

World Missions Bearing Precious Seed

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PRINTING, PROPAGATING, PROMOTING GOD'S WORD FOR THE MISSION FIELD ACROSS AMERICA AND ABROAD



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Reaching Multitudes with the Gospel through the Printed Page

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What an amazing day of blessings! On August 27th the truck and container arrived right on schedule. With the struggles of the shipping industry today there is always an undeniable sigh of relief when we see a truck arrive on time.

This container was loaded from our home church with the hands-on help of several churches across Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. We successfully loaded 1,260 boxes of Scripture headed to Thailand. Among these boxes are 207,204 John and Romans and 1,376 Thai New Testaments. As these boxes embark on their journey, we know that the Scripture that they hold will result in lives being changed for all eternity—families discovering the promise of grace, communities impacted by the message of hope, and individuals finding truth in the Scripture.

Amidst all the bustling activity of the warehouse, a message came through on my phone. Another container, somewhere across the world, had just cleared customs and been safely unloaded. We were keenly aware that those who would soon hold these Scriptures would possibly hold a portion of the Bible for the very first time in their own language. Every volunteer there understood that their hands might very well be the hands that delivered the message of hope and salvation.

We extend our deepest gratitude to the remarkable ladies of our home church, whose kindness truly shone through as they prepared a hearty lunch for everyone in attendance.

Please pray as this container makes its way across the seas. May the Thai people see it as a symbol of provision and love for them. May it reach open hearts of those who will receive this container that they might see the goodness of God's message and be open to the Gospel. Each portion of Scripture symbolizes not just ink and paper, but the promise of hope and faith.







COLONIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, ROGERS, ARKANSAS

What a blessing it was to be at Colonial Baptist Church in Rogers, Arkansas, for the recent BEST Missions Conference! The atmosphere was filled with joy and purpose as the congregation came together with passion and dedication. Over the last few days, I witnessed firsthand the unwavering commitment of this community to make a tangible difference in the world.

One of the highlights of the conference was the incredible milestone they reached in raising funds for 8,000 whole Bibles for the people of Thailand. It's truly heartwarming to see a group of individuals unite for such a great cause, knowing that each Bible represents a significant step toward sharing hope and faith in a world that deeply needs it.

The arrival of four trailers marked a significant moment in a broader mission that spanned across the heartland of America. These trailers, filled to the brim with Scriptures in three different languages, are bound for the shores of Thailand which will be shipped in December.







ONE BOOKLET ONE SOUL CAMPAIGN



We are thrilled to share with you the annual **One Booklet One Soul** fundraiser. We invite you to pay attention to the enclosed flyer, with a heart filled with prayer and discernment, seeking the guidance of our Lord as you consider how to contribute. Each year, as this ministry blossoms, we have witnessed the profound impact that even the smallest act of generosity can have. In fact, the needs are greater now than ever before. No matter what language or location in the world, GOD'S WORD IS NEEDED.

Remember the parable of the Sower and how a small amount of seed can yield a bountiful harvest. Each gift, however it may manifest, serves to further His kingdom and the souls entrusted to our care. Let's respond to this call from the Lord, to expand our efforts and deepen our commitments as we move forward in faith.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA



During our recent journey to South Dakota, we had the privilege of being with First Baptist Church in Elkton. Under the leadership of Pastor Brandon Jorgenson, our time there felt like a homecoming with friends we've known for many years. We've known Bro. Jorgensen since he was a kid. What a blessing it was to watch him grow up and now a church pastor.

For many years, this church has been a steadfast supporter of our mission, serving as a pivotal seed-line church of ours. Their commitment and dedication were instrumental in sowing the seeds of Scripture throughout their community and beyond. However, amidst transitions in pastoral leadership, the church had paused their Scripture work for a while.

Now, with Pastor Jorgenson, we are truly excited to witness the renewed fervor for the Scripture ministry. His deep-seated burden for God's Word is encouraging. It is a blessing to see First Baptist Church in Elkton embrace this mission once more, as we join hands to spread His Word together. Welcome back First Baptist Church!

UPCOMING PROJECTS, TRAVELS, PRAYER REQUESTS AND TESTIMONIES

the Gospel brings to people around the world.

Another container arrived in India on Aug 27th. There were many issues in getting the paperwork from the courier to the missionary, but this delay didn't stop the pastors. They prayed and God an- I spent some time helping to put covers on English New Testaments swered their prayers. The customs people then decided that the container couldn't leave the port so they had to unload it on a truck and take it to its destination. That was abnormal but in addition to that Word of God. If this interests you, feel free to contact our church if they put the container on top of another container so the laborers had to hand it down to the truck. Praise the Lord anyway. There are many frustrations in this world, trying to delay the work of the Lord but the Word of God tells us WHO WINS! Many souls have been saved in several new works there and we see proof that God knows all about it. YET lives are saved from eternity in hell because of the Scripture, PRAISE THE LORD!

During our recent three-week visit to South Dakota, I lent a hand to my son-in-law during harvest season. Every day was a combination of labor and connection, allowing me to juggle the obligations of farm life and the joy of updating our supporting churches. I couldn't help but reflect on the profound lessons from the Gospel - It's harvest time and in the parable of the Sower, each seed scattered is with purpose. This is exactly what I have tried to do with this ministry. As God continues to open doors, we have sought to sow the seeds. As we navigate this journey, we encounter a landscape just like that of the Sower's field. Indeed, some of the ground we tread is rocky, where hearts may initially resist or struggle to embrace the seed. Others present thorny obstacles—doubts and distractions that can choke the burgeoning faith. we trust in God's unfailing promise that, against any adversity, His Word will not return void.

As we embraced September, we marked the beginning of our 24th year directing the ministry. It is with a heart full of gratitude that I reflect on the journey we've taken together-a journey deeply woven with threads of blessings and challenges. God has poured out His grace upon us, blessing our efforts beyond anything I could have ever dreamed.

In closing, we also share a very important prayer request concerning Barbara. Barbara is preparing for her first surgery in a series of 2-3 deep brain stimulation procedures starting October 25th. For over two decades, since she was just 16, she has faced the challenges of a benign essential tremor, a journey that has progressively intensified over the last three years.

After exploring every avenue and exhausting all possibilities through medication, we find ourselves with no other option. This surgery offers hope, as it promises to alleviate 80-90 percent of the tremors that have impacted Barbara's way of life. Undoubtedly, this brings a mixture of emotions; she feels both nervous and excited, anticipating the changes it might bring. The coming months will demand much from us—including surgeries, recovery time, and numerous appoint-

Thank you for your unwavering support in the ministry and for standing with us in prayer for Barbara.

Samuel Martin Update: It's truly inspiring to wit- Dennis Deneau Update: We are finally back "on the ness the power of God's Word in Asia, where dedicated pastors are road"—well, we are in our 5th wheel camper and are parked at our sharing the message of Jesus Christ and seeing many lives changed home Church in Huntsville, MO, beside the printshop. What a blessthrough faith. The reports of individuals accepting Christ as their Lord ing! So much going on and it is wonderful to see so many of God's and Saviour highlight the impact of God's Word and the hope that people serving in the Church. We are hoping to help load a container of Scripture to be shipped overseas before we leave Missouri, and then we will need another truck load of paper! God is able and souls are waiting for the Word of God around the world.

> and they will be received with great joy in many places. It is always good and an encouragement to physically handle and assemble the you would like to come with a group some time.

> We have a "seedline" Church in Louisiana that has been faithful to assemble about 50,000 Japanese John/Romans. They can ship them to a missionary in small quantities and he is seeing results from distributing the Word of God in Japan. However, this church in Louisiana is excited to be putting together God's Word, and they have more completed Scripture than one missionary can use and they do not like to see it sit in storage. If you know of a missionary in need of Japanese Scriptures, and you or your church would like to send them some of these John/Romans, please contact us.

> If God allows, we plan to spend time in the Southwest again this winter and are hoping to be in several new churches to share our burden of getting the Word of God into the hands of people everywhere that have never had it. It is exciting still, after 42 years in the Scripture ministry to see how many places His Word is being planted and the "new" people groups that are being reached and growing in the Lord. However, there still remains a great dearth, which includes very much of our own precious America. Pray for America. Pray for missionaries around the World. Pray for souls and tender hearts as the gospel goes out.

> God has allowed us to continue to pass out tracts and John-Romans in our home area and wherever we go. We keep generic tracts in our vehicle, and John-Romans in our glove compartment. Because no-one ever handed me a tract in nearly 8 years of military service, I especially like to see that veterans get the Word of God. But, souls EVERYWHERE are dying without a Gospel witness. Let's do what we can to help reach them.

> Lee's shoulders are doing quite well. Her "surgery shoulder" is where it should be at the four-month mark, and she is released from the doctor. The shoulder she fell on is healing slower because of the unrepaired tears. She is doing amazing things, though, and continues to exercise and use it as much as possible.

> We recently sold our home in Cadillac, MI, just before coming to Missouri, and have ordered a Double-wide that we hope will arrive there before any major snowstorms. Our "things" are in storage for now and we are in a transition stage of life. God has orchestrated every step of it under His Divine control. He knows our earthly future. Through God's Word, we can know our eternal destination. Praise God.

> Pray for us as we are approaching our 80's. God has been SO GOOD, and continues to use us where He can!

NEW PALLET WRAPPER

I had the privilege of helping our Pastor, Tim Gibson, set up our new pallet wrapper for the Missions Center. Pastor Gib-



son found a great deal on this piece of equipment! What a blessing this will be for loading and hauling Scripture.

It is certainly exciting times that the Lord is allowing in the expansion of the minis-

try. We would not have dreamed we would be doing all that we are in the printing of the Scripture when we started in the ministry 23 years ago. God is good!

Feel free to contact us if you would like a representative to visit your church and present the ministry of WORLD MISSIONS BEARING PRECIOUS SEED.

We are a <u>faith promise</u> ministry providing scripture free of charge to missionaries, church planters and struggling churches both in the U.S. and Abroad as the Lord provides.

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WHAT IS WORLD MSSIONS BEARING PRECIOUS SEED?

World Missions Bearing Precious Seed is a Scripture publishing ministry of Sweet Springs Baptist Church. We are an I in Huntsville, Missouri. We are an independent Baptist printing ministry helping Independent Baptist Churches of like faith get the gospel to their missionaries around the world.

WMBPS has printed over 20 million Scripture portions and sent them to missionaries overseas and to struggling and/ or new church plants here in the United States.

WHAT IS A SEEDLINE CHURCH?

WMBPS Seedline is a local church who has hands on involvement with publishing the Word of God. This is made possible by taking the printed page, collating it, placing the boxing them for the mission field.

This ministry is easy, enjoyable and a great opportunity to involve the whole family. Young and old alike can get involved in this "hands-on" ministry. It's a time of sweet fellowship as a church family!

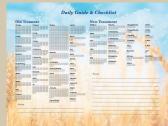
Feel free to contact us if your church is interested in setting

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE PLAN

We now have available a yearly "READ THROUGH THE BIBLE"

plan with our ministry logo.





If you are interested in purchasing these for your church they will be available the first of December for .25 cents each plus shipping. All proceeds will go towards the printing of Scripture.

HAND THEM OUT AT CHURCH OR YOUTH GROUP: Use these in many ways including handouts for morning prayer meetings, sharing of faith, discipleship groups, more.

THE GOSPEL TO UKRAINE





Barbara. along with a group of sweet ladies. gathered around large tables as they diligently worked on printing booklets for their

friend, Lydia Riley, who has passionately dedicated her life to training godly children through her ministry, Jolley Tales.

This past year has been especially meaningful for Barbara. She was blessed by the opportunity to contribute to something so impactful in shaping young hearts.

These booklets are reaching children across continents and expanding it's reach, providing translated content into English for the children of Kenya, Uganda, and America, but also embracing cultures far and wide with versions in Spanish, Ukrainian, Portuguese, Russian, and Hebrew. Each translation reflected not just cover on the Scripture, stapling it, cutting the Scripture and language, but the universal themes of obedience, kindness and humility.

> If you are interested in more information on the ministry you can go to MyJolleyTales.com. You can also find Jolley Tales on Facebook.