



WORLD MISSIONS BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

A MINISTRY OF SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Pastor and Prayer Partners,

I am sending this letter as an update on the water damage that we received in our print shop over the Christmas holidays.

On December 24 or 25 the building that houses our seedline work and Scripture distribution area had a rusty water line that sprung a leak destroying around \$55,000.00 worth of signatures, covers, Scripture that was boxed and ready to ship, New Testaments and whole Bibles. Clean up was difficult and physically exhausting as you can imagine how heavy waterlogged paper can be. Not only was this physically exhausting but also emotionally draining as this involved God's Word that was requested by missionaries on the field. Each John and Romans, New Testament and Whole Bible represented a soul.

After the cleanup was finished, the repairs on the water lines began. Because of the age and condition of the building, we were unable to find a contractor available or even willing to replumb the gymnasium above our work area. So, a few men from our church spent a week installing PECs water lines to replace all the rusting galvanized pipes.

In the process of doing this, discussion that has been ongoing at church about a facility for WMBPS to work and store the Scripture was brought up once again. Our church has the land available to build a more efficient facility for WMBPS would include a warehouse, a loading dock, seedline work area, offices, and restrooms. I was given permission to start the process for a building project. The required survey and soil testing is already completed. A down payment has been made on the metal for the building.

Over the past couple of months, several supporting churches have called asking how they can help in replacing damaged Scripture or how to get the facility we need to logistically support the ministry needs. We praise the Lord that the funds have come in to replace most of the damaged Scripture. However, after much prayer and God reminding me: "Ye have not because ye ask not", I am sending this letter out requesting financial support to finish paying for a distribution building.

The building is a 60x60 metal building with 12-foot-tall sidewalls. It will have a 12x14 garage door so tractor trailers can partially back in so we can load and unload regardless of the weather. This will be a huge blessing in loading containers. It will also allow adequate room for a forklift so that we will not have all the heavy lifting of boxes and pallets. This building will also provide our church a seedline assembly work area so that we will not have to move material back and forth across town.

We have currently received about 1/3 the funds needed from a few concerned churches and individuals. Our home church has also committed to give funds towards the project. They have also paid the engineering firms for the survey and soil requirements. This leaves a remaining balance of approximately \$60,000.00.

For 22 years now I have used all extra support to print and send Scriptures to the mission fields. We have shipped to 28 countries, over 20,000,000 Gospel of John and Romans, 250,000 Bibles and New Testaments. Over the last three years shipping requirements have changed forcing me to consolidate shipments and be ready when a container becomes available rather than request for a specific location and time to ship and they show up to load as requested. Because of this, we are having to warehouse much larger quantities of Scripture while we wait for shipping containers. For the past couple of years, we have used our church's bus barn, garages, and gymnasium to house Scripture as we wait to load a container. Due to the changes in shipping and having to hold on to Scripture for longer periods of time, we are now having to use even our cargo trailers for storage. This has made us handle boxes of Scripture several times more than we normally would.

Would you please pray with us concerning this need and consider helping us financially? We greatly appreciate your support and prayers for the ministry and our family.

Bearing the Precious Seed,

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