



# BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

## NEWSLETTER

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

Psalms 126:5-6 states, "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."

A big "Thank You" goes to so many people over the years who have participated in making God's Word available through this local church here at *First Baptist Church* of Milford, Ohio. In Acts 13, Paul gives us an example of how God used him to get the Word of God to others. Paul proclaimed it; he was used to provide it; he preserved it; and he caused it to be published throughout the region. May each of us allow God to use us, just as He did others we study about in His Word!



I recently pondered several verses in the Word of God that are very precious to me personally. After meditating on them for a while, the thought struck me that some people don't have the Word of God at all. They aren't blessed by reading it, nor challenged by studying it. They don't enjoy the promises of it, and it's simply because they just don't have the Word of God. What a thought! What would my life and your life be like without the written Word of God?

We at *Bearing Precious Seed* in Milford, Ohio, desire to be used by God to produce and publish His Word for the world. For English-speaking people throughout the world, we print only the King James Bible. For all other languages, we strive to print those that have been translated from the Textus Receptus. We continue to seek ways to print God's Word in other languages and regions where the Bible has never been published.

In August of 2020, *First Baptist Church* of Milford will start *First Bible School of Translation*, a 90 credit-hour master's program to train Bible translators. We need your prayers for this endeavor, and we also ask you to send this information to anyone you might know who desires to be used of God in that area of ministry. For more information, please visit [www.firstbible.com](http://www.firstbible.com). An information packet is available upon request. Our desire is to partner with folks like yourself who are interested in getting the Word of God to our world.



In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor  
*First Baptist Church*





# FIRSTBIBLE

school of translation

On the day of Pentecost when the people of the world had gathered together in Jerusalem, they couldn't believe that God would speak to them in their heart-language! Those travelers undoubtedly knew Greek, the trade language of the Roman Empire; and it is likely that they spoke Aramaic, the common language of Judea. But Luke recorded the response of these travelers when God spoke to them in their mother tongue: "And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?" (Acts 2:8). They were ecstatic; they couldn't believe it!

At *FirstBible School of Translation*, we have a desire to continue what began on that exciting day. *FirstBible School of Translation* is a ninety-credit, graduate program solely designed to prepare Bible translators who can translate God's Word into either written or unwritten languages. Our mission is to prepare men and women, at the master's level, to provide a people group with their very first Bible.

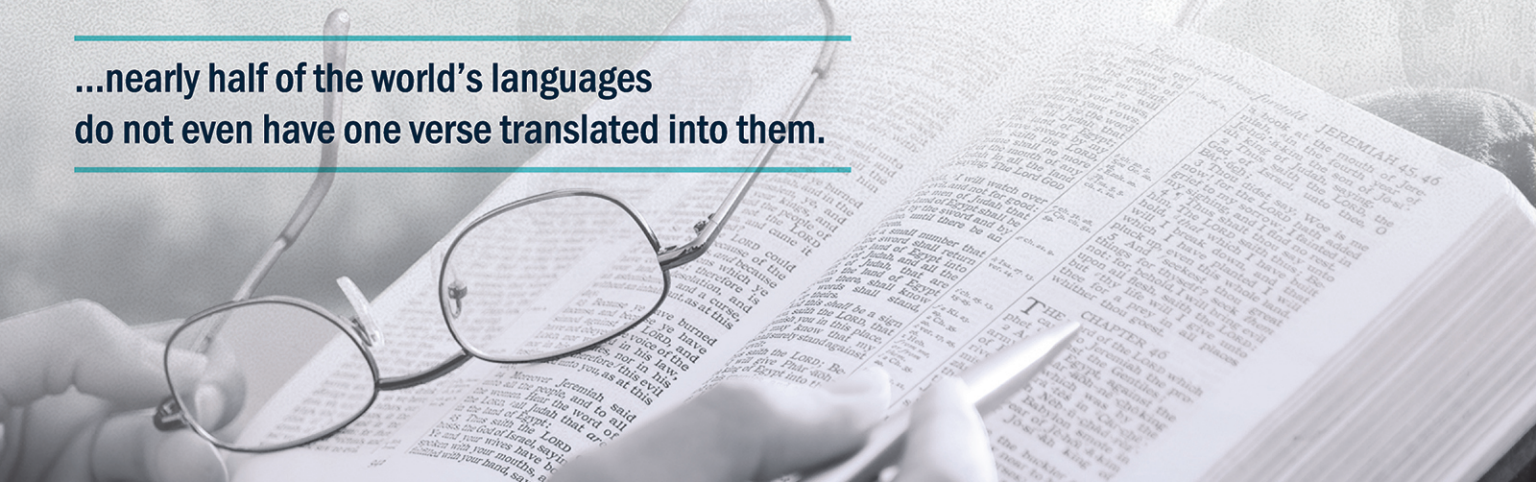
William Tyndale was someone who understood the importance of getting God's Word into the heart language of a people group. William Tyndale once had a Roman Catholic Church official say to him: "I'd rather have the Pope's word than God's Word." Tyndale couldn't believe it; he responded: "If God gives me time, I will cause a ploughboy to understand God's Word better than you do." One of Tyndale's close friends was Desiderius Erasmus; Erasmus wrote in the preface to his Greek New Testament in 1516: "I wish that the Scriptures were translated into all languages of the people that they might be read and known." A decade later, William Tyndale used that Greek edition to translate the New Testament from Greek into English for the first time ever (1527). We almost cannot even imagine what it would be like to not have God's Word in English.

George Whitefield was just returning to England from significant ministry during the American Great Awakening. When his ship accidentally landed at Ireland (probably 1738), he had this to say: "I can think of nothing better for the [salvation of the lost] than to get the Bible translated into their own native languages and to have it put in their houses! Oh that some man, in whom is the Spirit of God, would undertake this!"

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If you think about it, many of the great servants of God from the past have had a passion for the translation of God's Word into the heart-languages of all people. Sadly today, many people don't see a need for Bible translation. In fact, 72% of Americans—3 out of 4 Americans—believe the Bible is already available in all of the languages of the world.<sup>1</sup> But the truth is that less than 10% of the world's languages have a whole Bible. And nearly half of the world's languages do not even have one verse translated into them.

*First Baptist Church* of Milford has already been known for *Bearing Precious Seed* and the publication of the Bible. Now God is enlarging that vision to include the translation of God's Word into the heart-languages of the 1.3 billion people in our world who still lack one verse. If you believe God might be calling you into the essential ministry of Bible translation, our team would love to speak with you. *FirstBible School of Translation* is unique in that it brings together Biblical languages, advanced linguistics, and translation philosophy into one seamless master's program. Visit us at [firstBible.com](http://firstBible.com) for more information. We'd love to send you an information packet.

Edward Barclay, Executive Vice President

<sup>1</sup> *American Bible Society*, Annual State of the Bible Survey (for 2015).

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ▶ Continue to pray for the supply of paper at good pricing.
- ▶ Continue to pray for the men in the shop and equipment efficiency.
- ▶ Pray for travel safety of those representing *Bearing Precious Seed*, *FirstBible*, and *Seedline*.
- ▶ Pray for the 2020 *National Bible Publishing Month* projects. The focus projects are Gabon (French), Kiribati (Kiribati), Philippines (Ilonggo), and Uganda (English).
- ▶ Pray that we will be able to produce hardback Bibles for the mission field more economically. Being able to produce hardback covers in-house will help reduce the cost we currently pay per Bible by 20%.



## PRAISES:

- ▶ Through God's blessings and the help of supporting churches, *BPS Milford* has printed 191,539,870 copies of Scripture since 1973.
- ▶ 9,520,042 Scriptures have been printed at BPS through the end of September.
- ▶ Scriptures have been printed in 16 different languages year-to-date.
- ▶ 1,227,500 lbs. of paper have been printed year-to-date.
- ▶ The Casemaker (pictured at left) for creating hardback covers in-house is installed and operating.





*Memorials have been received in memory of:*

**Yolie Alvarez** by Ken & Bonnie Hopper of El Paso, TX  
**Margaret M. Brick** by Connie Tarter of Cincinnati, OH  
**Rosalea Bullock** by Charles Bullock of Somerset, KY  
**Ana Dennette Cornali** by Ken & Bonnie Hopper of El Paso, TX  
**Norman Davis** by Landmark Baptist Church in Louisville, KY  
**Earl Dieterly** by Mr. & Mrs. James Tuten of Panama City, FL  
**Elizabeth Dougherty** by Waterloo Baptist Church in Waterloo, NY  
**Paul William Elliot** by Victory Baptist Church in Walhalla, SC  
**Keith Goodier** by Landmark Baptist Church in Louisville, KY  
**Connie Green** by Connie Tarter of Cincinnati, OH  
**Paulette Hall** by Dr. Mark Edwards of Uniontown, PA  
**Ed Hargrove** by Landmark Baptist Church in Louisville, KY  
**Douglas Heckman** by Landmark Baptist Church in Louisville, KY  
**Dr. Richard Kirby Lancaster** by Connie Tarter of Cincinnati, OH  
**Veggie R. McCoy** by Crossroad Baptist Church in Cincinnati, OH  
**Neil McMillan** by Peggy Burke Shuey of St. George, SC

**Lennie McWhorter** by Dr. & Mrs. William Boyd of Batavia, OH  
 by Alan & Nancy Cutter of Washington Court House, OH  
 by Charles and Judith Hagedorn of Aurora, IN  
 by the McWhorter family of Milford, OH  
 by Agnes Osborne of Batavia, OH  
 by Roger and Barbara Pennington of Elsmere, KY  
**Lindsay Mitchell** by Jim & Melissa Roe of Seaman, OH  
 by Bill & Wilma Shipley of Winchester, OH  
**Joseph Myers** by Ken & Bonnie Hopper of El Paso, TX  
**Dorothy Nichol** by Landmark Baptist Church in Louisville, KY  
**Mary Jane Poer** by Landmark Baptist Church in Louisville, KY  
**Arthur Sanders** by Landmark Baptist Church in Louisville, KY  
**Eloise Smith** by Mr. & Mrs. James Tuten of Panama City, FL

*& in honor of:*

**Bonnie & Bob** by Robert Roush and Robert Roush of Newville, PA  
**Pastor Robert Setzer & his wife Audrey** by Hope Hamilton of Lenoir, NC



To schedule a meeting with one of our missionary representatives, please contact *Bearing Precious Seed* at 513-575-1706 or [info@bpsmilford.org](mailto:info@bpsmilford.org).

We would love to visit your church and update it on what God is doing at BPS, or to be a part of your missions conference.



BPS El Paso provides mission trip opportunities involving the assembling of God's Word and distributing it to the lost in Mexico and the Navajo Nation.

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Many of us could make a list of world events that have occurred in our lifetime and have had a major impact on the lives of others. The following events have happened in my lifetime:

- First Man in Space 1961 (I was 4 years old!)
- Berlin Wall erected
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- JFK assassinated
- MLK's "I have a Dream" speech
- The Six-Day War
- Armstrong sets foot on moon
- US exits Vietnam
- Nixon Resigns
- Ethiopian Famine
- Challenger spacecraft explodes
- Fall of Berlin Wall
- Desert Storm
- 9/11 terrorist attacks
- Facebook founded
- Hurricane Katrina
- iPhone debuts

These events are well-known to most people living today. Many altered history; some resulted in numerous deaths; and others changed the handling of business, ethics, disasters, security, and communication. Two overriding events remained constant throughout these years; they were births and deaths. The current world population is 7.7 billion people.

When researching the world population levels, it is mind-boggling to consider how many people are born and how many people die in a single day. At the time I viewed this particular website, it was 4:00 pm. By that time, there had already been 257,000 births and 107,705 deaths that day alone. This year's worldwide population growth through the end of September is over 62,000,000. More than 44,000,000 souls have gone out into eternity so far this year. Do you wonder how many of those had an opportunity to receive Christ?

In the 1960's, a man named Don Fraser challenged churches to print the Word of God. Many churches accepted that challenge and began to print. In July of 2020, we are going to host the 3rd *Bible Publishing Summit* here in Milford, Ohio. The goal is to get as many churches who are printing and publishing God's Word to come together for a time of encouragement and to share how we can possibly help each other do more for the cause of Christ. Bro. Fraser had a vision and also a conviction that it was the local church's responsibility to print the Bible as well as to care for it. Praise the Lord for the churches who took on that challenge and for all the churches across the country who partner together to reach the world.

In 2020, *Bearing Precious Seed* in Milford will pass 200 million Scriptures printed since the beginning of the ministry. I recently read where the *Fellowship Tract League* has printed 4.9 billion tracts since their beginning, and will Lord willing pass the 5 billion mark in 2020. We praise God for ministry milestones in other places as well. It is all for His Glory and for lost souls to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus. Praise the Lord for each printing ministry and for all those who partner with us to make it happen. Thank you for all you do for Him!

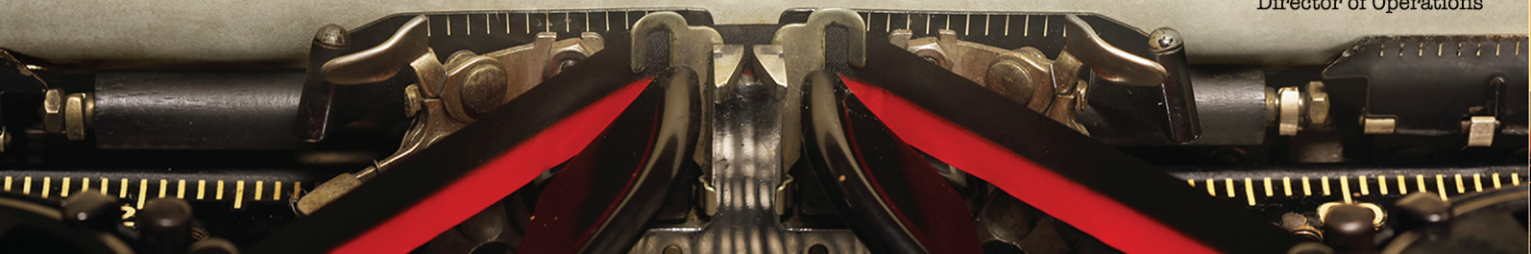
"...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel..." (Mark 16:15)

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17)

"The Gospel is only good news if it gets there in time" – Carl Henry

# IN MY LIFETIME

Al Braley,  
Director of Operations







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To bring together Bible publishing ministries for a time of fellowship, refreshment, preaching and sharing resources to improve our overall efficiencies, effectiveness and eternal impact.

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