



BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER

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

As I pondered some events of 2020, I was drawn to the Word of God to view what God hath done and is currently doing. I found this verse in Psalm 26:7 *"That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works."* My mind went to two quick thoughts.

1) **"...that I may publish..."** Psalms 68:11, *"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."* The privilege and joy of being in the company with many when together we get to publish His Word. We publish it with our voices of thanksgiving and provide and preserve it for those who need it.

2) **"... tell of all thy wondrous works."** What a privilege it is to be used by God then see Him bless His Word and His Work for Himself. In 2020, God lead us to another Goss Web Press that was used very little. He then sent four donations which will cover the cost of purchasing, moving, and setting it up at *Bearing Precious Seed*. **Only God!**

With blessings come responsibilities; thus, we commit to continue to be faithful in printing, providing, and preserving His Word. Our paper needs are going to increase immensely in 2021 and beyond. For what? To print for those who do not have the precious Word of God. **Our prayer is that God will be glorified in our efforts and by those receiving His Word.** We need to partner with as many churches and individuals as we can for the sake of His Word.

On Sunday, May 2nd, 2021, we will dedicate the newly acquired press. You are welcome to join us and see some of the wondrous things God is doing at *First Baptist Church* ministries and *Bearing Precious Seed*. If you want to give for paper, please do so generously and often for the sake of His Word. If you need Scripture for yourself, your church, or your missionaries, please contact *Bearing Precious Seed*. We would love to help with your Scripture needs.

In His work together,

Pastor William Duttry, *First Baptist Church*



UPDATE ON THE NEW PRESS

Two years ago we began looking for a press that would be newer and take us into the future. We continued to look and pray for God to open the door for a press that would fit that need. In October of 2020, we were contacted about a press that would work for us. We were able to purchase the press for 8% of what it was paid for new in 2007. The number of impressions on the press were equal to what we run in two years. We added up the purchase price of the press, the cost to move it, and the cost of additional equipment we would need to make it work for our purposes, and set a goal of the finances we would need. Praise the Lord, within 40 days the money was available from four major donations! We believe the Church is responsible for taking care of the Bible, and we will continue to do that. Thank you for your support of this ministry, both financially and prayer-wise. I look forward to sharing what God is doing at *Bearing Precious Seed*, and how the press installation and operation is progressing going forward. Our goal is to have a Dedication Service for the new press Sunday, May 2nd. If you would like to be with us that day, we would love for you to join us.



PAPER-THE GREATEST NEED

What is the greatest need at *Bearing Precious Seed*? The answer is paper. Going forward this will be even more evident than ever. We are in the process of bringing in a newer press that will have six printing units. God has provided in a miraculous way for this to become a reality. The goal in obtaining this press will be to eliminate costly changeovers, both in time and in paper waste. Our current press will remain on John & Romans, and we will print Bibles and New Testaments on the new press. This alone will eliminate between 30 and 40 days of downtime a year just in changeovers. It will also make it possible to bind Bibles in one pass instead of two, so binding will take half of the time that it currently does. Our capacity will increase; therefore, the need for paper will increase. We are excited about the new press coming in, and the goal is to have it running by April 23rd. Over the last 14 years, we have used 7,871,250 pounds of paper for Bibles and New Testaments.

We have used 196 truckloads during that period of time, which is right at one load per month for Bibles and New Testaments. This amount should increase due to less downtime and the press availability for Bibles and New Testaments. We anticipate seeing how God will provide going forward. The cost of the paper needed for Bibles has increased, but we have not changed our stated goal per roll of paper due to the cost of paper for John & Romans being cheaper. We strive to keep cost as low as possible. We would like to thank all those who give toward paper, and we will continue to be as frugal as possible with all the funds that are given.

Al Braley, BPS Director of Operations

BEARING PRECIOUS SEED PRODUCTION TEAM

When Bearing Precious Seed is mentioned, often the thought of Bibles or missionaries receiving Scriptures may come to mind. However, I want to bring to your attention the families involved in the daily operation of the print shop, and all the work that goes into producing on average more than ten million copies of Scripture per year. The list below shows the five men who work full-time in the shop. They are responsible for all that occurs throughout the shop, from setup and printing to getting the finished Scriptures loaded on shipping containers. Of course, we also have many faithful volunteers who help us every day in the shop, and their help enables us to continue to run the volumes we currently produce. When praying for the ministry of BPS, please remember these families who are so vital to the ongoing work of the ministry. What a blessing it is to work with the dedicated group listed here! It truly is a blessing to share with you a little about the team that takes care of all the production here at BPS.

Employee & Family	Years at BPS	Education / Experience	Responsibilities within BPS	Ministry involvement at First Baptist Church	Countries Visited
Nathan Pennell Wife - Julie Six Children	21	<i>School of Scriptures</i> El Paso, TX FBC Milford	Binder Operator, Pressman, Equipment Maintenance, Volunteer Coordinator	Young Adults, Helps at <i>Milford Christian Academy</i>	Australia, Canada, Mexico, New Zealand
Jerry McNealy Wife - Diane Five Sons	17	Commercial Pressman in Chicago for twenty years	Head Pressman, Lead Operator, Mechanic	Taught 3rd/4th Grade SS for 12 years and <i>Master Clubs</i> for 15 years	Canada, China, Cuba, Fiji, Mexico, Mongolia, Scotland, New Zealand, United Kingdom
Tim Talbert Wife - Wendy One Daughter	14	<i>Pensacola Christian College</i> (2001) BS Communicative Arts	Graphic Design, Prepress, Digital Press Operator	3rd/4th Grade SS, 1st/2nd Grade Junior Church, Worked with teens in RU	Canada, China, Mexico
Jaimie Guiton Wife - Lori Three Children	9	<i>Crown College</i> (2002) BS Biblical Studies BS Missions	Pressman, Hardback Binder Operator, Equipment Maintenance	Singles Teacher, Youth Work, Helps at <i>Milford Christian Academy</i>	Canada, India, Mexico
Andrew Barbosa Wife - Melinda	4	<i>Biblical School of World Evangelism</i> (2019) BS Missions	Pressman (Didde & Sheetfed) Utility Worker for web press	3rd/4th Grade SS, Teens, Bus Ministry, <i>Reformers Unanimous</i>	Cuba, Honduras, Mexico



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The McNealys



The Talberts



The Guitons



The Barbosas

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Five years ago my wife Diane, who is a nurse, traveled to Hatgal, Mongolia, on a medical mission trip with *Beacon of Hope Medical Missions (BOHMM)*. She fell in love with the people and country, so the next time *BOHMM* went to Mongolia I went along to carry her bags. A year later we returned to Mongolia with my friend Dave Edester and his wife Becky. Of all the places to go to in the world, Mongolia was not on the list of places I wanted to visit, but our plans are not always God's plan. Mongolia itself is often considered a third-world country by American standards. While the capital city is modern, you do not have to drive very far out of the city center before running water and indoor toilets become the exception and not the norm. This is a country where the temperature often drops to -40° in the winter. It is a country where many people still herd sheep and live in tents called gers. But it is just like all countries, in that it needs the Word of God.



There is a well-established print shop in the capital city, Ulan Bator, run by missionary Jeff Kruchkow. Jeff and his crew are instrumental in printing much of the material currently being used in Mongolia. Getting to Ulan Bator from the States takes about a day and a half by plane. Flights between Ulan Bator and Hatgal are only available during the summer, so Bro. Kruchkow drove us 400 miles across the country, which took two days of driving. After reaching Hatgal, Dave, who is an electric technician, was able to sort out many of the issues that were affecting the machinery in the print shop there. We were then able to print some Sunday school material.

The missionaries in Hatgal are Mickey and Trina Cofer, who have been there since 2007. Their focus is on church planting, leadership training, and Gospel printing. They also host summer camp for city children and train Mongolians in different job skills to help them help themselves. I was excited to see their printing ministry. The Cofers plan to spread the Gospel by printing Bibles, New Testaments and Sunday School materials. An important aspect of the print shop's location in Hatgal is its proximity to neighboring countries. Russia and China border Mongolia, and all the "stan" countries, such as Afghanistan, are nearby. This location and people have access to many places Americans cannot enter.

An important reason to print in country is the cost. While *Bearing Precious Seed* could print for Mongolia at a cheaper cost, the custom duty charged is almost \$1 per John & Romans. This makes it cost prohibitive to get Scripture into the country. Only through the intervention of God were we recently able to get 200,000 Mongolian books of Mark in at a reasonable cost. However, the government officials who allowed that are no longer in power. These things make printing in country very important, not to mention that local Mongolian churches should be involved in getting God's Word to their own people.



Pray for the Cofers and the great fruit that this work could produce. Right now there is no one to run the printing press in Hatgal. Pray for God to provide a man who could not only go run the press, but could also train men there to print the Word of God for that area of the world.

Jerry McNealy, *BPS* Head Pressman



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