



BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

NEWSLETTER

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Jeremiah 36:1-3 states, *"And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."* In this passage, the Lord told Jeremiah what the consequences of sin would be. We know Romans tells us *"...the wages of sin is death..."* In Jeremiah 36:3, God said they *"...will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them..."* We know that what God purposes, He fulfills. Isaiah 46:11 states, *"...yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it."* These verses are a grave warning for those in sin. In Jeremiah 36:2, the warning was *"...against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations..."* However, Romans 3:10 tells us as well, *"...There is none righteous, no, not one."*

We see in Jeremiah 36:3 that the written Word of God gave hope, possibility, and an opportunity for forgiveness, *"...that they may return every man from their evil way: that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."* The Word of God is one of forgiveness and cleansing. Exodus 34:7 says, *"Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..."* Forgiveness is available...But wait! For many people, it might be that the written Word of God is not available for their knowledge and an opportunity to receive forgiveness. They sit condemned in their sin and evil in the sight of God, without the written Word of God that Jeremiah and the other writers of the Scriptures have given us.

Bearing Precious Seed exists to get the written Word of God into the hands of the lost, so they can hear the good news of the Gospel. We desire to publish the Word of God in every language and dialect for the hope of man. Jeremiah was commanded by God to write it, and we have been assigned by God to protect, produce, and provide it to all peoples. We need you to partner with us as we endeavor to let man know his hope for forgiveness. Our needs are personnel, paper, and prayer. Please consider partnering with us in this endeavor.

In His work together,
William Duttry, Executive Director of Ministries





we call them **VIPs**

Al Braley, BPS
Director of Operations

Acronyms are abbreviations that, over time, become part of our everyday conversation. ASAP (As Soon As Possible), BOGO (Buy One, Get One), DIY (Do It Yourself), LOL (Laugh Out Loud), PIN (Personal Identification Number) and many other acronyms have become part of normal life and language. Radar, taser, and scuba are acronyms that were used so often, they became part of our vocabulary. In the sports world, MVP (Most Valuable Player), GOAT (Greatest Of All Time), RBI (Runs Batted In), and others are commonly seen. Texting has created a whole world of new acronyms—BRB (Be Right Back), IDK (I Don't Know), and IMO (In My Opinion) are just a few examples! Have you been in a situation where an acronym is used and you sit and try to figure out what is being said?

One acronym used commonly at *Bearing Precious Seed* is VIP. Throughout the 50 years of BPS, there have been many reasons it has continued to grow. Above all, it has been God continually blessing His Word and providing for it. Other reasons include the church faithfully seeing the need to take responsibility for the production of the Bible, and those men who have raised needed funds by presenting the ministry to countless churches over the years. I would like to state that another reason for the growth of BPS has been the many volunteers who have faithfully served at BPS since 1973. At the beginning, volunteers would actually use a soda bottle to press the spine and secure the glue to bind the book! Throughout the years, volunteers have worked on numerous projects on Center Street and here on Woodville Pike, including building work tables, rolling carts, and crates needed for overseas shipments, as well as welding materials together, and helping with electrical needs for installing new equipment. Volunteers have given of their time to clean, paint, and improve both the Milford and El Paso facilities over the years. They have helped with our mailings when needed. They come in daily to help assemble personalized Scripture for hundreds of churches across the United States and around the world each year. Volunteers also regularly assist on the bindery and ensure we are able to produce New Testaments and Bibles for people all over the world. In fact, we estimate that volunteers serve an average 8,000-10,000 hours yearly at BPS!

There is no way to properly remember everyone who has volunteered throughout the years and to thank them individually. God burdened their heart to help with His Word and they answered the call. Thank you, volunteers past and present, for all you have done and continue to do to get God's Word to a world in need. BPS could not accomplish what it does without your involvement.

Many of the volunteers who faithfully served in the past have gone on to Heaven, and they are seeing the fruits of their labors here on earth. Can you imagine what it must be like to see the results of what God's Word has accomplished? He promised it will not return void, and we will continue to go forward producing as much as possible with our VIPs—Volunteers Insuring Production!

Memorials have been received in memory of:

Donald Colvin by Liberty Baptist Mission, Valerie J. Oldham; **Ronald Conley** by Robert & Colleen Tiffany; **Jeff Davis** by Victory Baptist Church; **Barbara Dawkins** by Jim & Sandra Tuten; **Alice Demarest** by Verlis Collins, Diane Demarest, Foremost Industrial Technologies, Eugene & Martha Gionti, Scott Layne, Lee's Summit Baptist Temple; **Carlos & Alice Demarest** by Virginia Campbell, Susan Scott; **Doc & Alice Demarest** by Ron & Judi Peters; **Mel Hahn** by Wilda Biddle, Sharon & Dennis Binkley, Rev. Jim Eberts, Jean Inman, Mike & Ruth Kelly, Kurt & Elaine Lyons, Earl & Mary Ruff; **Karen Hughes** by Jeff McCart; **Karen & John Hughs** by Mike & Patty Kelley; **C.C. Joyner** by Ronnie & Karen Shiflett; **Ralph King** by Victory Baptist Church; **Shirley Knoeringer** by Becky & Daniel Gavey, Marsha & Michael Morgan, RWA Architects, the Tattershall family, Tina Tedrick; **Leo Lyles** by Temple Baptist Church; **Beatrice Minnich** by Jeffery Beard; **Jean Moore** by Shirley Baker; **Regina Munday** by Union Chapel; **Sandra Rust** by the Guest family; **Regian Shirley** by Ladies' Sunday School Class of Grace Baptist Church; **Doris Stanley** by Steve & Shirley Wood; **Dottie Teal** by Ronnie & Karen Shiflett

and in honor of:

Jack & Beverly Campbell by Lynette Branch; **CSS Elementary** by Karina Gross; **Harold & Kathryn Layne** by Jill & Steve Woith



National Bible Publishing Month is a month set aside yearly by participating supporters of *Bearing Precious Seed* to raise funds needed to purchase paper for printing Bibles or New Testaments. All funds given for *NBPM* are spent on paper. While *NBPM* is emphasized for February or March, *NBPM* offerings can be given throughout the year. At least four specific countries are targeted yearly, and the goal is to supply no less than 10,000 Bibles for each country. Bibles have been produced in both softcover and hardcover throughout the years. We strive to ensure the money given for *NBPM* is used efficiently, and we endeavor to produce the highest quality product at the lowest possible cost. This enables us to do more with the funds given. While paper prices have increased substantially over the years, since 2012 the overall average cost to produce a Bible has been \$3.84 per Bible.



The thirty-nine countries highlighted below signify the countries *BPS* has supplied Bibles to since 2012 as a direct result of *NBPM* projects. Over 500,000 Bibles have been printed, delivered, and distributed to folks who otherwise may not have had an opportunity to receive their own Bible. Plans are currently being made for 2024's *National Bible Publishing Month*. The featured countries so far will be Colombia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Peru, and Venezuela. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us through *NBPM* to get the precious, life-changing, eternity-altering Word of God to the spiritually needy people in these countries.



COLOMBIA

Providing Scriptures to the least-reached in the Western Hemisphere



Iglesia Bíblica Bautista AMANDO A CRISTO
Pasto, Nariño, Colombia, S.C.A.

With over 50 million inhabitants, Colombia is second only to Mexico as the country having the greatest number of Spanish-speakers. It is often referred to as the most Roman Catholic of all South American countries. Notorious for political instability punctuated by illicit drug trade and violent cartels, Colombia has experienced a dearth of missionary activity.

In April, *Bearing Precious Seed* sent a container of Scripture to assist Colombian pastor Oscar Cerón, and church-planting missionaries Matt Smith (*Baptist World Mission*), and Jim Roe (*BPS/TAINO Ministries*). They are serving in Pasto, Nariño, a city of 500,000 and strategically located in the great Andes Mountain range on the Pan-American Highway. Opportunities abound for evangelistic activity as a gateway city to South America. The arrival of the container provided over 90,000 Gospels of John & Romans, 13,000 New Testaments, and 3,200 whole Bibles. Colombian Christians are being obedient to the Great Commission as they are involved in a pioneer movement saturating neighboring towns with God's Word. At least one church-plant has been established in Nariño and others will follow in the near future. Additionally, pastors in Bogotá are receiving much-needed Scriptures for their churches. We rejoice to report that Bibles have already been transported into socially-oppressed Venezuela as well as mountainous villages of Ecuador.

The training of faithful men to do the Great Commission and providing them with God's Word go hand-in-hand in planting churches. Veteran missionary Jim Roe believes and practices that you can't have one without the other. In January of this year, Roe founded *Lighthouse Baptist Bible Institute* in Pasto, Nariño. In the launching of the semester, the first course presented was *The History of the Spanish Bible*. The concluding sessions of the course focused on the role of the local church as custodians of God's Word. The teaching of this principle, along with the anticipated arrival of the Scriptures from *BPS*, have resulted in Spirit-led devotion as church members have a desire to not only distribute God's Word, but also to begin printing it.

BPS Colombia is officially up and running with the acquisition of a Heidelberg GTO sheet-fed press and a cutter. The small print shop runs with a few electric staplers, folding boards, and lots of dedicated hands to manually assemble

God's Word. The Lord is at work in an ordinary place using extraordinary people. A husband and wife, Danny and Jesika, who are studying in the Bible Institute, surrendered to the printing ministry. Before Danny came to the Lord, he was a tattoo artist putting ink on bodies. Today he rejoices as he puts ink on paper and produces the life-giving, heart-changing message of God's Word.

As *BPS Milford* celebrated its 50th year of printing God's Word, many of the Colombian students watched the celebrations online. They proudly announced that their own inaugural printing ministry began on May 24, 2023, a day they will hold with esteem. The Lord has expanded the reach of *BPS* to this part of the world for such a time as this.



Top Left: Scripture from BPS Milford unloaded in Colombia
Top Right: Pastors from Bogotá with Scriptures
Bottom Left: The first Scriptures printed in Colombia
Bottom Right: People manually assembling John & Romans



PROJECT55

REACHING WV WITH THE GOSPEL

(A testimony from Bible Baptist Church in Beckley, West Virginia)

Project55 began with a burden from our pastor Sam Green. After hearing about the work of Al Stone and the Canadian Gospel Project to reach Canada, Pastor Green developed a burden to reach our state with the Gospel by mailing a John and Romans (J&R) to every mailbox in the state of West Virginia.

As we began the process, we quickly discovered it would be more difficult than we expected. The first steps took much longer than we anticipated. We ran into many unexpected hurdles along the way while trying to work through the requirements of the postal system. At one point, it seemed as if this project would not be possible, but God worked in ways that were beyond us. After almost two years of preparing, we were finally able to start mailing the J&R's in June of 2022. We've been mailing the J&R's for a little over a year now, and after this next order we will have mailed out over 550,000 pieces completing thirty-four of fifty-five counties of the state.



Pickerington Baptist Church has a goal to mail a John & Romans to every home and business in the Columbus, Ohio, area. They have already assembled and mailed more than 100,000.

"A 90 year-old lady called the church office last week. She had received the John & Romans in the mail and set it on her kitchen counter, but didn't open it. She was raised Catholic, but over the years saw the errors of Catholicism and had been praying for God to reveal the truth to her. After walking past that John & Romans for three days, the Lord convicted her heart. She opened it and read it and got saved! She then called us and asked for a ride to church. She rode the bus on Sunday and will continue doing so."

Pastor VanAman
Pickerington Baptist Church



We have witnessed God do some amazing things since beginning this project. One of the most memorable salvation accounts so far is a story from a church layman about an hour away. This gentleman had been witnessing to his father-in-law for over thirty years to no avail. The week before Easter, the layman went over to his father-in-law's house to help him with some things. As the layman was leaving, he asked his father-in-law if there was anything he could do before he left. His father-in-law responded, "You can help me understand this thing." The father-in-law was holding up one of the Project55 J&R's. Not knowing what to expect, the layman opened the J&R to find the Gospel inside. He then used the J&R to lead his father-in-law to the Lord. This booklet was an answer to his prayers.

We may never know the influence or witness the fruit this project produces this side of heaven, but I believe that God can use this project in greater ways than we could ever imagine.

Countless hours of work and prayer from many people in our church have gone into making this project possible, but this project is not an outreach tool for our church. It is a Gospel tool for the glory of God.



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SPECIAL SERVICES



SEASONAL OUTREACH

2024 MISSION TRIPS

Help evangelize the lost in Juarez, Mexico



WEEK 1	4/6 - 4/12*	WEEK 10	8/10 - 8/16**
2	4/20 - 4/26	11	8/24 - 8/30
3	6/8 - 6/14	12	10/5 - 10/11
4	6/15 - 6/21	13	10/12 - 10/18**
5	6/22 - 6/28	14	10/19 - 10/25
6	7/6 - 7/12	15	11/2 - 11/8
7	7/13 - 7/19**	16	11/23 - 11/29
8	7/20 - 7/26	17	12/6 - 12/13
9	8/3 - 8/9		

*Juarez Project **Mescalero Apache Reservation

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