

BEAMS NEWSLETTER



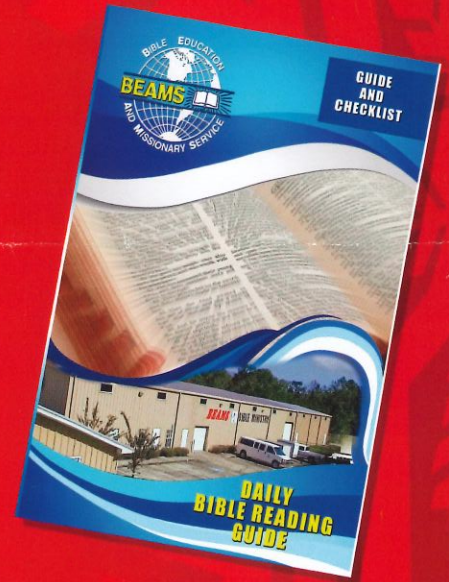
Merry Christmas

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Bible Reading Day, Sunday, January 5, 2025

The Greatest Book in All the World is the Bible! This powerful statement, often quoted by our BEAMS missionaries, holds profound truth. Yet, it's a tragedy that many American Christians struggle to find time to read it. To encourage Bible reading within our churches, BEAMS offers **Bible Reading Checklists**. These checklists serve as a great tool for members to track their progress through the Scriptures. Once individuals complete their reading, they can send the finished checklist to our office along with the church's address. In return, we will send a certificate of completion and a new checklist to continue their journey.

Pastor, if you're interested in providing these **Bible Reading Checklists** to your congregation, please call our office at 228-832-1096 to place your order.



BEAMS Bible Day, Sunday, February 2, 2025

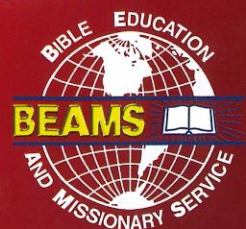
Every year, BEAMS asks churches to prayerfully consider receiving a special offering for Bibles. BEAMS has designated Sunday, February 2, 2025, as BEAMS Bible Day (some churches choose another Sunday). This year's project is Bibles for Missionary Doug Sisson. Bro. Sisson has served many years in the General Santos City in the southern part of Mindanao. Our goal is to raise **\$80,000** to provide 5,000 Cebuano and 5,000 English Bibles.

Bro. Sisson will distribute these Bibles to the churches in remote areas in Mindanao.

A sample packet has been sent out, which includes a Bible Day Poster and a Bible Reading Checklist. Pastors who haven't received these or need extra posters, please contact the BEAMS office at 228-832-1096 for assistance.



Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Ps. 119:105



THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is hard to believe we have come to the last issue of the newsletter for 2024. Like all years, it has had it's joys and sorrows but GOD IS GOOD!



Dr. & Sis. Lockard

There are seasons of time at the BEAMS Headquarters when our only contact with missionaries that are on the field is through email. Then there are seasons like this September and October when several missionaries drop by for a visit. Missionary to Lithuania Chase Smith and Family, Missionary to the children Bro. and Sis. Jorge Lucio, Missionary to the Philippines Bro. Doug Sisson, and missionaries to the Philippines Bro. and Sis. Peñol. It is always a joy to fellowship with them and hear how God is blessing them.

GOD Is Good!

NATIONAL CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 24-25, 2025

The National BEAMS Bible Conference is quickly approaching. We are excited to have scheduled to preach Dr. David Gibbs, Jr; Dr. Joe Arthur; Dr. Johnny Pope; Dr. Tom Wallace; Bro. Dan Carr, Jr.; Bro. Jayme Jackson; Bro. Dale Greenwell. I want to personally invite you to attend.

This meeting is not for preachers only but for anyone that loves the Word of God, preaching, singing, and fellowship. Missionaries, there will be tables in the fellowship hall for you to setup your display. Please call **Faith Baptist Church** and reserve a table. I hope to see you there.

Rhonda and I have been blessed with a busy schedule of traveling. I was able to attend two preacher fellowships. We were in three churches in the Jacksonville, Florida area, Mobile, Ala-bama; Marrero, Louisiana; two in Pennsylvania; Sarasota, Florida; and two in Mississippi. I was privileged to be a part of the council for my cousin's ordination along with my father. Thank you for the prayers for our safety.

Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!
May the Lord Bless you and keep you. Until next year!

Bro. & Sis. Lockard

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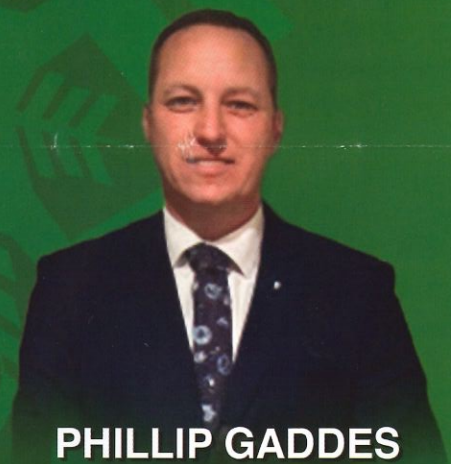
THANK YOU FOR *Bibles*



PHILIPPINES

PEÑOL FAMILY

Recently, Bro. Vladimeer Peñol visited the BEAMS Headquarters. He works with his father who has been receiving BEAMS Bibles for years. Bro. Peñol sent a thank you card that read, "Thank you for the ministry God has entrusted to you. We are recipients of the Bibles you send to the Philippines. We have given hundreds of Bibles to Pastors, Christians, and those who have heard the gospel for the first time. God bless you as you bless others."



PHILLIP GADDES

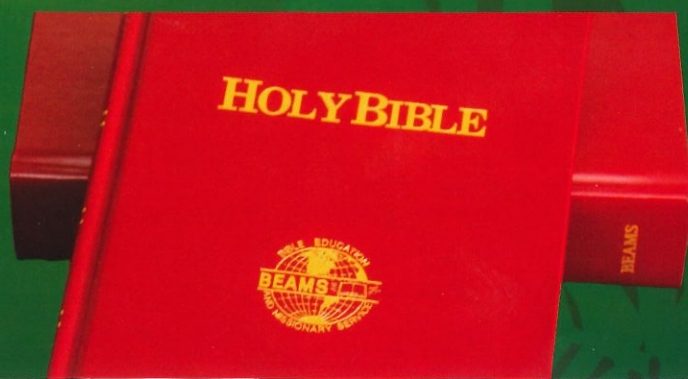
AUSTRALIA

BEAMS has had the privilege of providing Bibles to the Phillip Gaddes family in Australia since 2007. Sister Gaddes shared these testimonies of how BEAMS is helping their ministry, with one of our donors. "I have the privilege of teaching scripture class in the public schools to kindergarten to year 6. I was able to take some of the BEAMS slimline Bibles into the schools. My older students were so excited to hold a real Bible. Many wanted to take them home; they were very disappointed when I could not give them one.

I have one student that was new to scripture class and he said he didn't believe in God. He ended up loving Scripture class. When I gave him a Bible to read during the year and was showing him how to use it, he looked up at me with a huge smile and said, 'this is my first time to actually read out of the Bible.'

A lady that I have been reading the Bible with each week over the phone owns a very large Old Testament and a separate New Testament in a different version. I was having to text her the New Testament so we could read together. We were able to meet face to face and I gave her a BEAMS Bible. She was so thankful. She had no idea that you could get a whole Bible. I received a text the next day about how happy she is to have a Bible."

Thank you for giving to the BEAMS ministry. There are many out there without a Bible of their own. There is much work to do.

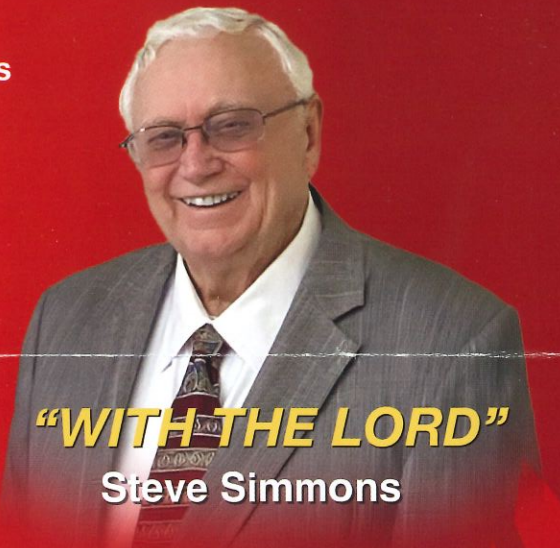




VOLUNTEERS ARE ESSENTIAL

Absolutely! Volunteers are essential to the BEAMS ministry, especially in preparing mailouts and packing Bibles. It's inspiring to see such a wide range of people—ages 12 to 80—coming together to serve. The involvement of individuals, families, and church groups not only strengthens the volunteers but also builds a vibrant ministry. Their dedication truly exemplifies the spirit of giving and support.

Since 1972, God has blessed BEAMS with the choicest of servants to join the BEAMS family. Some have been with us for many years and others just a short time but all very important to the work. Two of those servants were Steve and Betty Simmons. They were BEAMS missionaries to Alabama and Northwest Florida in the early 2000s. They are members of Bible Baptist Church, Eldorado, Arkansas; Pastor J.D. Weido. On October 15, 2024 Bro. Steve went home to be with the Lord. Please pray for Sis. Betty and family.



“WITH THE LORD”
Steve Simmons

SPECIAL EVENTS

BEAMS BIBE READING SUNDAY Jan. 5, 2025	BEAMS BIBLE DAY Feb. 2, 2025
BEAMS Sunday: Faith Baptist Church; Gulfport, Mississippi	Feb. 23, 2025
National BEAMS Bible Conference: Faith Baptist Church; Gulfport, Mississippi	Feb. 24-25, 2025
BEAMS Rally: Calvary Baptist Church; Gilbertsville, Kentucky	Mar. 21, 2025
Texas BEAMS Bible Conference: Ambassador Baptist Church; Ennis, Texas	Mar. 28-26, 2025

BEAMS MISSIONARIES

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René and Freda Freret	228-324-4715
Delmas and Judy Knight	251-387-0122
Robert and Laura Lethers	863-409-6336
John McElroy	662-216-0553
Alvin and Sharon Roberts	575-650-4221
Tim and Debbie Scott	972-302-0511
Don and Pat Smith	214-729-4060
Jim and Cathy Velazquez	505-920-2398
Cecil and Kathey Young	989-255-1272

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More BEAMS Missionaries Needed
If you would like more information on becoming a BEAMS Missionary, you can contact Dr. Lockard at 228-832-1096.

