



BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER

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Praise the Lord for Himself, His Word, and all He does to be recognized and accepted as God! God's Word is His story to us about Himself—what He has done, what He is doing, what He will do, and what He desires to be done. It is such a privilege to be a part of His work. In II Corinthians 6:1, we are reminded that it is His work, His Word, and our joy. *"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."*



Here at *Bearing Precious Seed* and *First Baptist Church* we say, "Thank you for so often partnering alongside us in His work of preserving and providing His Word to a needy world!" Our church just concluded its *National Bible Publishing Month* in February. Many other churches and individuals have already participated in this year's *NBPM*, and they have sent in offerings to purchase paper on which to print the precious Word of God. If you have not yet contributed, there's still time; we need your help. We are printing and sending Bibles or New Testaments to Honduras, Japan, Myanmar, and Wales with this year's offering. You may support or know a missionary in one or more of these countries. If so, have the missionary contact *Bearing Precious Seed* and see how they can get Scriptures for the work in which they are involved.

Spring is in the air and with it comes an anticipation for growth as we see flowers blooming, trees budding and grass growing. I pray it will also excite and motivate you and your church to reach others with the Gospel and invite new guests to the house of God.

If we may assist you with your Scripture needs, please allow us the opportunity to do so. If you would like to participate in a *Seedline* project and assemble Scripture together with your church, please contact us as well.

Thank you again for all you do for HIM!

In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor
First Baptist Church



What does it take to print **175,000,000** copies of God's Word?

By the end of April, we will have produced more than 175,000,000 copies of Scripture since the beginning of the ministry here. In 1973 **the first copy** had to be printed to get to the number we are at today. Dr. Charles Keen led **First Baptist Church** to start printing the Word of God. **The first pressman** was Sam Caudill, and he will tell you he did not know much about printing but he was willing to learn, and he was committed to the ministry from the first day. It took then, and it still takes **willing men** to travel and share with others the Church's responsibility to take care of the Word of God. These men were dedicated to ensure the Word of God was going forth.



It takes **churches** all across the nation being involved with us; some supporting monthly, some giving **offerings for paper**, some having **Seedline projects** and **many faithfully praying for the ministry**. It takes **dedicated people** here at the shop who work full time in the ministry. It takes **faithful Volunteers**; we have many who come almost daily for at least four hours each day to help us bind, staple, cut or whatever is needed. Many **individuals** give to the ministry and help with many areas of the ministry.

It takes **equipment**, everything from small things like tape guns up to the web press. We often do not consider the **electricity** it takes to keep the equipment going. Since the beginning, **technology** has changed and it has required many updates throughout the years. It takes **supplies**—boxes, tape, glue, ink, but the biggest of these would be **paper**. We estimate that we have used 660 truckloads of paper since the beginning of the ministry; in fact, we used 45 loads just last year! It takes **shipping ministries** to help us get the Scripture to the field. Our Seedline ministry uses **trucks and trailers** to transport Scripture to churches where they assemble it.

Translation teams work to translate God's Word in languages which have never had a Bible, and the **firstBible** part of *Bearing Precious Seed* often coordinates this effort. It takes **dedicated missionaries** around the world who receive and distribute the Scripture that is printed. Our **BPS El Paso** facility gives people a hands-on experience of assembling Scripture and then working with churches in Mexico to distribute God's Word on the foreign mission field. It takes **committed people** to participate in a week at El Paso.

We have mentioned many things it takes to print the Scripture, but it is **God who does it all**. What a blessing it is to partner with so many across the nation working together for Him! Thank you for **your involvement**; it helps us increase what we get to do for Him.

Al Braley,
BPS Director of Operations



Memorials have been received in memory of:

Debbie Barclay by Clyde and Linda Durnill of Milford, OH
by David and Nancy Moorehead of Milford, OH

Richard Bonnett by Walter and Donna Gray of Loveland, OH

Tommy Joseph Burke III by Stephanie Pianzio of St George, SC
by Margaret Shuey of St George, SC

Audrey Caudill by Ethel Simpson of Cincinnati, OH

Joanna Creason by Nancy C. Baker of Princeton, KY
by Bruce and Roxsa Bradburn of Glasgow, KY
by Paula B. Connell of Banton, KY
by Fastening Solutions, Inc. in Montgomery, AL
by Michael and Bessie Hardie of Calvert City, KY
by Rhonda Long of Bardwell, KY
by Karen and Elott Raffety of Wyatt, MO
by Steven and Gina Terry of Cunningham, KY

Pastor James Dennis by the Tom Gwinn Family of Baltimore, OH

Gene & Kitty Duncan by Victory Baptist Church of Panama City, FL

Olive Ferrell by Linda Warren of Atlanta, GA

Doris Gulton by Clyde and Linda Durnill of Milford, OH

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by Bill and Edythe Henschen of New Knoxville, OH
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by Clyde and Linda Durnill of Milford, OH
by Don and Shirley Melton of Milford, OH
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by Ray and Shelby Putansu of Ocala, FL
by Gary and Catherine Stevens of Ocala, FL

Dot Kirkley by the Ladies' Class at Grace Baptist Church
in Panama City, FL

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by Bible Baptist Church of Morrow, OH
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by Danny and Marlene Carter of Mason, OH
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by Fellowship Baptist Church in Lebanon, OH
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by Pastor Bill Webb of Fayetteville, OH

Richard Spencer by Clyde and Linda Durnill of Milford, OH

Alton Stewart by Victory Baptist Church in Panama City, FL

Betty Younger by Liberty Baptist Church in Winston Salem, NC

I was taught the Scriptures years before I could even *read* the Scriptures. Unfortunately, that's not the case for most people in the world. Even if at some time in their lives they received a copy of God's Word, many would still lack the formative years of teaching that most of you reading this article have experienced. This is why it is so important to invest in Biblical training during the process of providing them with a Bible. Case in point, the Ethiopian eunuch had Scripture in his possession, but lacked the training necessary to understand and apply faith to what he read. National training is vital to church-planting and must go hand in hand with Bible publishing.

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Over the past four years, teams from *firstBible International* have invested much in the area of national training. Recently, two of our families returned from a six-week training venture in one of the most populated countries within the 10/40 Window. Not only are the nationals receiving foundational training but also corresponding materials translated into their language. As a result, they are taking what they have learned -as well as what they hold in their hands- back to their people in remote villages.

Although there are visa restrictions, cultural challenges, and numerous religious adversities, we must continue to support through scriptural training, Biblical education, and building a firm foundation. Perhaps one day, the succeeding generations of Christians in restricted areas will have said about them, "*And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures.*"

Dale Money, firstBible Director

As God continues to use *BPS* to get His Word out and we see more churches that have a desire to be involved in *Seedline*, God has given us two new families in our ministry. Please pray for Tyler and Shannon Bridges and Tyler and Nicole Williamson. Please call (513) 575-1706 extension 710 if you would like more information about *Seedline* and how your church can get involved.



At the age of twelve, I was introduced to the ministry of *BPS/Seedline* through my Christian school. A “support team” of students assisted with the church’s Scripture assembly week. Over the next six years I continued to be involved with *Seedline* and also spent time at the print shop when I wasn’t working or in school. Through a series of events after college, the Lord burdened me to spend more time in ministry-related activity. Through this I was offered an internship through *First Baptist Church* of Milford, which in turn became a full-time position. During this time I also met my bride, Nicole, and we started to learn the blessings of serving together.

After twenty-four months of serving in the ministries of *FBC*, the Lord moved me into *BPS/Seedline*, where I’ve been serving the last three years. Nicole and I recently accepted the commission of full-time missionaries with *BPS*. We are excited about what the Lord is doing in *BPS*. Over the last three years we’ve been in many churches, developed relationships, and been involved in projects that have seen Scriptures assembled and sent to places we’ve never even seen. Only eternity will tell the story, and we are humbled that God would allow us to bear His name in this world. We covet your prayers, and we praise the Lord for His blessings to come.

Tyler Williamson



In 2014 I started working with *Bearing Precious Seed* through the *Seedline* ministry as an intern my sophomore year of college. I worked summer and winter breaks as I finished my college education in Pastoral Ministries with a Mission minor. I knew God was calling me to ministry, but I didn’t know in exactly what capacity.

During a missions trip to Hungary in 2014, God burdened me to help get the message to His messengers around the world. God then presented me with the opportunity to be a part of *Bearing Precious Seed*. After graduating from college, I married Shannon, and we both now serve as *Seedline* missionaries. God is opening up more doors for our family to serve together as we anticipate our firstborn son and as we seek to grow *Seedline* in churches out in the West.

Tyler Bridges



The Olympics—just mentioning the event evokes an Olympic memory in many people’s minds, whether it’s a spectacular moment that resulted in an unexpected gold medal or a heartbreaking defeat that resulted in an athlete missing the podium altogether. The Olympics always results in a spirit of national pride as spectators from all around the world cheer for their country’s athletes. Even the toughest individuals often get a tear in their eye as they watch their flag raised and hear their national anthem played.

Recently, the Lord blessed *Bearing Precious Seed* with the opportunity to provide Scripture for distribution during the Winter Olympics. 100,000 Scripture portions were assembled and shipped for distribution. I, along with three other men, had the privilege to go to South Korea and work with a local church and missionary to distribute these copies of God’s Word. I am pleased to report that all of the Scriptures were distributed during the Olympic games.

The South Koreans were a very kind and gracious people. Many people accepted the free gift we offered them. It filled our hearts with joy to witness many of these precious souls stop what they were doing and read from the copy of God’s Word they had just received. Although we were unable to communicate with them due to the language barrier, our prayer was that the Holy Spirit would work in their hearts and show them the free gift of salvation available through Jesus Christ. We also encountered several South Korean Christians who thanked us for coming to help them reach their country with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As I recall the week spent in South Korea, and I reflect on how the Lord allowed us to be a part of His work, I cannot help but think about 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.” Please claim this promise from God’s Word and pray that the Lord will continue to work in the hearts of those who received the Scriptures. What a blessing it will be one day when the trumpet (Heaven’s “national anthem”) sounds, and we will be able to spend all of eternity with many precious souls from South Korea.

Dan Gill, Seedline Missionary



BPS *update*



NEWS/PRAISE:

- ♦ We have printed Scripture in 7 languages so far this year.
- ♦ 1,840,000 Scriptures have been printed year-to-date.
- ♦ 99,000 French John & Romans, and 29,700 French New Testaments were shipped to Togo January 19th.
- ♦ 19,359 Burmese Whole Bibles and 96,040 Burmese John & Romans were shipped to Myanmar March 27th.
- ♦ A local machine shop fixed a major part on the web press and saved 3 weeks of downtime and about \$3,000.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ♦ We had to upgrade our computer-to-plate system, and we still need to pay \$15,000.
- ♦ Pray for continued safety for those traveling for the ministry.
- ♦ Pray for wisdom with future decisions of equipment that may need to be replaced.
- ♦ Pray for a container that is stuck in the port in Togo.
- ♦ Pray for more churches to support the ministry monthly.
- ♦ Pray for *National Bible Publishing Month* participation.

These men are the faithful servants who labor daily in the print shop. Please pray for them and their families. They are essential to the daily production of God's Word at *Bearing Precious Seed*



Jerry McNealy

Head Pressman/Lead

wife—Diane

Nathan Pennell

Bindery Operator/Pressman

wife—Julie

children—Taylor, Joshua, DeAnna,
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- 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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