

What is National Bible Publishing Month?

National Bible Publishing Month is a program designed to make it possible to get the Word of God to those who may never have another opportunity to receive the glorious message of our dear Savior. It is a program that is a pattern of the New Testament churches found in the book of Romans. They took what they had received of the Word of God, copied it, and saw to it that others had the same opportunity to have the same Word that they had received. Quite simply, it was churches working together, doing the part that each could do to see that the Word went forward to those without.

NBPM is a program by which *BPS* Milford invites churches of like faith to partner with them to provide God's Word to those who are without it. We have the ability to do the printing. We are asking churches to help by providing the funds necessary for the supplies. All funds received through *NBPM* are used exclusively for the purchase of paper to produce Whole Bibles and New Testaments. Obviously, without paper, there is no printing. Without the printing, there is no Bible produced. Without a Bible being produced, there are souls that will pay the eternal consequence of not receiving the Message in time.

Definitions

Affection: feelings of love; feelings of caring for something or someone

Unified: to cause to be joined or brought together; to make into a unit

Disprove: to show that something is false or in error



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TEEN LESSON 1

The Founding

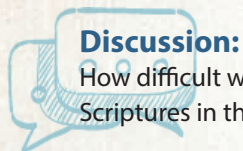
of the New Testament Church in Jerusalem



The Great Commission:

The Great Commission is the term we use to sum up the purpose given by Jesus to the church. There is no question that God gave very clear instructions to His church as to what He desired for the finished product, a church that was focused upon introducing Him to the entire world which He loved and for which He died, not just a certain part of the world. He stated this on several occasions.

- Matthew - *"teach All nations"*
- Mark - *"...ALL the word, and preach the gospel to EVERY creature"*
- Luke - *"...ye shall be witnesses unto me BOTH in Jerusalem, and in ALL Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the UTTERMOST part of the earth"*



Discussion:

How difficult would it be for a missionary to teach *"all things"* without the Scriptures in the language of the people?

When any one of its parts are left out then the whole suffers. Consider the following components of the Great Commission:

- You go and God supplies.
- Teach (preach the Gospel), baptize, and teach (disciple).
- Go to Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, uttermost part of the earth
- Message and messenger

What if we only teach? What if we only send a messenger? What could happen if we go only to the uttermost, but not near our homes?

According to Acts 2:41, 4:4, 5:14, 6:7, what were the results of the church in Jerusalem's involvement of the great commission?

In Acts 6:7, the Bible says that because of their actions the Word *increased*, what does that mean?

Based on this lesson what could you do to cause the Word of God to *increase* in your life and in others?

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS: LONG-TERM IMPACT

BY STEVEN TURNBULL

My family had not been going to church very long when I began seeing my sin problem. We visited a revival service on Saturday night and the Lord began to work in my heart about my need for a Savior. It was in a different church and I was around people who I did not know; I was afraid to go to the altar that night. The next morning at our home church, *Mount Ararat Missionary Baptist Church*, the pastor's wife and my mom lead me to the Lord. I was six years old. Our church was small and did not have a lot of discipleship opportunity. My parents, though faithful to church were not spiritually mature enough to lead a Christian home. However, the Lord was still working in my life through the church and the Christian men He had placed in my life.

I went to public schools which were constantly pulling me towards the world but the Lord kept drawing me to Him. When I was about fourteen years old, the church voted in a new pastor who impacted my life in a great way and is a major reason I am where I am today. Pastor Eddie Bray was truly a man of God and desired to see the world reached with the Gospel. Bro. Eddie has gone on to be with the Lord and after his death I was told by his daughter that he prayed for me every morning that I would surrender to the ministry.

At the age of nineteen, I went on my first short-term mission trip to Cape Verde, West Africa with *Preach Evangelistic Ministry*. The Lord used many men on this trip to help me grow in the Lord. It was also on this trip that I felt the Lord calling me into the ministry. I told the Lord I would do ministry in the States, but I would NOT do missions. I had no intention to go to the mission field again after that trip but the next summer I returned, yet again, to Cape Verde for another short trip. It was after that trip that I surrendered to the mission field. Before the trip, I had already committed to go to seminary for a year and then work with my pastor at our local church. That spring, Bro. Eddie went home to be with the Lord, so upon returning home from Cape Verde, I enrolled at *Biblical School of World Evangelism* in Milford, Ohio, a ministry of *First Baptist Church of Milford*. It was in that missions college that the Lord opened my eyes to what missions is really all about, promoting God's glory in all the earth. God used several Christians in my life to impart to me the need for reaching the "Unreached" people of the world.

