastor and youth pastor bring the materials for this spiritual building: new commitments for the mission field or the call to preach the Gospel, re-dedications, renewed vows, and every pastor or youth pastor who rekindles their fire for their Lord. There is a big storm coming against this spiritual building; we are already experiencing some of those strong winds, as the warning continues to sound and the imminent danger is at hand.

As the storm passes by, it will reveal some structural damage in our personal relationship with God. Am I growing weary, or am I taking my walk with God for granted? Will I be a faulty wall or beam, or will I be a pillar that gives in when the storm arrives? Will I be the breach ready to fall, or will my foundation stand firm?

*Hector Jimenez*  
BPS El Paso







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#### 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.

**2018 SCHEDULE:**  
June 2-8 †  
June 9-15 †  
June 16-22 †  
June 23-29 ♦♦  
July 7-13 †  
July 14-20 ♦♦  
July 21-27 †  
August 4-10 †  
August 11-17 †  
August 18-24 †  
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