



BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER

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When Nehemiah described those who were active in the work, he said, *"For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me."* (Nehemiah 4:18) The phrase that caught my attention was *"...every one had his sword girded by his side..."* Ephesians 6:17 tells me the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God. Every child of God needs to have his sword at his side at all times. We need to learn the following verses about the "sword" and its value, and apply it to our lives:

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalm 119:11)

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. (Psalm 1:1-2)

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide. (Psalm 37:31)

Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth, and lay up his words in thine heart. (Job 22:22)

When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: (Proverbs 2:10-11)

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts. (Jeremiah 15:16)

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (Colossians 3:16)

We at *Bearing Precious Seed* are interested in ensuring everyone has a "sword." Would you partner with us to make sure the "sword" is available to everyone?

In 2020 *First Baptist Church* will start *FirstBible School of Translation* with the purpose of training men and women to translate the "sword" into languages which do not have the Word of God. Please pray about this endeavor to train translators. If you know anyone who may be interested in being involved, please let us know. You can visit our newest website for this endeavor at firstbible.com. Thank you!

In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor
First Baptist Church



SHIPPING HIGHLIGHTS:



SIERRA LEONE Shipped February 7th
390,000 English John & Romans



GRENADA Shipped February 15th
1,200 English whole Bibles



SCOTLAND Shipped February 15th
1,035 English New Testaments



GHANA Shipped March 21st
2,790 English New Testaments
720 English whole Bibles



LITHUANIA Shipped March 27th*
250,000 Lithuanian John & Romans
*Shipped from Berean Baptist Church in Adrian, MI



SOUTH AFRICA Shipped April 4th
136,440 English John & Romans
210 English whole Bibles



TOGO Shipped April 22nd
178,800 French/Ewe John & Romans
2,760 French whole Bibles



PERU Shipped April 25th
310,500 Spanish John & Romans
450 Spanish whole Bibles



UNITED STATES

These Scriptures were shipped by truckload to multiple other ministries in the US for worldwide distribution

963,000 English John & Romans
306,000 Spanish John & Romans
72,000 German John & Romans
72,000 Amharic John & Romans
54,000 Portuguese John & Romans
54,000 Thai John & Romans
36,000 Swahili John & Romans
36,000 Slovenian John & Romans
36,000 Russian John & Romans
18,000 Burmese John & Romans
9,000 Hungarian John & Romans
3,600 Portuguese whole Bibles



Memorials have been received in memory of:

Betty Aubrecht by Riverside Baptist Church in Chesterfield, MO
James Baker by Cleo Osborne of Milford, OH
Otis Braley by Lena Braley of Blanchester, OH
Robert Burch by Victory Independent Baptist Church in Panama City, FL
Hershel Case by Corwin and Shirley Nichols of Chattanooga, TN
Jewel Collins by Victory Independent Baptist Church in Panama City, FL
George DeVore by Arlene Harvey of Dillon, MT
Geneva Duncan by Cheryl Hufford of Cincinnati, OH
by Thomas Hufford Jr. of Cincinnati, OH
by Lindsay Tenkman of Cincinnati, OH
Cecil Gregory by Beth and Shawn Brown of Fairfield, OH
by Ken and Bonnie Hopper of El Paso, TX
by Drew & Katelin Keller of Hamilton, OH
by Tim Sizemore of Fairborn, OH
by Mike and Ruth Kelly of Goshen, OH
by Cleo Osborne of Milford, OH
by Pat Parsley of Loveland, OH
by Amy Walker of Bremen, GA

Jim Haynie by Victory Independent Baptist Church in Panama City, FL
Brandon Kennemer by Eaves Tabernacle Baptist Church of Leesburg, TX
Eva Lee by Sylvia Braley of Loveland, OH
by Clyde & Linda Durnil of Milford, OH
by Cleo Osborne of Milford, OH
by Carol Schuchmann of Loveland, OH
Beulah Rooms by Ken and Bonnie Hopper of El Paso, TX
Jerry Spelbring by Sandra K. Delph of Tipton, IN
Reda Stone by Landmark Baptist Church in Louisville, KY
Betty Younger by Liberty Baptist Church of Winston Salem, NC

& in honor of:

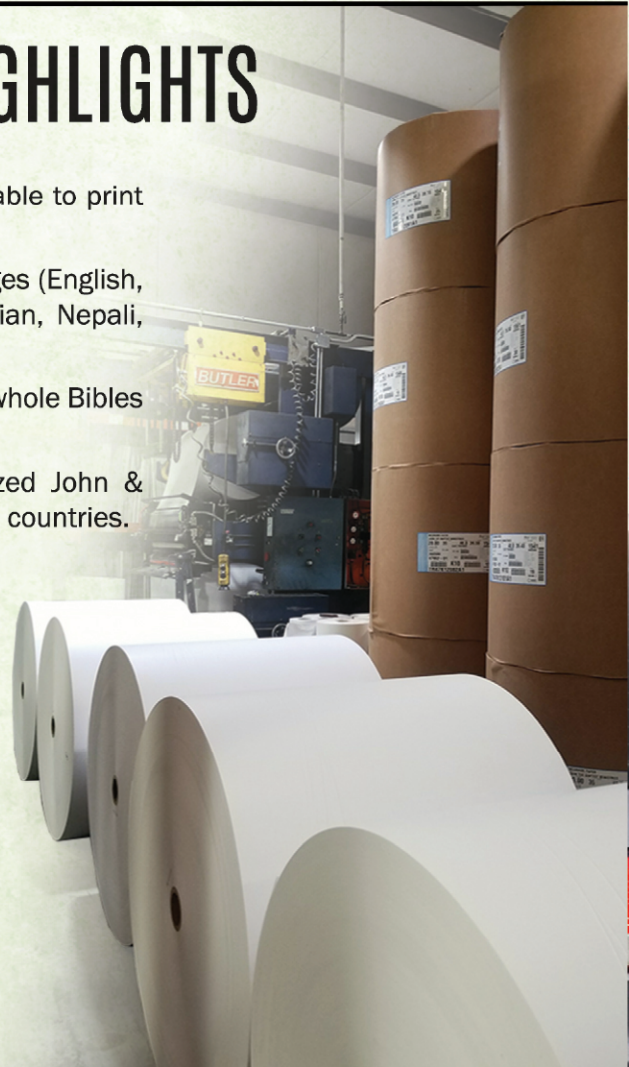
Bonnie & Bob by Robert Roush and Robert Roush III of Newville, PA
The Braley-Whittle Family by Royce and Pamela Braley of Fargo, ND
Mrs. Marlene by Patty L. Barker of Kinson, NC

FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS



- ▶ During the first three months, we were able to print 4,000,000 copies of Scripture.
- ▶ We have printed Scripture in ten languages (English, French, French Creole, Ilonggo, Lithuanian, Nepali, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Thai).
- ▶ So far in 2019, we have printed 55,000 whole Bibles and 40,310 New Testaments.
- ▶ We have produced 322,000 personalized John & Romans for eight churches in five foreign countries.

- ▶ We have used about sixteen truckloads of paper so far this year.
- ▶ Praise the Lord for some answers to prayer about paper cost. We have been able to buy some paper for Bibles at 60% of current paper costs. We were able to secure 150,000 lbs. at this 40% savings. Paper has increased in costs, but God has redirected some to us at a reduced cost!
- ▶ While we have had some problems with our equipment, *Valley Machine Tool* in Morrow, Ohio, was able to help us with some machining issues, saving quite a bit on our repair expenses.
- ▶ Some new equipment has been added to the print shop.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ▶ We have 25,000 English Bibles at our bindery that will be assembled in the next two weeks, followed by 10,000 Russian Bibles, 8,000 Ilonggo Bibles and 25,000 English New Testaments. Keep the shop in your prayers to run efficiently and safely.
- ▶ Please continue to pray for the men in the shop as they work tirelessly to keep the presses and other equipment running.
- ▶ Pray for the volunteers who come in almost daily to help run the bindery or assemble John & Romans. They are heavily involved in the ministry and continue to help get millions of copies of Scripture to the world.

Each year, *Bearing Precious Seed* missionaries travel thousands of miles presenting the ministry to a number of churches all across the country. Please pray for continued safety for all those who travel to represent BPS.

- ▶ Al & Penney Braley, *Bearing Precious Seed*
- ▶ Darryl & Kathy Seawright, *Bearing Precious Seed*
- ▶ Jerry & Kim Sexton, *Bearing Precious Seed*
- ▶ Hector & Ofelia Jiminez, *BPS El Paso*
- ▶ Tyler & Shannon Bridges, *BPS Seedline*
- ▶ Dan & Kelly Gill, *BPS Seedline*

- ▶ Chad & Heidi Robinson, *BPS Seedline*
- ▶ Tyler & Nikki Williamson, *BPS Seedline*
- ▶ Randy & Kelly Johnson, *BPS firstBible*
- ▶ Brent & Shelly Marowelli, *BPS firstBible*
- ▶ Dale & Vicki Money, *BPS firstBible*
- ▶ Mark & Tammy Siekbert, *BPS firstBible*

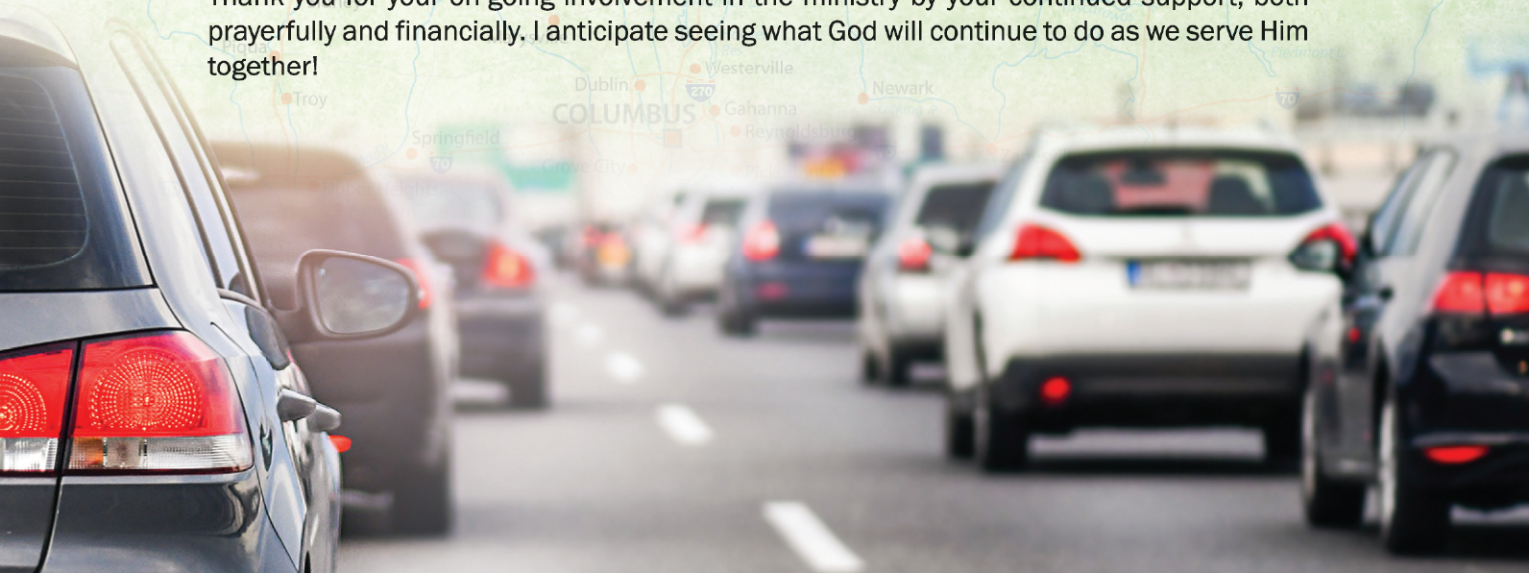
We also have families who are still very active in the ministry, but are unable to travel and represent BPS like they once did. Please pray for their health. Each of these families appreciates the ongoing prayer on their behalf.

- ▶ Sam & Betty Caudill
- ▶ Clyde & Linda Durnil
- ▶ Bob & Marie Ford

- ▶ Ken & Bonnie Hopper
- ▶ Larry & Donna Stallings

Please contact BPS @ (513) 575-1706 if you would like to schedule a meeting at your church.

Thank you for your on-going involvement in the ministry by your continued support, both prayerfully and financially. I anticipate seeing what God will continue to do as we serve Him together!



EQUIPMENT UPDATE:



- ▶ We have added a Miller 5-color sheet-fed press with a coater (pictured at left). It is over twenty years newer than the Miller 4-color press it replaced. It is installed and running well.
- ▶ We have installed a new pre-melter on our bindery line.
- ▶ In early April, the clutch went out on the web press, causing about a week of downtime while we waited for the part to be repaired.
- ▶ Around that same time, the bindery had a bearing go out and we needed to repair a shaft that was worn. These repairs caused the bindery to be down for more than a week.
- ▶ We are hoping to purchase a Slitter/Creaser in the near future. It will improve efficiency and quality.
- ▶ We are also looking to purchase a roll stand for the Didde press which will increase efficiency while printing large quantities of covers.

CONSIDER THIS:

- ▶ We had two weeks of downtime at the beginning of the year for routine maintenance.
- ▶ At normal speed, 68 pounds of paper run through the press each minute.
- ▶ Based on the paper used, the press ran 15,131 minutes through the first three months of the year.
- ▶ \$37.50 worth of paper runs through the press each minute.
- ▶ 15,131 minutes equaled \$567,415 worth of paper.
- ▶ The press has run 252 hours in the last eleven weeks, for an average of 23 hours per week.
- ▶ At the current rate we are running, if enough paper could be purchased, we could run 2.3 million pounds, or 58 truckloads, of paper by the end of the year.
- ▶ To print at our current rate, we will need to purchase three times the amount of paper we have run to this point.
- ▶ If we continued to print at our current rate, we would print approximately 14 million copies of Scripture this year.
- ▶ Please pray for continued and additional support!





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Personalized Scriptures

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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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- 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

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2019 SCHEDULE:

