BEARING PRECIOUS SEED

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The Work Continues

When Charles Keen led First Baptist Church of Milford, Ohio, to begin publishing the Word of God, he could not have known how greatly God would bless that step of faith. Bearing Precious Seed of Milford was born from a simple conviction: **God has entrusted His people with the responsibility of getting His Word to the world.** Acting on that conviction, First Baptist Church began printing Scripture in 1973. That first year, the church celebrated a remarkable milestone—2,000 New Testaments printed and prepared for distribution. Considering the equipment and resources available at the time, it was a monumental accomplishment.

More than fifty years later, God has multiplied that work beyond anything those first volunteers could have imagined. Hundreds of millions of Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions have now passed through the ministry of Bearing Precious Seed. In 2024, BPS Milford celebrated the printing and distribution of its **250 millionth copy of Scripture**.

But this has never been the work of one church alone. Thousands of churches and individuals have prayed, given, worked, and partnered with us to put the Word of God into the hands of people around the world. Every Bible represents more than paper and ink. It represents the opportunity for someone to read the words of God—perhaps for the very first time.

And the work is far from finished. In 2020, we took another significant step toward reaching people who still do not have access to Scripture in their own language through the founding of the **FirstBible School of Translation**. This graduate-level program equips Bible translators in biblical languages, descriptive linguistics, and translation philosophy so they can help bring the Word of God to Bibleless people groups. More than 7,000 languages are spoken in the world today, and thousands of them still do not have even a portion of Scripture available to their speakers.

The need is great. The opportunity is before us. And the time is now.

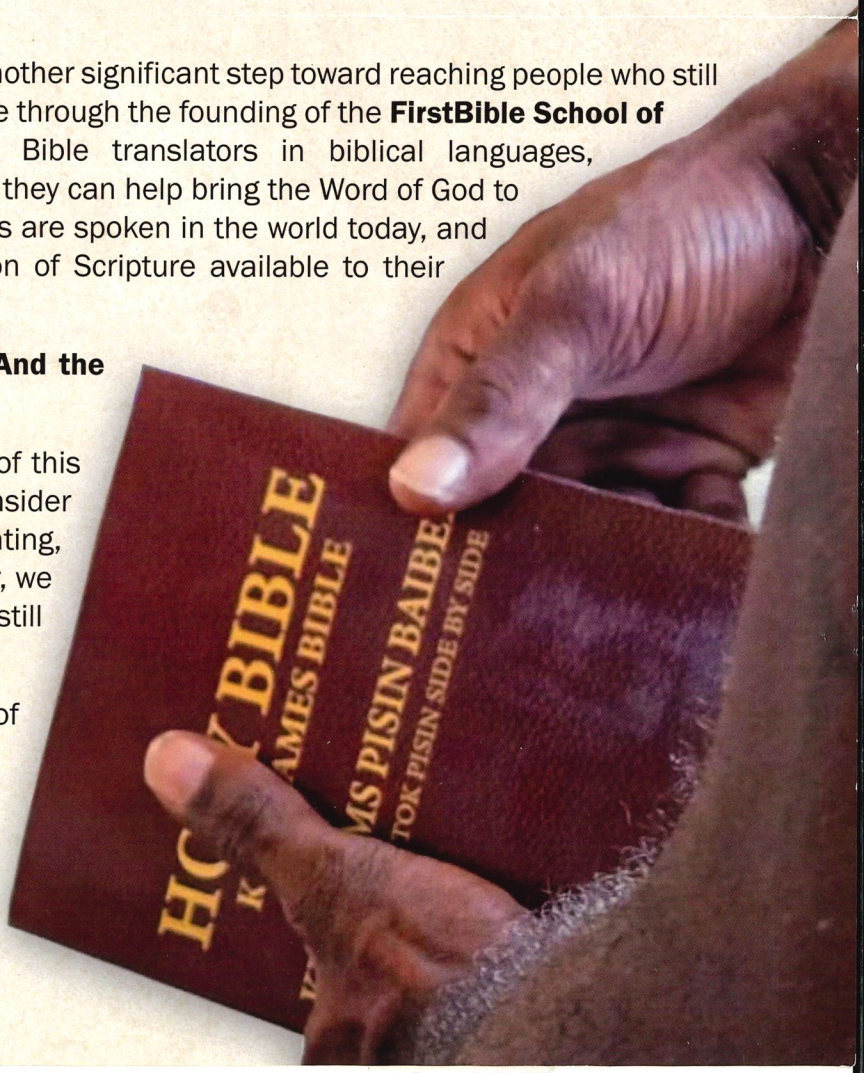
Perhaps God would have your church become part of this story. Would you pray with us? Would you consider partnering with Bearing Precious Seed in the printing, translating, and distribution of God's Word? Together, we can help place Scripture into the hands of those who still wait to receive it.

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." (Psalm 68:11)

Edward Barclay

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Pastor, First Baptist Church of Milford



Without the Word of God. . . .

Would you be saved today?
Would you even have had an opportunity to accept Christ?
Would you have been deceived by false teaching?

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17

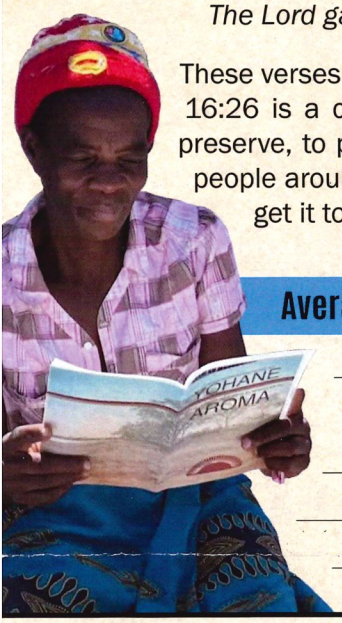
So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. Psalm 119:9

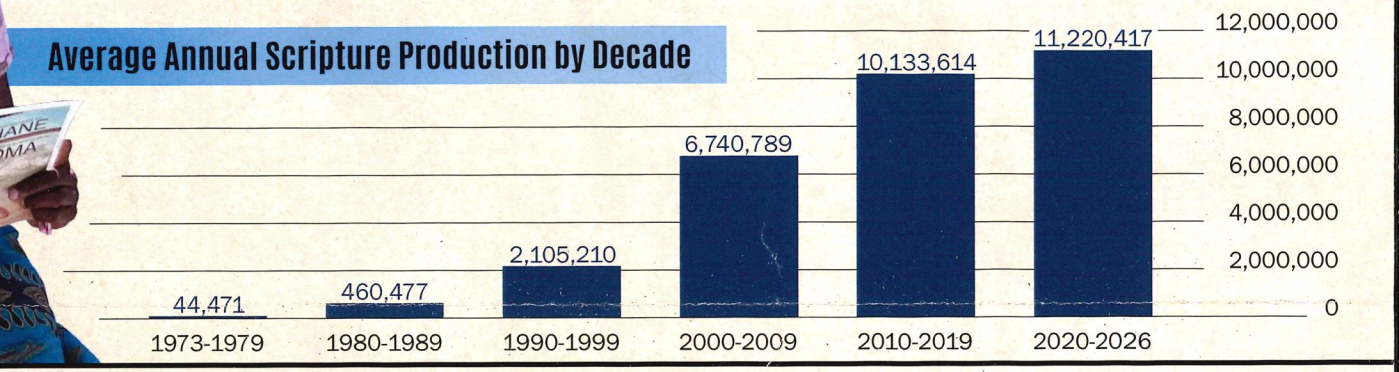
Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psalm 119:11

But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: Romans 16:26

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These verses provide the foundation of our efforts to get the Word of God around the world. We believe Romans 16:26 is a command, not just a verse discussing Scripture. We believe it is the church's responsibility to preserve, to present, to print, to preach and to proclaim the Word of God. With this in mind, we realize many people around the world do not have access to God's Word, and we are working to do as much as possible to get it to the lost.



2026 SHIPPING HIGHLIGHTS:

Listed below are shipping highlights from late June to mid September.

PERU - Shipped 6/30
810 Bibles

LIBERIA - Shipped 7/1
186,000 John & Romans,
7,560 New Testaments, 8,982 Bibles

SOUTH AFRICA - Shipped 7/8
2,331 New Testaments

CONGO - Shipped 7/19
75,000 John & Romans

PHILIPPINES - Shipped 7/24
1,440 Bibles

Shipped 8/13 - **ISRAEL**
9,600 John & Romans

Shipped 8/27 - **PAPUA NEW GUINEA**
133,950 John & Romans, 4,389 Bibles

Shipped 9/9 - **ZAMBIA**
1,440 Bibles

Shipped 9/17 - **MEXICO**
414,000 John & Romans

Shipped 6/30 to 9/17 - **UNITED STATES**
1,913,700 John & Romans, 2,310 Bibles

Shipped from BPS to ministries of like-faith for worldwide distribution

PRAYER & PRAISE

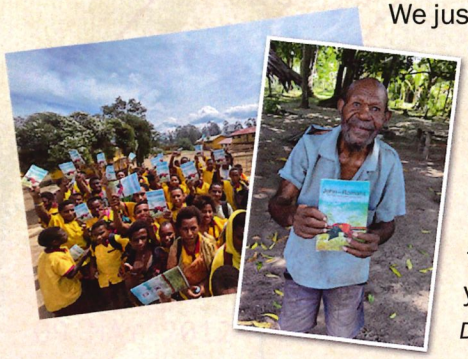
Praises:

►8,512,790 Scriptures produced in 14 languages YTD
►Faithful volunteers who work daily at the shop
►Several new churches have added BPS to their mission support.
►After 10 weeks in customs, a container of Scripture and printing equipment is now in Colombia.
►Scripture keeps going out, God continues to supply, and He alone gets the glory!

Prayer Requests:

►Decisions about updating equipment
►The families of 2 employees who have newborn babies.
►Ongoing support and funds for paper - Increases in fuel costs have impacted the cost of many other supplies.
►Continued safety around the equipment in the shop and for those traveling for the ministry
►Increased involvement in the BPS El Paso mission trips to Mexico and to the reservations in New Mexico

GOOD NEWS FROM A FAR COUNTRY



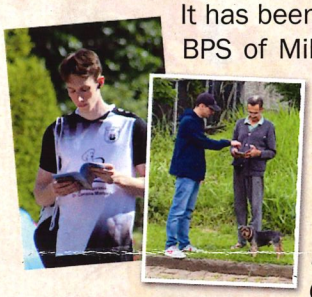
We just wanted to say thank you for all the resources that BPS has provided during the last five years. Over 1.5 million Scriptures have been distributed during campaigns in Malawi, Zimbabwe, Brazil, Papua New Guinea, and in the Middle East. We have seen hundreds of souls come to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior at the evangelistic meetings on these campaigns. What a joy it is for us to bring laborers from the United States, Canada, Australia, and even the Philippines to foreign lands where almost everyone will accept these Scriptures when handed to them. It is such a blessing to see the joy on the faces of these people, some of whom have never held the Word of God before. Thank you again, and we greatly appreciate your partnership.

Dave Darling, Director, Campaigns for Christ Ministries



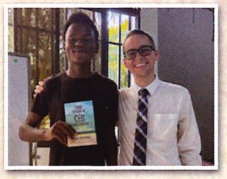
One moment I'll never forget was when I offered a man a Scripture and as I told him it was free, he looked at me and said, "There's no such thing as free." That opened the door for me to share what Jesus did — that salvation is free, and so was the Scripture he was holding. It turned into a meaningful conversation I'll always remember. This outreach day was the first of eight World Cup events in Atlanta, and I was blessed to participate in seven of the eight. The Lord used each day to grow me, stretch me, and give me joy in serving Him. To God be all the Glory and praise!

Ken, GA



It has been my personal blessing to be a set of arms and legs distributing Scriptures produced by BPS of Milford, Ohio, and Seedline churches. At Couriers for Christ ministry, we take dozens of people to the mission field annually with a primary goal of glorifying the Lord by distributing the light of His Word to the lost souls in the darkness of sin. It is an amazing privilege to place a John & Romans booklet, New Testament, or whole Bible (in the heart language of the individual) into the hands of people around the world. We couldn't do this work without BPS (and ministries like them). I love the privilege of being one of many whom God has chosen to distribute Scriptures BPS has produced—what about you? Come join us (couriersforchrist.com) as we labor together with BPS for the furtherance of the Gospel... *"So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."* I Corinthians 3:7

Joshua Stertz, Director, Couriers for Christ Ministry



This man was given a John & Romans last year by his sister-in-law. However, he set the book aside and did not read it. About 6 weeks ago, he picked it up and read how to be sure of heaven. A church tract was miraculously still inside the booklet and he came to church and got saved! He has been coming to church every Sunday and just got baptized today! He also has received his own copy of the complete Bible.

Luke Nalty, Missionary to Mozambique

Memorials have been received in memory of:

Russell Allen by Bible Baptist Church; **Don Baugh** by Gary Swinderman & Family, Connie Tarter; **Mike Boland** by Cyndi & David Volz; **Shirley Cox** by Michael & Joan Playforth, Mike & Tracy Wadsworth; **Leslie Duttry** by Connie Tarter; **Bill Garner** by the Cegiel Family; **Elva Greer** by Ronald Ditchen; **Ruth Hahn** by Sharon Binkley, Brian Knopf; **Warren Klenk** by Dennis & Joyce Boonstra, Nichole Keltgen, Jeanne Titus; **George McClure** by Jody & Beth Stevens; **Ralph & Amanda Miracle** by Roger & Kimberly Miracle; **Brent Money** by Al & Penney Braley, Kimberly Duncan, Andrew & Rachel Ellison, Open Bible Baptist Church; **Teresa Riddle** by Ronald Riddle; **Ann Roberson** by Earl & Brenda Bradham; **Betsy Savage** by Amy Savage; **William Shipley, Sr.** by Rosemary Boden, Bill Goetz, Jeff & Mary Kimmerly, Patricia Poole, Dave & Carrie Stolpa, Connie Tarter, Joey & Juanita Wilson

& in honor of:

Gary Dunn by Rosebud Christian Church



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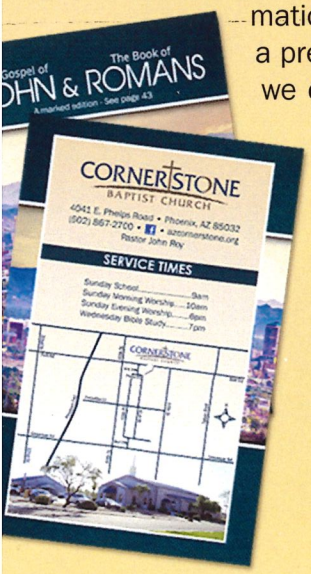
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EL PASO

WEEK 1	*4/3 - 4/9**	**WEEK 10**	*8/14 - 8/20***
2	*4/10 - 4/16*	**11**	*8/21 - 8/27*
3	*6/5 - 6/11*	**12**	*10/2 - 10/8*
4	*6/12 - 6/18*	**13**	*10/9 - 10/15***
5	*6/19 - 6/25*	**14**	*10/16 - 10/22*
6	*7/10 - 7/16*	**15**	*11/6 - 11/12*
7	*7/17 - 7/23***	**16**	*11/13 - 11/19*
8	*7/24 - 7/30*	**17**	*12/4 - 12/10*
9	*8/7 - 8/13*		

*Juarez Project **Mescalero Apache Reservation

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