



# BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

## NEWSLETTER

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BPS is a ministry of First Baptist Church in Milford, OH

The theme for our church's 2024 Mission Conference was *Neighbors Next Door*. The focal point of the conference was found in Luke 10:29 when the lawyer asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" I must admit that when I first saw the conference theme, my initial thought was, "I have witnessed to my neighbors." However, it is amazing how much things have changed in my lifetime. There are many people within Greater Cincinnati who have come to this area from other countries. According to an article published January 24, 2023 by [soapboxmedia.com](http://soapboxmedia.com), "Over a four-year period (2014-2017), metro Cincinnati experienced the largest percentage

of growth [98%] due to new immigrant residents, [more] than any other metro region in the country...In metro Cincinnati, international communities have been growing – migrants from West Africa, Mali, and Burkina Faso, in Westwood; Guatemalans in East Price Hill and Covington; Bhutanese and Congolese in Mt. Airy and Boone County; Ethiopian and Somali in Florence; Burundi in North Fairmount." Other large groups of immigrants have recently come from Ukraine and Venezuela. Now it is not as difficult to "Go ye into all the world," because the world is all around us—they are our neighbors.

Who my neighbor is should be a primary focus of my daily walk with God. Are you trying to reach your neighbors? Churches in Springfield, Ohio, have recently requested French Creole Scriptures in order to help reach their large Haitian population. How about your area? Consider where you live. How different is it now than it was 10-15 years ago? What are you doing to reach the world that has come closer to you? Are you concerned about those neighbors?

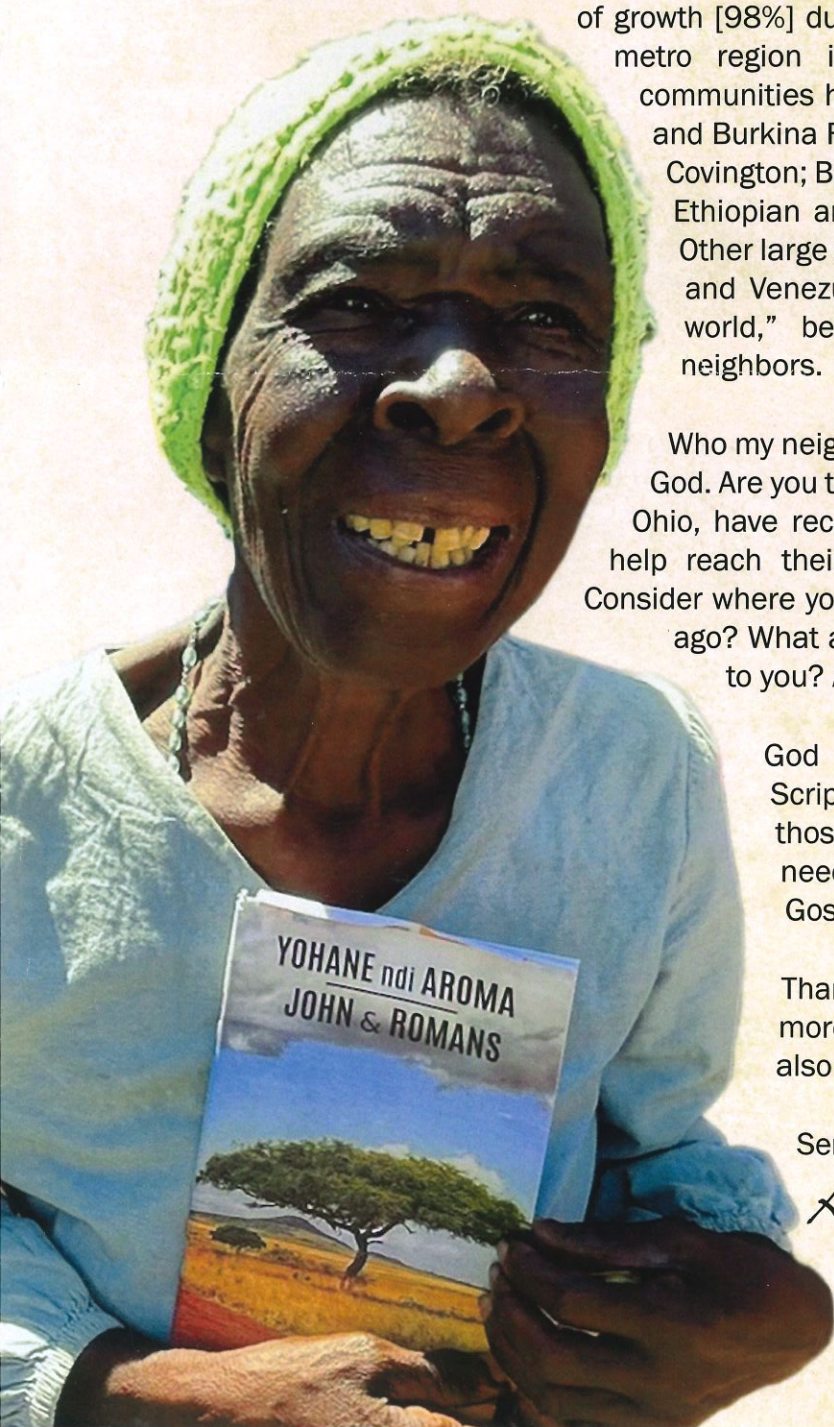
God has allowed *Bearing Precious Seed* to produce Scripture in seventy languages through the years. Some of those languages may only have John & Romans, but if you need Scripture to help you reach your neighbors with the Gospel, please contact us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and your desire to do more to send the Word of God both to your neighbors, and also to those all around the world.

Serving together,


*Al Braley*

Director, *Bearing Precious Seed*





# Think on THESE THINGS



**BPS Workers** - Pressmen, Bindery Operators, Graphic Designers, Pre-press Operators, Cutter Operators, Folders, Material Handlers, Shipping & Receiving Clerks, Laminator Operators, Secretaries, Representatives, General Labor—Our people wear many hats. We have many more jobs than we have people available, yet the work continues to be accomplished because of the dedicated workers.

**Volunteers** - Praise the Lord for our dedicated volunteers! We have folks who faithfully give of their time to come in daily to assemble John & Romans or to load pockets on the bindery. Volunteers regularly help us cut, stitch, fold, emboss, engrave, bind, and many other tasks as needed.

**Equipment** - While we often see the numbers of Scriptures produced, we typically fail to consider all the equipment needed to produce those Scriptures: the 4-web Heidelberg press, the 6-web Goss press, the Miller sheet-fed press, the Didde press, the digital presses, the bindery line, the single-pocket binder, the hardback binder, the laminator, the engraver, the folders, the cutters, the stitcher, the plate maker, the forklifts, the shipping scales, and many other pieces of necessary equipment.

**Computers** - We have computers throughout the facility to keep everything operating smoothly and efficiently, and to help with ongoing communications.

**Paper** - This is our most valuable resource; we cannot print without it! We currently go through a truckload of paper each week. That doesn't include all the sheet paper we use daily.

**Ink** - It goes without saying that to produce Bibles we must have ink. With our current printing process, we order 55-gallon drums of ink and pump it to the presses.

**Facilities** - Continual upkeep on the building is necessary to print God's Word. In order for the paper to run through the presses efficiently, the printing areas must be humidity controlled. The heating and cooling units must be maintained and kept operating smoothly. Air handling is essential on our equipment, so air compressors are required for the equipment to work properly. Charging stations for material handling equipment must be in good working order, and safety throughout the shop must always be a conscious effort.

**Support** - Ongoing monthly support and offerings given for paper are vital to the ministry. God continues to provide through His people, and His Word continues to be produced in greater levels than ever before. By the end of this year, we should reach 250,000,000 copies of Scripture printed at *Bearing Precious Seed* since 1973. Praise the Lord for all that He has done and continues to do! God uses the financial, prayer, and volunteer support of churches all across the country to keep the ministry going. Thank you for your involvement in getting the Word of God all around the world. Let's continue to join together to do more for Him.

*"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."* (Philippians 4:8)



# 2024 SHIPPING HIGHLIGHTS:

Listed below are the containers that have been shipped so far in 2024.



**GABON** - Shipped 1/23\*  
281,000 John & Romans, 4,332 Bibles,  
867 New Testaments



**PHILIPPINES** - Shipped 2/2  
20,050 New Testaments, 15,840 Bibles



**MALAWI** - Shipped 3/20  
271,680 John & Romans



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197,920 John & Romans,  
15,624 New Testaments, 2,920 Bibles



**PERU** - Shipped 5/24  
162,400 John & Romans  
15,120 New Testaments, 990 Bibles

Shipped 5/24 - **NEW ZEALAND**  
344,200 John & Romans



Shipped 6/4 - **ZIMBABWE**  
124,200 John & Romans, 13,980 Bibles,  
3,240 New Testaments



Shipped 6/20 - **NIGERIA**  
144,000 John & Romans,  
12,960 New Testaments, 10,110 Bibles



Shipped 6/24 - **PHILIPPINES**  
95,200 John & Romans,  
42,500 New Testaments, 2,520 Bibles



Shipped 7/10 - **ETHIOPIA**  
33,141 New Testaments,  
23,560 Gospels of John, 850 John & Romans



\*Shipped from Bible Baptist Church in Marysville, California

## Volunteers make a difference!

Pictured below are many of our faithful volunteers who freely give of their time to help assemble Scriptures, often on a daily basis. We could not accomplish what we do without their labor of love for the Lord! To all our volunteers, we say a huge "Thank You!" If you or your group would like to volunteer at *Bearing Precious Seed*, please call 513-575-1706.



## BIBLE PUBLISHING SUMMIT

### July 11-12, 2025

Hosted by First Baptist Church of Milford, OH

Bringing together Bible publishing ministries for a time of fellowship, refreshment, preaching, and sharing resources to improve our overall efficiencies, effectiveness and eternal impact. Please call 513-575-1706 for more information.

## Memorials have been received in memory of:

**Charles & Shirley Baumen** by Rodney & Margaret Dickman; **Charlotte Booth** by Ronnie & Karen Shiflett; **Kitty Carpenter** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **Bruce Coffey** by Derek Coffey, Dayton Christian School, Craig & Celeste Dunlap, Beverly Frye, Vonnie Keltner, David Mazzoni, Kristie Coffey McMullen, Kyle & Kathy Romick, Sheets ABF Class, Steven & Linda Sheets, the Stankos, Christian Stewart, John & Lisa Weil, Kristen Wilkinson; **Antonia Cook** by Larry Cook; **Ansel Cox** by Pleasant Way Baptist Church; **Kenneth Davidson** by Victory Baptist Church; **Alice Demarest** by Virginia Campbell; **Pete Dye** by Bible Baptist Church; **David Fernald** by Calvary Baptist Church; **Donald Finch** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **Mary Ann Gearheart** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **Richard Holtman** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **Eloise Hunter** by Pleasant Way Baptist Church; **Jean Kaylor** by Colette Cantoni, Don Coffey, Carl Goodman Karis Wickensimer; **Dan Kelly** by Calvary Baptist Church; **JoAnne Knight** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **Edette Lacy** by Calvary Baptist Church; **Jerry Lewis** by Stacie Lewis Diaz; **Clyde Lunsford** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **Sharon Morris** by Joanne Kissock; **David Obuhanych** by Mike Obuhanych; **Jane Obuhanych** by Mike Obuhanych; **Carl Rains** by the Ladies Class of Grace Baptist Church; **Alfred Reynolds** by Outreach to Asia Nationals; **Norma Robertson** by Ralph & Edra Zitterbart; **Sandra Robinson** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **Chloe Rochester** by Victory Baptist Church; **Donald Schafer** by The Open Door Baptist Church, Sequoia Financial Group; **Herb Siska** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **Jolea Snook** by Calvary Baptist Church; **Jeanie Stringham** by Antoine & Ashley Albin, Stephen & Dianna Ferguson; **Ron Tedrick** by Linda Johnson; **Paul Thomas** by Connie Tarter; **David Votaw** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **Delane Waters** by Bible Baptist Church; **Elmer Wells** by Crossroad Baptist Church; **Doug Williamson** by James & Sandra Tuten, Linda Warren, Mary Warren; **Lyle Wirth** by Calvary Baptist Church; **Neree Wood** by Crossroad Baptist Church;

& in honor of: **Tim Campbell** by Alan Campbell