

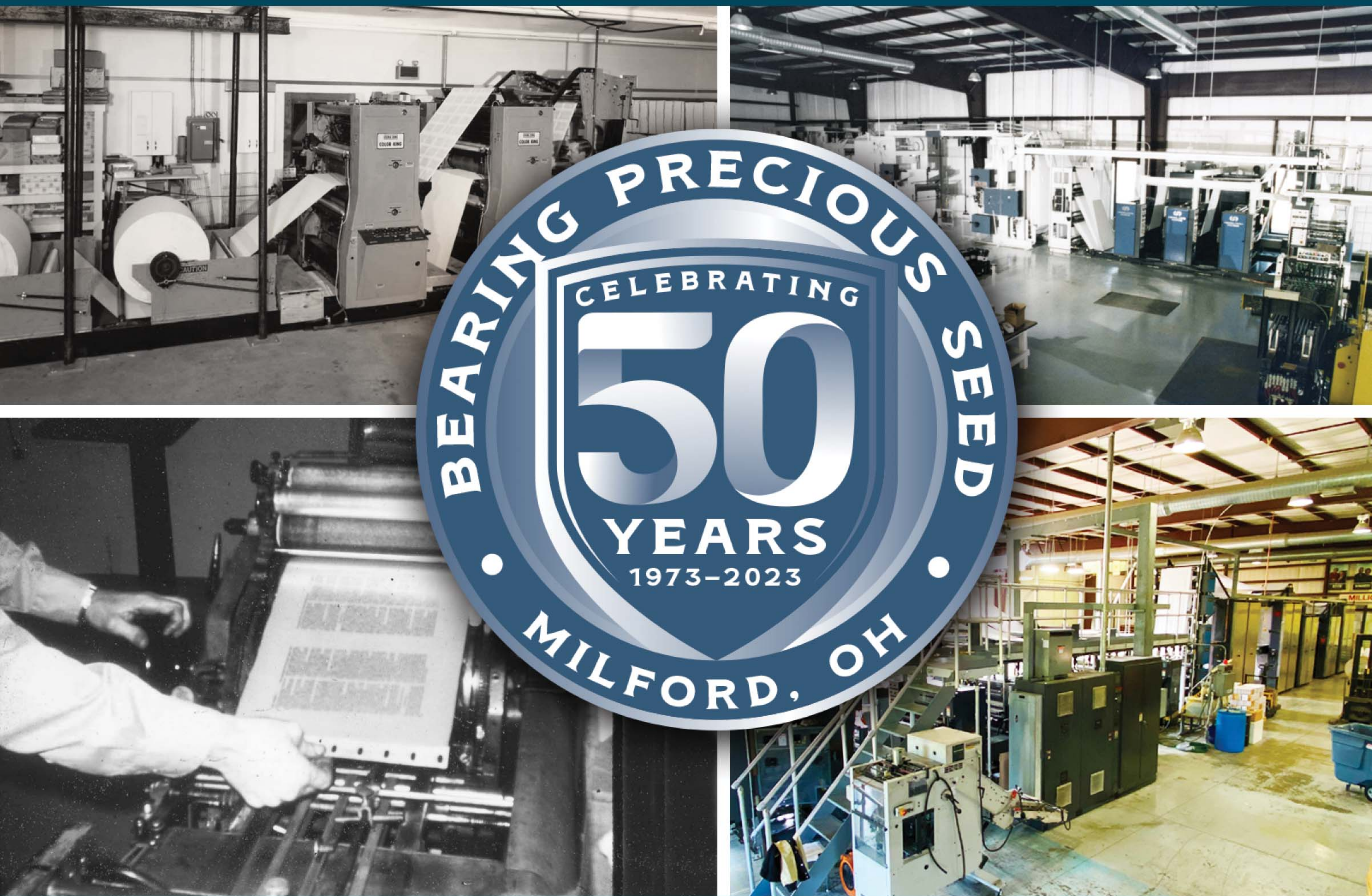


BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER

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



1973

Bearing Precious Seed of Milford began in the basement of the church. Sam Caudill was the first pressman.



BPS moved to a house adjacent to the church, and a new A.B. Dick 385 press was added.

1975



1977

The first English whole Bible printed at BPS.



1979

A new Didde-Glaser press gave the ability to print on both sides of the paper on one pass.

1980

BPS El Paso established to facilitate mission trips into Mexico.



Fifty Years of Publishing God's Word

If you walk through the *Bearing Precious Seed* print shop, you will walk through 50 years of history. In our small museum, you can see the first press from 1973, an old cutter, and equipment used to collate Scripture in the early days. On the walls, you will see photos of Charles Keen, Don Fraser, Sam Caudill, Carlos Demarest and other people whose lives have made a major impact on the ministry. There are also pictures of some of the early days, the dedication of the Heidelberg press, and a picture of a bus that took many mission trips to Mexico, resulting in many people making decisions to serve the Lord with their lives. In the museum, you'll see the first Bible and the 200 millionth Scripture printed at *BPS*. You'll also see some samples from other like-minded printing ministries that started in the 1970s. As you walk through the print shop, you'll see the five building additions as the ministry grew throughout the years. What was once considered plenty of room, now has equipment in almost every available space. If you continue through the shop, we could show at every turn how God has supplied the equipment needed to produce His Word. Some equipment came at a very low cost, some brand new equipment was donated to the ministry, and God used the generosity of His people to meet the need for other equipment.

Twelve thousand English New Testaments were produced in 1973. In 2022 over 13,000,000 copies of Scripture were produced in 21 languages. Through the printing of this newsletter *BPS* has printed 226,423,118 copies of Scripture for the glory of God. We eagerly anticipate seeing what God will allow us to do going forward for His glory.

Al Braley, *BPS* Director of Operations



Bearing Precious Seed has experienced 50 years of faithful ministering in the area of Bible publica-

tion. Our quest as a ministry of *First Baptist Church* of Milford, Ohio, has been to produce, provide, protect, and preserve the precious Word of God. Since 1973, God has done more for Himself and His Word than we could ever begin to identify. He has used our church and hundreds of other partnering churches of like faith to see over 200 million Scriptures printed, provided, and distributed in over 100 nations. Praise the Lord! All glory belongs to God. It is His!!!!

We want to be faithful to God's work and His Word as long as He tarries His coming. We need you to continue partnering with us, and we need more partners to join us. God's faithfulness is our example of His desire for our ministry and lives. Be like Him; follow Him!

In His work together,
William Duttry
Executive Director of Ministries

1981



New print shop built; *BPS* moved to its current location.

Didde-Glaser press replaced with a Solna Color King press.

1983



1984

BPS printed its one millionth Scripture.

In the late 1980's, churches in NY, VA, and WV joined with *BPS* to assemble one million Scriptures for Mexico, and *Seedline* was birthed.



1988

First time *BPS* printed one million Scriptures in a calendar year.



1990

BPS printed five million Scripture.

Memorials have been received in memory of:

Jim Albritton by Bob Ford; **Pastor John Baumgartner** by Virginia Baumgartner; **Mary Belle Jones Blevins** by Norma Hartzog, Karen Wurth; **Josephine Caramanico** by Juliet Conrad; **Marissa Carter** by Harold & Flo Damron; **Carlos Demarest** by Charles & Sarah Hull; **Mildred Dykes** by Chuck & Cathy Books, Rosemary Godbey; **Jim Hart** by Michael Hart; **Arlene Kurtz** by Calvary Baptist Church; **Alvin Lundsford** by Tommy & Myra Russell; **Guy Lykens** by Donald Jervis; **Dan Nickum** by Kurt & Elaine Lyons; **Phoebe Oberst** by Elaine Prusak; **Tom Prusak** by Elaine Prusak; **Judy Siekbert** by Arthur Casper, Verlis Collins, Patty Eber, Susan Faller, Susan & John Frank, Linda Johnson, Kurt & Elaine Lyons; **Joe Sills** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **John Sprowls Sr.** by Lynda Sprowls; **Darrell Teal** by Bob Ford; **Bob Tiffany** by Marilyn Clark, Indianapolis Baptist Temple

& in honor of:

Wayne Fox by Ken & Rhonda Damhorst; **Mr. & Mrs. Tutten** by Linda Warren

NB PM NATIONAL BIBLE PUBLISHING MONTH

AN OPEN DOOR

BRAZIL

ZIMBABWE

THE PHILIPPINES

WEST AFRICA

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 the open doors we face in Brazil, Zimbabwe, the Philippines, and five countries of West Africa in 2023. Free promotional materials are available upon request.

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For more information, please contact us at 513-575-1706.



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A Heidelberg Harris web press installed. Over 13,000 ft² of production and warehouse space also added.

1995



2005
Another 13,000 ft² warehouse added for storage and processing.

1997

A binder installed which could glue bind up to 3,000 books per hour.



2008

BPS had the unique opportunity to print for every student in the 4th-6th grades in Panama. Each textbook included a J



2008

BPS printed its 100 millionth Scripture.

October-December SHIPPING HIGHLIGHTS:

WB - Whole Bible | NT - New Testament | J/R - John & Romans

ETHIOPIA

Shipped October 3rd
4,500 Amharic J/R's
55,911 Amharic NT's

UGANDA

Shipped October 19th
5,760 English WB's

PHILIPPINES

Shipped November 10th
9,984 Cebuano WB's
9,384 Ilonggo WB's
5,368 English WB's

ENGLAND

Shipped November 17th
6,048 Turkish NT's
3,477 Farsi NT's

ITALY

Shipped November 17th
206,550 Italian J/R's

ZAMBIA

Shipped November 30th
111,955 Chichewa/English J/R's
34,833 English NT's
2,520 English WB's

HONDURAS

Shipped December 2nd
1,440 Spanish WB's

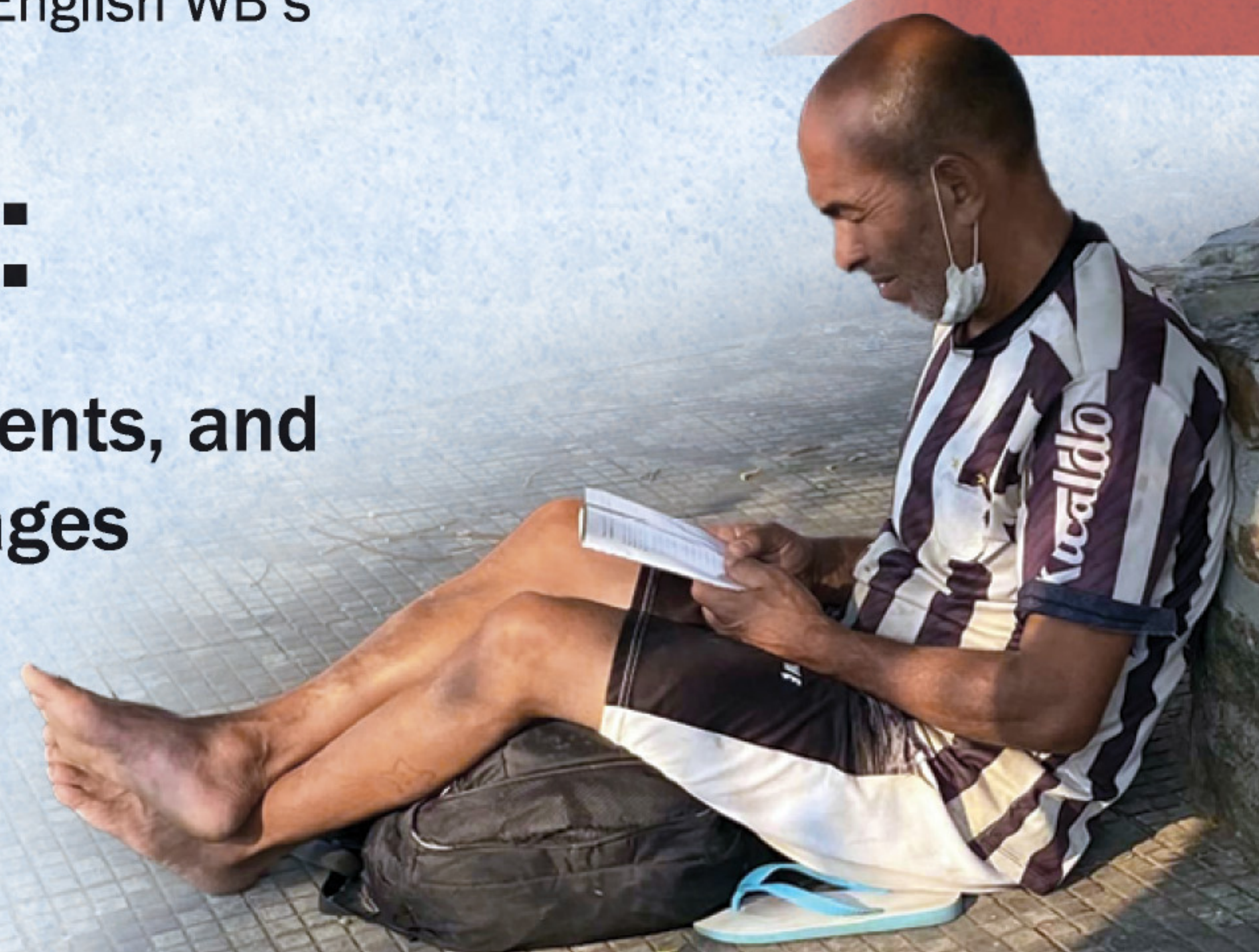
PHILIPPINES

Shipped December 2nd
3,360 English NT's
1,440 English WB's

2022 Shipping Totals:

**118,033 Whole Bibles, 194,065 New Testaments, and
3,437,340 John & Romans in 21 languages
were shipped to 29 countries.**

These numbers represent the Scriptures shipped via containers, pallets, or crates. Many other Scriptures were picked up in person at *BPS* or shipped via postal services.



2009

A computer-to-plate system added for making plates.



2010

First time *BPS* printed ten million Scriptures in a calendar year.



2010

Equipment installed to create hardbound Bibles in-house.



2020

BPS printed its 200 millionth Scripture.

2021

BPS added a six-web Goss press.



2017

A fourth tower added to the Heidelberg press, greatly increasing productivity.



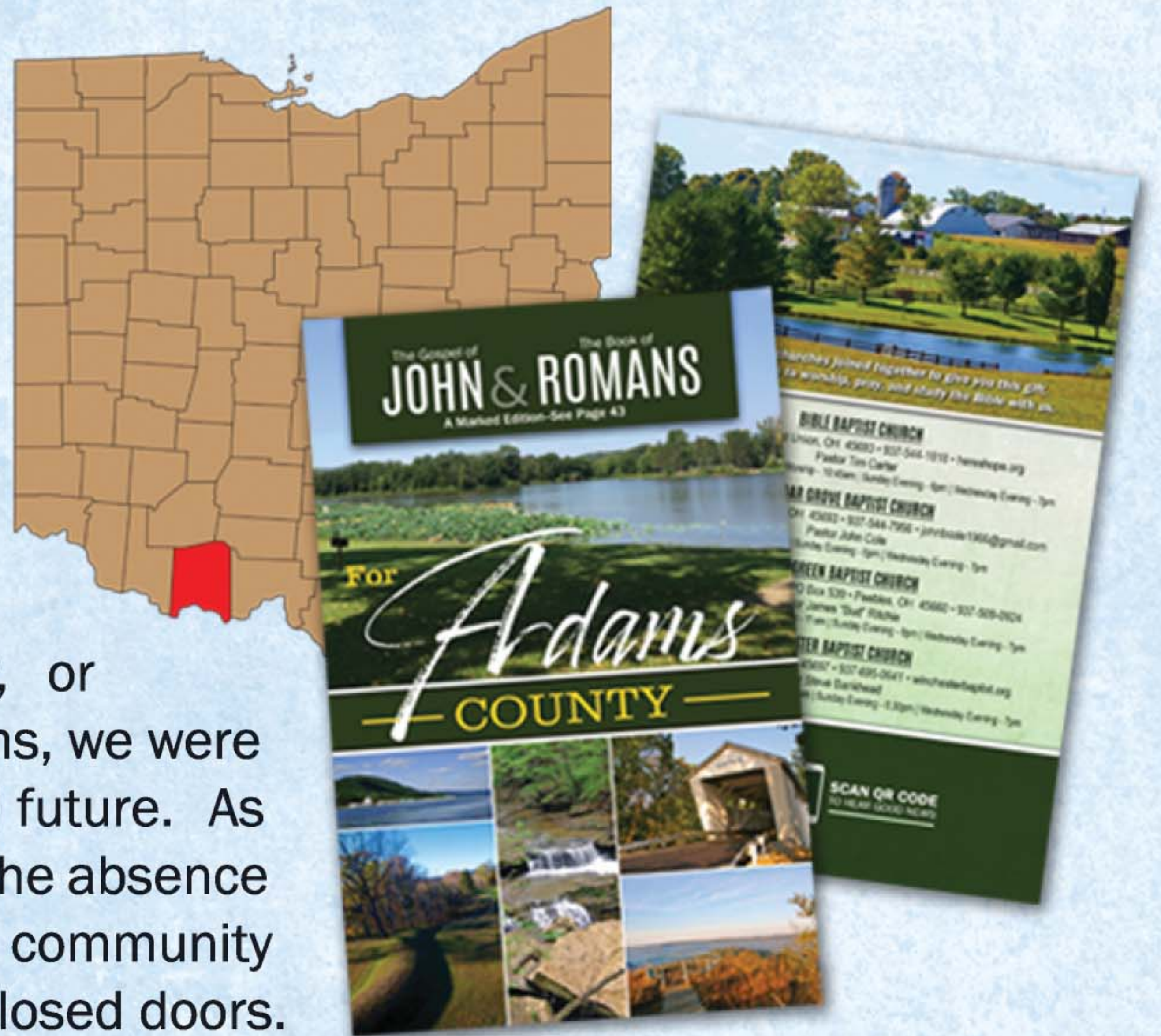
2023

The glue binder replaced.

TO EVERY CREATURE

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15

During the era of Covid, churches were required to adjust in how they served their congregations and interacted in their communities. As we all adapted to drive-through baby showers, online graduations, having church in the car, or watching as our pastors preached online to empty auditoriums, we were ever-mindful of our lost neighbors and their fear of a dismal future. As those around us lived in isolation, we grew more sensitive to the absence of hope in their lives. *Bearing Precious Seed* saw numerous community projects initiated by the challenge of a world sealed behind closed doors.



Because he grew up on a farm in rural Southern Ohio, Jim Roe and his family determined to reach out to their neighbors with the message of hope. What began as a small, family effort expanded into a four-church endeavor to cover every home in Adams County, Ohio with the Gospel. Personalized John & Romans were designed for the project. The front cover featured landmarks familiar to locals while the back cover listed the contact information from each participating church as well as a QR code with a clear Gospel presentation. The four churches who came together not only assembled the Scriptures collectively, but also fashioned a strategic plan for distribution. God blessed their efforts as the team of unified servants labored together. Members of the four churches placed a John & Romans and other Gospel literature into each home in the county. The total number of homes receiving the Gospel message in this rural area of Southern Ohio was 12,750 with a population of 27,542 over a sprawling 595 square miles. For some of the less-accessible areas, the team utilized Every Door Direct Mailing for a cost of .20 per packet.

Although the goal of the Adams County Project was to place Scripture in each home, an additional outcome has been the camaraderie of churches banding together and realizing a collective goal. A mutual appreciation has been fostered as each congregation shines forth the light of the Gospel in its location.





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| WEEK 1 | 4/15 - 4/21* | WEEK 10 | 8/12 - 8/18** |
|--------|---------------|---------|-----------------|
| 2 | 4/22 - 4/28 | 11 | 8/19 - 8/25 |
| 3 | 6/10 - 6/16 | 12 | 10/7 - 10/13 |
| 4 | 6/17 - 6/23 | 13 | 10/14 - 10/20** |
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| 8 | 7/22 - 7/28 | 17 | 12/2 - 12/9 |
| 9 | 8/5 - 8/11 | | |

*Juarez Project **Mescalero Apache Reservation

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