

## Dr. & Mrs. Bob Bowen

Missionaries to Thailand & Southeast Asia

*"Mark 13:10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations."*

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### November 2023

The first week-end of the month, I preached at Mount Zion Baptist Church for Pastor Dexter Landers in Whitesburg, Georgia. His Annual Mission Conference began on Sunday. Mount Zion outdid themselves again for BEST Missions by giving almost \$5,000 for the Laotian Bible Project. Pastor Landers and his church have been a blessing to our ministry for years. He was one of my former students back in my college teaching days. What a blessing he and his dear family are to me!

While on my way to Georgia, I stopped at Maranatha Baptist Church in Monroe, Louisiana. Pastor Daniel Goodman was holding a revival meeting. What a blessing he has been to me.

On Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, I preached for my good friend Pastor Dave Siefert at Twin City Baptist Church in Wake Village. What a blessing his good folks were to me! I preached all 3 services that Sunday.

On the evening of Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, we received word that our sister-in-law, Verna, had passed away and was now in Heaven. Jackie's oldest brother and Verna had been married 66 years. We quickly made plans to travel to Quincy, IL to attend the funeral. We were thankful when our daughter, Chrisy, offered to drive us there. She and her husband even made arrangements for motel rooms there and back. That was a blessing. To Jackie, Verna was a mentor and a wonderful example of a loving wife and mother. Thank God for Heaven, where our loved ones will all be together again!

We made a regular trip to Dallas (every 3 months) for Jackie's check-up. She is doing great after her kidney transplant 1 ½ years ago. We are thankful for good doctors and health care workers.

I was invited to preach a Wednesday night service for a young preacher friend in Henderson, Texas. He asked me to bring some soul-winning presentation booklets for his people. They wanted to learn how to win souls even more. I challenged them to make sure that every home in their city had a Bible, which they are doing on a regular basis. His church gave \$500 toward Bibles.

We are so thankful for good friends and churches for giving toward Bibles. What a blessing you are to me and those who have never owned a Bible or seen seen one!

## DECEMBER 2023

This month started off by loading our 41<sup>st</sup> container of scriptures in Rogers, Arkansas. A special "thanks" to BEAMS Bible Ministry for several thousand whole Bibles that went in this container. Also, a special "thanks" to World Missions Bearing Precious Seed and Faith Scripture Printing for tens of thousands of *John & Romans*.

The Christmas programs in Thailand were a huge success. Thousands of children and staff heard the Gospel story for the first time. They each received a *John & Romans* and a gospel tract. Can you imagine, in 2023, people still hearing the gospel for the first time?

Thank God we live in America where we are free to own a Bible, and the gospel is being preached freely. Thank the Lord for good churches that still believe the Word of God!


We hope you had a merry Christmas. We are looking forward to a prosperous New Year with the same goal of making sure every believer in the world can receive a copy of God's Word in their own language.

We want to thank everyone who gave us a special gift for Christmas. We appreciate your kindness very much. We are so thankful to those who faithfully give on a regular basis. Without you, this ministry would not be possible.

A special "thank you" to friends who gave very generous gifts to BEST for Bibles, like our friend Linda Duncan of \$500, and our friend Scott Smith who gave \$10,000 to BEST. Praise the Lord!

We love you folks and want you to know that we could not keep our ministry going without your help and prayers. Praise God for your faithful prayers and for your generous support.

Into all the world,

  
Bro. Bob Bowen

Phil. 4:13