

World Missions Bearing Precious Seed

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



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Winter Report 2022

Reaching Multitudes with the Gospel through the Printed Page

BOUND FOR THAILAND



On Wednesday, January 4th we loaded a container of Thai Scriptures for Missionary Curtis Hall and BEST Missions. The container was loaded from our home church, Second Baptist Church in Festus, Missouri. We were able to load the container with 1,779 boxes of Thai Scriptures containing 3,200 Whole Bibles, 19,800 New Testaments and 147,930 John and Romans. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather for loading. Not often do we get this kind of weather in January.

We love and appreciate the members of our home church who are always excited over the challenge of loading a container. I had to chuckle when I realized that some of them were making a game out of it by trying to beat their time from the last loading.



This container is due to arrive in Thailand end of Feb. As always, please pray for the souls who will be receiving the Scripture. We should also remember to pray for the churches in Thailand and for those who will be handing the Scripture out.

Pray for Bro. Curtis Hall as he is on his way now to Thailand to visit the churches there. Keep him in your prayers for health and safety as he encourages the pastors and churches in Thailand.

THAI SCRIPTURE INTO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Pastor Atitarn Jomhong and his church worked during the Christmas Season to get the Gospel and Word of God into the public schools. Many churches across Thailand were able to hold special Christmas outreaches.

We are thankful for Missionary Curtis Hall and BEST Missions. They have a heart for suppling the students with John and Romans. It is through God's Word that they can hear and read for themselves the REASON for the SEASON.

You can't help but look at these pictures and think of the children's song, "Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world".













BROKEN PIPES AND WATER DAMAGE



Over Christmas break, there was a major water leak in the building where we house our Scripture ministry. More than \$30,000 worth of whole Bibles and New Testaments were destroyed by water damage. Another \$20,000 worth of John and Romans and covers were also destroyed. Along with this loss, shelving, paper goods, board ends for the John and Roman signatures, ceiling tiles, etc. was also damaged or destroyed.

Our new pastor was unaware that the CONTENTS of the building was not covered by the insurance. This is all very heart-breaking, although we KNOW that God has it all in His control. Due to this loss, several projects will be delayed in getting Scripture to the mission field. We do praise the

Lord that the Thai Scripture that was scheduled to be loaded in a container on January 4th had been moved and staged for the load-

ing so we only lost 30,000 Scripture for this container (We are happy to report that this Scripture was loaded as scheduled and is now on its way to Thailand).

Our Pastor and several men from our church quickly jumped in to help in the cleanup efforts. We spent most of two weeks either cleaning up the mess or replacing water lines in the building. It has been almost overwhelming to see trailer load after trailer load of

Scripture being thrown out. I can't help but think that each one represents a soul. In 21 years of ministry, this is by far the biggest loss we've suffered.

Through all of this, it is even more evident that we need a building for the Scripture ministry. This is something we've been praying about for quite a few years. We need a larger space for storing Scripture, especially since scheduling containers in a timely manner is getting more difficult due to

shortages of containers and shipping personnel. My body just isn't holding up to handling pallets of

Scripture by hand anymore. We desperately need a building that can handle a forklift and a loading dock. For 21 years it has been more about the funds for printing and less about the funds for a building and equipment, but there comes a time where the body just can't do it much longer. Unfortunately, my back, shoulder, and feet are wearing out.

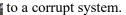
Please pray with us concerning a building for the ministry. We know that if it is God's will, He will provide the means and the way.

PHILIPPINE SCRIPTURE ARRIVES IN COUNTRY



We are so thankful for our Texas Seedline representative, Bro. Tom Burch. Bro. Burch and all of his Seedline workers loaded a container for the Philippines on November 14th. The container held 1,190 boxes containing 274,000 John and Romans and another 80 boxes holding 2,560 whole Bibles.

We recently received word from Missionary Doug Marco that the container arrived safely. They are now working to get the container cleared and through customs. This is always a challenge in the Philippines due





We appreciate their help and hard work to make this project happen. Please pray for the Word of God to have its effect in the hearts of those who will receive these Scriptures through Missionary Doug Marco, Jr. on the island of Negros.

WELCOME LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH

I had the privilege to travel to Evansville, Indiana recently where I helped set up a new Seedline work at Landmark Baptist Church. It was great to see their enthusiasm for the Scripture ministry. We are looking forward to working with Pastor Sam Robinson and the people of Landmark Baptist Church in reaching souls through the Printed Page.







UPCOMING PROJECTS, TRAVELS, PRAYER REQUESTS AND TESTIMONIES

Samuel Martin Update:

Praising the Lord for all the Blessings and provisions. God is faithful and true no matter the circumstances! Since the last prayer letter we have loaded two more containers of Scripture from Texas and Missouri and a couple trailer loads of Spanish for Mexico.

The two shipments of Philippine Scriptures we shipped, one in October and the other in November have arrived to their destinations on two separate islands. Even now as I write this update, the Scripture is being placed in the hands of the Philippine people. We are praising the Lord for the safety of these two containers as they made their way across the sea.

On January 4th, we loaded the first container for 2023. The weather was absolutely beautiful for January and everything went smoothly. We loaded this container at our home church in Festus, Missouri. We loaded 1,779 boxes for Thailand, containing 3,200 Whole Bibles, 19,800 New Testaments and 147,930 John and Romans. We greatly appreciate the other ministries who donated the whole Bibles and New Testaments for this container. We are so grateful for the churches who have given funds, worked and prayed for these projects.

We are extremely grateful that our cargo trailer has been completely rebuilt. Praise the Lord for the churches who gave to make this possible. I can now look in my right side mirror and NOT see the side of the trailer shaking as I go down the road! What a great sight and feeling. I knew the trailer was in bad shape, but the repair shop told me that out of the 30 feet of trailer side, only 4 support bows were holding that side together. It definitely needed repaired! In addition to rebuilding the trailer I also had a man in the past recommend to have a electric jack put on the trailer. Praise the Lord I was able to have a electric jack added on. I hate to say it, but I'm not getting any younger and the loads are not getting any lighter. I can't explain how much easier this has made everything when loading and unloading Scripture.

As many of you already know, right after Christmas one of our church staff members stopped by the building where our Scripture ministry is held and noticed a water leak which had been spraying water for a couple of days. Our ministry is actually in the basement of our Christian school's gymnasium so this water leaked through the gym flooring onto the Scripture and ministry below. As a result it ruined over 185,000 John and Romans, 2,300 whole Bibles, 10,000 New Testaments, and many boxes of J/R covers. This doesn't include other losses such as shelving, paper goods, etc. I was literally sick to find such a great loss. Nevertheless, several men jumped right in helping to clean up the destroyed Scripture. We then spent a week replacing all the old galvanized water pipes with PEX.

We quickly posted on Facebook and sent out an email notice to notify our supporting and Seedline churches about this loss. We greatly appreciate those who have called, messaged and have already sent funds to help replace the Scripture we lost.

We were blessed over the holidays as we spent some precious time with family. It was great to have a home of our own for our children and grandchildren to come to. We missed having our son and his family as they were all sick, but how precious it was to have 14 of us gathered around the table together. God was so good to bless us with this wonderful time together.

Dennis Deneau Update:

The last quarter of 2022 has been amazing! And, devastating! But, overall, it has been a typical time in the life of a Christian. We are in the Southern states with our 5th wheel trailer, traveling for the ministry, giving updates, and encouraging the saints! We have had COLD, frozen water, and warm weather and sunshine! God gives us all blessings and He allows trials in our lives. We have been "on the road" during that time and the Lord has given us many unseen blessings of protection, met needs, and given us money for paper on which to print the Word of God.

Just after Christmas, a main water pipe broke in our printshop area in Missouri. It was devasting news to us and we were unable to help with cleanup because we are in another state. But God. He used this incident to really pull together the men of our Church and clean-up and pipe replacement were completed quickly. God has already begun to send in the money to replace the Scriptures that were destroyed by the severe water damage. Although we were initially devasted by the loss, we KNEW immediately that God already had it under control! We have been greatly encouraged by all that He has done in the last couple of weeks! "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits..." Psalm 68:19

I have been able to order a couple of pallets of already completed Bibles to replace the ones we lost, and we will soon have a quantity of English whole Bibles, some in leather (designated for pastors in Africa) and some in vinyl, to include in our containers shipping to Africa and the Philippines and other places where the missionaries can use English. Just today, I put in an order for the reprinting of 5,000 more whole Bibles. GOD is making this all possible. I KNOW that it was all of God and that it is because of the dear folks around the country that have turned their hearts toward God (for souls around the country) and have made this "devastation" a serious matter of prayer!

We appreciate so much the involvement of every one of you in the Scripture ministry. Most of you are involved in Praying. So many of you are involved with your time, spending hours putting together the Scriptures in your local churches so that we can ship them around the world to missionaries. Lots of you are involved in giving so that the lost souls can get a copy of the Word of God. Without each of you, there could be no outreach of Scriptures. Please continue with your part in 2023. "The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published *it*." Psalm 68:11. That's not about us and what we do; it's about God first and then Him using you and your part in this ministry!

Having spent a couple of great months in Southern States, we are greatly encouraged by the large numbers of Spanish speaking folks getting saved and sharing the Word of God with their peers. We are thankful to have a part in providing them portions of God's Word.

Please pray for us as we travel and for health to continue serving the Lord. I will turn 75 in less than a month, and things are not what they used to be! Again, but God! HE is faithful to renew our strength and with "too much" medical attention, we are doing good physically. If you are getting older, you know how it is! We have both outlived our parents and many of our siblings, FOR GOD's GLORY! Praying HE will give us health to "press toward the mark!"

HOW CAN YOU HELP

WORLD MISSIONS BEARING PRECIOUS SEED?

You can help by supporting World Missions Bearing Precious Seed with regular monthly support.

You can also take up special coin offerings for Jr. Church programs, Vacation Bible School, Missions Conferences or even a once a month coin offering on a Sunday evening for the "Paper Fund". You would be surprised how quickly coins add up.

Don't forget to pray for us! We can ALWAYS use prayer for safety as we travel, funds for maintenance and repairs on vehicles, funds to print Scripture and funds to ship them to the mission field. We also ask for special prayer concerning a building for our ministry.

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 Second Baptist Church in Festus, 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 cover on the Scripture, stapling it, cutting the Scripture and 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 up a seedline ministry for your church.

Please <u>continue to pray</u> for the following needs:

Rolls of Paper

We are able to produce 32,000 John and Romans booklets for every two rolls of paper. Depending on the translation it takes approximately 20 rolls of paper to fill a container full of John and Romans for the mission field.

Projected Costs of Paper

One Roll of paper = \$1,120.00 One Truckload = \$36,000.00

Shipping and Postage

It is our policy not to charge missionaries, church planters or new churches for Scripture or shipping costs. We provide Scripture free of charge as the Lord provides through the Faith Promise giving of our supporting churches and individuals.

Whole Bibles

In recent years our demand for whole Bibles for churches, prisons and overseas has grown. Previously, we have relied on other ministries to provide vinyl Bibles for us while we covered the shipping costs. Upon much prayer and consideration, the Lord has allowed us to begin the cover and title page design of our own whole vinyl Bibles for World Missions Bearing Precious Seed.

We are excited about this addition to the ministry. If you would like to give towards this project, checks can be made out to: Second Baptist Church. Please mark on the memo line "Vinyl Bible Project".

Building Project

As we have stated previously in the newsletter, we are in need of a new building to house our Scripture ministry. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide a way for this to be made possible. If you or your church would be willing to help get this project off the ground, checks can be made out to: Second Baptist Church. Please mark on the memo line "Building Project".

Thank you for your prayers and support for World Missions Bearing Precious Seed