

NEWSLETTER

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

There's a familiar Scripture song found in Psalm 18. Verse 3 says, "I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." Verse 46 states, "The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted." Let us praise and worship our Saviour for who He is and what He's done by



giving us the opportunity to know Him! Psalm 18:49 tells us, "Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name."

These verses are such a blessing to sing, read and proclaim to the world that Jesus lives! His name is to be magnified in all the world, even "among the heathen." That phrase makes me think of those who've not had an opportunity to hear His name, sing a Psalm or open the Word of God. The heathen—without God and without hope! I then read verse 30: "As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him." As for God...does God want the heathen to have what He has provided for all mankind? Is HE and His Word sufficient and necessary for all? The answer we would all give is a resounding YES!

This is not to question God, but rather to challenge us with our responsibility to know God, to love God, and to enjoy His Word. This verse tells us His way is perfect. Of course, we know from John 14:6 that He is the way, the truth, and the life. God's ways may not always be our ways, but we can rest assured that His ways are higher than our ways, for He is God!

The middle phrase in verse 30 states, "the Word of the Lord is tried..." I personally have found His Word worthy and available to meet every need in my life, and I'm sure you can say the same. Would you rejoice today in His Word and consider the heathen—those without God and without His Word? What would it be like to be in their shoes instead of ours: without the Word of God, without an opportunity to know God, and without hope? I suspect I would unknowingly hope someone cared enough to at least work, give and do what they could to provide me with that opportunity. Would you partner with us to provide them a copy of the Word of God?

May the Lord continue to bless you and your labour for Him. If we can assist you or your missionaries with your Bible needs in this coming year, please allow us the opportunity to help.

In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor First Baptist Church

BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

Praises & Prayer Requests

But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

Psalm 68:3

I am not sure how often we **exceedingly** rejoice! This has been a blessed year, and God's Word continues to be sent around the world. We thank you for your involvement, and we also thank those of you who strive to get others involved in sending God's Word to the lost. It

is the responsibility of all Christians, and we are grateful for each of you who partner with us to get the Message to the Messengers! Throughout this newsletter, we have listed the blessings of each area of BPS Milford. We have also listed ways you can pray for the ministry in the upcoming year. Thank you in advance for your prayers!



- ► Containers or Crates were shipped to 24 countries
- ► Scripture was printed in 13 Languages
- ▶ Printed John & Romans in the **Ewe language** for the first time
- ▶ More Whole Bibles were printed during 2018 than any other year in the past
- ▶ Printed **personalized Scriptures** for 246 churches in 43 states and 17 foreign countries
- ▶ Printed personalized Scriptures for 13 church plants in 11 states
- ► Used **1,400,000 lbs.** of paper
- ► Used **42 truckloads** of paper
- ► Had 94% yield on the web press
- ▶ Safety throughout the year both in the shop and while traveling for BPS
- Many Groups and Volunteers continue to help and be an ongoing blessing
- ► God continued to supply paper at the needed levels
- ▶The Bible Publishing Summit meeting in July was a blessing and an encouragement
- ▶ Some **new churches** have begun partnering with us
- ▶ We are in the process of securing a **5-color sheet-fed press** with coater
- ▶ Missionaries have sent reports of hundreds saved in various locations

PRAYER REQUESTS

- ▶ Increased monthly support for the ministry
- ► Traveling safety for those who represent the ministry and for those who deliver Scripture
- ► Safety for those who work in the print shop
- ▶ Ongoing work on multiple Scripture translating projects
- ► Equipment to run efficiently and effectively
- ► The 2019 National Bible Publishing Month **offerings for paper** will meet/exceed the funds needed for multiple projects



Al Braley, BPS Director of Operations

Memorials have been received in memory of:

Pastor William Boyd by Barbara & Roger Pennington of Elsmere, KY
Carol by Noelline and Mario Morin of Ridgefield, CT
David Duncan by Victory Baptist Church of Panama City, FL
Gary Johnson by Victory Baptist Church of Panama City, FL
Frances Landers by Eaves Tabernacle Baptist Church of Leesburg, TX
Nancy Maynard by Landmark Baptist Church of Louisville, KY
Karen Mertz by Landmark Baptist Church of Louisville, KY
C.H. "Bugs" Nelson by Victory Baptist Church of Panama City, FL
Lillian Norton by Charles & Juliet Conard of Manheim, PA
Donna Patenaude by Landmark Baptist Church of Louisville, KY

Nancy Smith by James & Shelly Smith of Blanchester, OH
Jerry Spelbring by the Faithful Followers Class
at First Baptist Church of Tipton, IN
Marjorie Rose Suter by Frank & Melinda Bullock of Farmersburg, IN
Reda Stone by Landmark Baptist Church of Louisville, KY

& in honor of:

Carol Alsip by James & Shelly Smith of Blanchester, OH Marie Ford by Gantt Street Baptist Church of Cayce, SC

2018 was another exciting year at Bearing Precious Seed El Paso! We are so thankful for all that the Lord continues to do in and through this ministry. We understand nothing is done without God's power, and we desire to continue to follow the Holy Spirit's leading. The summer is our busy season for hosting mission trips, and we were thankful to see more than 230 guests come join us as we distributed Scripture and shared Jesus with the lost. We were also able to host 4 additional trips outside of the summer months, allowing other churches to come at a more convenient time for them. The Lord blessed mightily in all of the trips. Our greatest rejoicing is that we had over 500 professions of faith through the trips! It brings great satisfaction knowing God was glorified through souls being saved! To have a part in that is so fulfilling. It is our privilege to do our part in carrying out the Great Commission.

2018 Highlights:

- ➤ Over 230 participants from 18 churches joined us for mission trips
- ► Over 500 professions of faith through the Mexico, Navajo, and medical trips
- ► A successful Juarez Project again this year with more than 75,000 Scriptures distributed
- ► A maintenance missions team came down to work on projects on the BPS El Paso property
- ► A tremendously successful medical missions trip occurred in late November with more than 400 people helped medically and resulted in more than 150 professions of faith that week alone

Prayer Requests:

- ► Trip planning for 2019 (praying for many more groups to sign up)
- New churches will join us for mission trips
- ► Churches will take on BPS El Paso for support
- ▶ Property repairs needed in El Paso
- ► Safety for travel back and forth across the border year round
- ▶ Discipleship and follow-up for those saved in 2018
- ▶ Further strengthening of the churches in Mexico





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 India, Nigeria, Ukraine, and Vietnam in 2019. Free promotional materials are available upon request. For more information, please contact us at 513-575-1706.

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We rejoice that churches continually desire to partner with BPS Seedline and help get the Word of God to the foreign field. Not only do they help cover the cost of Scriptures and help assemble the Scriptures in their churches, but many have also helped in other ways. For example, some churches have helped in the logistics of transporting and storing Scriptures; some have helped with the maintenance and repairs of equipment; others have

helped with the needs of our Seedline missionaries. It is a constant reminder that God wants His people involved in His work and with His Word. This year He has answered so many prayers for us, and we look forward to what He will do in 2019.

Praises from 2018

- ► 8.3 million Scriptures were assembled through Seedline churches
- ▶ 18 new churches were involved in Seedline this year
- ► We had our first Seedline project in the state of Oregon
- ▶ One of our Seedline trucks was replaced and paid for
- ► The Williamsons joined the Seedline family this year
- ► The Bridges family relocated to Texas to better serve churches in the Southwest and Southern California

Prayer Requests for 2019

- ► Safety as we travel
- ▶ To have more churches get involved at greater levels
- ► More opportunities to help supply missionaries with Scripture on the foreign field
- ▶ To be able to replace another Seedline truck
- ▶ To see more churches support BPS monthly, allowing more Scriptures to be printed in the shop





Bearing Precious Seed welcomes the addition of TAINO Ministries. TAINO is a team of internationals from Spanish and English-speaking countries whose goal is to establish a network of reproducing churches throughout Central and South America. Founded by missionary Jim Roe, who serves in a Restricted Access Nation, the pioneer venture of TAINO ministries is dedicated

to facilitating the training of nationals into the next phase of the Great Commission, the regions beyond.

2018 Praises

- ▶ In conjunction with the Bearing Precious Seed Summit, TAINO hosted its inaugural meeting in Milford, Ohio with 5 countries being represented. Highlights include: the development of an international team; a decision to target the least-reached areas of the Amazon; and the validation of national leadership in this next step of missions.
- ▶ In a survey trip to the Amazon, plans were made for an international team to begin equipping and training many "river pastors" who desire to take outreach to the next level.

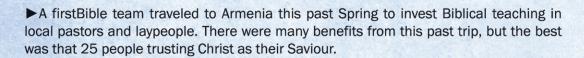
► Two sheet-fed presses have been donated; initial funds have been given for shipment and printing to begin in the Amazon.

Prayer Requests

► A meeting place to be secured in a strategic location for the purpose of Bible Institute classes in the Amazon as well as the needed funds to be raised.

► Approval for travel and the required visas for certain International Team members.







▶ firstBible funded a printing of 2,000 Nepali Bibles. Once the Scriptures were printed,

they were divided and shipped to two locations. It is amazing to see how the hand of the Lord works. One of the shipments "happened" to be delivered on the same day as a pastors conference. As the pastors left that day, they loaded boxes of Nepali Bibles in their vehicles and took them back to their villages. One Nepali Pastor testified, "If we were to buy this Bible, it would cost huge amount of money. Thank you for providing this Bible for us." After comparing the Bible we gave them (TR based translation) with the Bible they had, one pastor with tears said, "Till today, we are reading the wrong Bible." All pastors expressed their gratitude for the Bibles and for the hard work done to get the Bibles to them.

► A team from firstBible traveled to an Asian country in September. During this trip, 330

Funds were raised to print 5,000 Bibles for a language in the Middle East.



delegates attended training seminars, and hundreds of others attended special church services. Biblical material was provided and distributed among the people. Also two laptops were given for small translation projects. During the same trip, Burmese Bibles printed at Bearing Precious Seed were carried in suitcases and given to pastors and Bible students.



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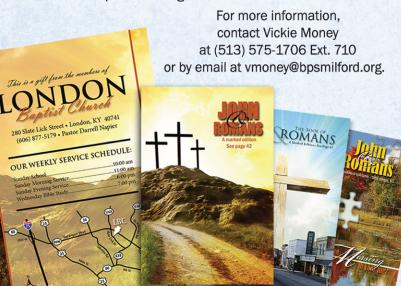
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Scripture Focused Mission Trips

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 1-7 †
June 8-14 †

June 15-21 **
June 22-28 †
July 6-12 †
July 13-19 †
July 20-26 **
August 3-9 †
August 10-16 †

August 17-23 †
†Juarez Project

** Navajo outreach

For more information, email missionstrips@bpselpaso.org or call (915) 857-1122 or (513) 575-1706.

