



BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER

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“Unbelievable! You’ve got to be kidding! Ridiculous - come on!” With inflation and the cost of everything on the rise, do you hear words like these said? It seems as though everything including cars, gasoline, groceries, and lumber is soaring in price. At *Bearing Precious Seed*, we face the rising cost of paper as well as the lack of it. It is truly amazing to see what’s going on in our world, but may I say, it is more amazing to watch God supply paper when the paper is hard to find and to supply the funds when it is so costly. As we witness the desperation in our world waxing greater, the need for the Word of God has increased expediently as well.

With the current crisis in Eastern Europe, there are many requests for Ukrainian John & Romans and New Testaments. The needs, along with the opportunities, are vast as countries bordering Ukraine are teeming with refugees. *Bearing Precious Seed* is working hard on getting the Scriptures they need and also getting it into other parts of the world. It takes each of us doing our part.

I want to thank those who faithfully give and pray for *Bearing Precious Seed*. The need is great! Throughout turbulent times, we count it an honor to offer the Book that never changes, the Truth that is ever certain, and the One who brings hope. Thank you for your faithfulness to God’s Word and to our Lord.

If we can assist you, your church, or your missionaries with Bibles, please call and get involved in the work. With the exception of shipping costs, we provide Scriptures for missionaries overseas at no cost to them.

In His work together,

William Duttry, Pastor,
First Baptist Church

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday,
and to day, and for ever.

6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

PRAISES:

- ▶ Though prices have increased, paper has continued to be delivered for the presses.
- ▶ We have heard great reports about the Scripture that has already made it into Ukraine.
- ▶ Offerings and support have continued to come in as needed. We have also been able to present BPS to churches that have not been involved in the past; receiving new support.
- ▶ We are thankful for ongoing help from faithful volunteers and visiting groups; we could not do it without them!

- ▶ Continued safety for the men in the shop and the representatives on the road with Seedline.
- ▶ Replacement of our binder at some point. Though still running well, due to its age, parts are often hard to find.
- ▶ Safe passage for Scripture as it is shipped around the world.
- ▶ Ukrainian Scriptures as they are distributed to the people in Ukraine and the surrounding countries.
- ▶ Ongoing support and funds for paper; we still have matching funds dollar-for-dollar at this time.
- ▶ Volunteers at the shop; they are vital to what happens here as Scripture is produced.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Philippians 4:19 “*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*”

The last few years have been trying in many ways. Where were you when Covid actually started for you? I was in Arizona, and things started happening very quickly. Remember the unknown feeling of what was going to take place and how long it would last? We all know folks it affected in many different ways. Recall more recently the empty store shelves and not seeing the familiar items you are accustomed to seeing? We are now aware of the continual supply chain issues and not getting what we are used to in a timely manner. *Bearing Precious Seed* is dealing with the ongoing results of the containers that are not able to be unloaded as well as the shortage of drivers to move goods around the country. At last count, I heard there was a shortage of 80,000 truck drivers. *BPS* continues to endure delays in necessary items, tremendous price increases, and requested items simply not attainable. However, through all of this, we are having the highest production across the press we have ever had so far. As of June 1st, 5,984,020 copies of Scripture have been produced this year in fourteen languages! We have had to do some things a bit differently due to certain paper not being available, but God continues to take care of the need. Ultimately, we are reminded daily that it is His Word, and He continues to supply what we need.

Al Braley, *BPS*
Director of Operations



“A man’s gift maketh room for him...” Proverbs 18:16



Dr. Larry Gene Stallings
1941 - 2022

In 1973, the *First Baptist Church* in Milford, Ohio began printing the Word of God. The idea of involving other churches in hands-on Bible publishing was introduced and a businessman from South Carolina made it happen. In the earliest days of *Bearing Precious Seed*, churches traveled to Milford where they assisted in assembling, stapling, and trimming. The result was sensational as the participation took hands-on Bible publishing to a new level - the personal level. However, with the amount of Scripture rolling off the press in Milford, more help was needed. Dr. Larry Stallings was God’s appointed man for such a time. A southern gentleman whose business experience lent itself to the vital aspect of team-building, he practiced “networking” before it was a common term inter-connecting local churches. Dr. Stallings began to haul Scriptures and equipment around the country where assembly projects happened, and fellow-believers joyfully became part of a local church movement changing hearts and lives at home and across the globe. Beginning with the involvement of three churches, he pioneered the path and shaped the ministry that is today known as *Seedline*. Now, over 250 churches in the US and Canada actively assemble Scriptures on their own property.

For 25 years, Dr. Stallings led the *Seedline* ministry and fostered an atmosphere of partnership among local churches. He quoted Henry Ford in reference to *Seedline*: “**Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is a process. Thinking together is unity. Working together is success.**” The gold standard instituted by Dr. Larry Stallings and the *Seedline* ministry is a unified effort in seeing God’s Word go forth to the regions beyond.

Memorials have been received in memory of:

Eugene Aragona by James & Julie Buckley; **Susan Bandy** by Clifty Grove Baptist Church; **Pastor John Bryant** by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conrad; **Mary L. Caldwell** by Bob & Marie Ford; **Hugh Caudill** by Della J. Leytze, Frank & Barbara Mitchell, Cleo Osborne, Ruthanne Sikes; **Hugh & Audrey Caudill** by Jennifer Iannitti; **Margret Collins** by Virginia, Susan & Randy Campbell, Phil & Melody Carney, Matt Demarest, Verlis Collins, Fairmount High School - Class of 1956, Larry Gibson, Gary & Terrie James, Carmen & Randy Martin, Faye Martz, Jim Rankin, Gary & Kathy Wood; **John Conover** by Esther Edwards & Family; **Hilda Hood Cook** by Eaves Tabernacle Baptist Church; **Wayne Cox** by Ann & Wayne Barfels; **Frank Crawford** by Ligonier Valley Bible Church; **Dorina Curtis** by Donald & Merle Pendley; **Grayson Dawkins** by Grace Baptist Church Ladies’ Sunday School Class, James & Sandra Tuten; **Robbin Demarest** by Gary & Terrie James; **Richard Dion** by Anonymous; **David Dean Doss** by Crossroads Baptist Church; **Al DuBois** by Uniontown PC; **Robert Fox** by Esther Edwards & Family; **Dorothy Gaines** by Elizabeth Hovis; **Carol Gnagy** by Larry Abersold, Stephen & Lisa Anfang, Veronica Barkman, Donna Beegle, Pastor Butterfield, Matthew Carl, Cynthia Didado, Gary & Rhonda Didado, Madeline Didado, Steve Donaldson, The Ellinger Family, Susan Frey, Harold Geiger, Barry & Janice Gowen, Aina Gruntals, Judy Guist, Patty, Beth, & Ryan Guist, Kim & Shirley Jackson, Rick Johnston, Jeanne Krebs, Open Door Baptist Church, Don & Chris Schafer, Bob & Twyla Senften, Betty Taylor, Cheryl & Steven Wetter, Adrienne Zwart; **Donald L. Green** by Bob & Marie Ford; **Nancy Greene** by David Wilson; **Bill Gunkle** by the Daubert Family; **David Kent Hamman** by Matthew & Monica Zyskowski; **James Hart** by Michael Hart; **Kathy & Austin Jackson** by Anonymous; **Charles Jacob** by Bob & Judy Griffin, Alice Jacob; **Ronnie Jacobs** by Bonnie Jacobs; **Frank & Miriam James** by Margaret Shuey; **Agatha Jenney** by Ronnie & Karen Shiflett; **Baby Justin** by Deborah Miracle; **Howard Loftis** by Eaves Tabernacle Baptist Church; **Betty Love** by Cynthia Canon, Betty Taylor, Don & Betty Taylor; **Joseph & Michele Maruszewski** by Mark Edwards; **Judith Brooke Riddle** by Peter Guthrie, Tim Guthrie, Ronald & Myrtle Martin; **Leonard Maharowski** by Uniontown PC; **Sylvester Matthews** by David Beaty; **Sandra Money** by Crossroads Baptist Church; **Clyde Moore** by Victory Independent Baptist Church; **Albert Opst** by Uniontown PC; **Dale Oyler** by Steven Darst; **Tom Parris** by the O’Hara Family; **Gary & Susan Pierpont** by Mark Edwards; **John Reichenbach** by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Conrad; **William Runion** by Crossroads Baptist Church; **Don Seaborn** by Ligonier Valley Bible Church; **Eugene Shaver** by Greg & Twyla Skofield; **Olive Sheffer** by Roger & Larue Davis; **Kay Smith** by Barbara García, Brenda Plante; **John M. Sprouls Sr.** by Lynda Sprouls; **Larry Stallings** by Gerry Archer, Jr. Family, Marguerite & Gerry Archer, Scott Archer, Jim, Sandy, & Jimmy Burchfield, Crossroad Bible Church, George & Brenda DuPre, Mike DuPre Family, Todd Gravel Family, Lakeside Baptist Church, Judith Milgrim, Ralph & Jane Money, Open Bible Baptist Church, Jim & Melissa Roe, Scott & Tina Sandy, Coleman & Susan Smith, Don & Laura Stertz, Brian Sullivan Family, Joe & Carolyn Sullivan, Zachary Sullivan, Mark & Elizabeth Tolsma, Valley Bible Baptist Church, Victory Baptist Church; **Jerry Surbey** by Karen Monticelli; **Clell Turner** by Clifty Road Baptist Church; **Johnny Whiddon** by Victory Independent Baptist Church; **Rudy Wagner** by Ana Morales-Wagner; **Richard Watt** by Anonymous, Eddie Unger III, Wayne County Farm Bureau; **Teresa Whittle** by Lena Braley; **Frank Williams** by Kim & Bill O’Hara; **Jeanne Wilson** by Diane Kostelny; **Doris Wisely** by Elm Street Senior Ladies;

& in honor of:

Bob Ford by BIMl; **Anne & Tim Guthrie** on their anniversary by Tim Guthrie; **Wayne & Pat Fox** by Jeff & Lauren Fox

2022 Year-to-Date SHIPPING HIGHLIGHTS:



MEXICO Shipped January 7th
19,800 Spanish John & Romans



TOGO Shipped January 26th
7,512 French whole Bibles
5,931 English whole Bibles
4,740 English New Testaments



KENYA Shipped February 9th
3,900 Swahili John & Romans
2,160 English whole Bibles



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC Shipped March 16th
1,050 Spanish whole Bibles



ZAMBIA Shipped March 16th
16,200 Chichewa John & Romans
3,060 Chichewa New Testaments



MEXICO Shipped March 17th
144,000 Spanish John & Romans
14,635 Spanish whole Bibles
4,020 Spanish New Testaments



UKRAINE Shipped March 17th
108,000 Ukrainian John & Romans



UGANDA Shipped March 17th
288,000 English John & Romans



ROMANIA Shipped March 18th
288,000 Romanian John & Romans



SIERRA LEONE Shipped March 22nd
10,080 English whole Bibles



CÔTE d'IVOIRE Shipped April 6th
3,780 French New Testaments



INDIA Shipped April 7th
368,550 Burmese John & Romans



FIJI ISLANDS Shipped April 28th
2,680 English New Testaments



GHANA Shipped May 4th
3,780 French New Testaments



POLAND Shipped May 23rd
109,560 Ukrainian John & Romans
57,324 Ukrainian New Testaments



HUNGARY Shipped May 23rd
220,185 Hungarian John & Romans
98,340 Ukrainian John & Romans





European countries bordering Ukraine have recently received hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian refugees fleeing war. Missionaries and workers in those countries began to ask for Ukrainian Scriptures that could be used to give individuals the hope and peace which is only found in Christ Jesus.

Two local churches in southwest Florida, *Tri-city Baptist Church* of Port Charlotte and *First Baptist Church* of North Port, answered the call and joined together to assemble 100,000 Ukrainian John & Romans in three days.

We were overwhelmed--not by the task at hand, but by the outpouring of volunteers from **ten** local churches. Many volunteers were Ukrainians themselves, including a pastor from *Ukrainian Baptist Church*. Volunteers kept pouring in throughout the day and into the late evening. We ran out of tables, but God is faithful. After a thirteen-hour day, we were halfway done with the project. The spirit of love and the commonality of standing for the Gospel was palpable in the small fellowship hall filled wall-to-wall with God's people doing this vital work. Amazingly and by God's grace, we finished day two at 6:45 PM, right before the evening prayer service. 100,000 Ukrainian John & Romans were completed in two days! "For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100:5



This transformational project brought many together in fellowship and peace as a church. We were encouraged and inspired to do another project for God's glory. Слава Бору!

In Christ Alone,
-Yuri K





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SPECIAL SERVICES



SEASONAL OUTREACH

2022 MISSION TRIPS

Help evangelize the lost in Juarez, Mexico



WEEK 1	4/2 - 4/8	WEEK 10	8/13 - 8/19
2	4/23 - 4/29	11	8/20 - 8/26
3	6/11 - 6/17	12	10/1 - 10/7
4	6/18 - 6/24	13	10/8 - 10/14
5	6/25 - 7/1	14	10/15 - 10/21
6	7/9 - 7/15	15	11/5 - 11/11
7	7/16 - 7/22	16	11/26 - 12/2
8	7/23 - 7/29	17	12/3 - 12/9
9	8/6 - 8/12		

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