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Changing Of  
The Guard

By: Dr. Robert Lemmon, Jr,  
Co-Founder

I am so humbled and privileged that my two pastors, Dr. Jim Tedder and Pastor Loyd Warren, our BLMF board of directors and supporting pastors would have allowed me the opportunity to serve this amazing ministry as your director for the past 15 years as of this August 30, the day of Dad’s home going! The years have flown by too quickly but God has been faithful, and at almost 80 years of age, I know that the time has come for me to step aside and allow a much younger, more capable person than I to take the helm, Shannon, my youngest son and current Assistant Director! It has been a wonderful journey, I thank and praise the Lord for having called me into His ministry 60 years ago and am blessed to have worked with my precious pastor father for 45 years and now with Shannon for the past fifteen! I have been blessed beyond measure!

As to my decision, I have always felt, as I did with Dad and now Shannon, that the person who is out front as the primary go to person and fundraiser and the face of the ministry, should also be the one to occupy the highest position of leadership. And, with that position, have the authority and liberty to make the necessary day-to-day decisions to manage the operation of the ministry. This will be a quick and smooth transition as Shannon has been gradually taking over more of the responsibility. Now I will be able to pass the buck to him. Please pray for Shannon as he assumes more of the stress and pressure that goes with the responsibility!

The time has come for this move, both for my sake as well as for the future of this ministry and I could not be more proud of Shannon as a son and man of God with the dedication and commitment that he has for this ministry. In addition to this move being a step forward for this ministry, in

all honesty, I do not believe that I still have the physical stamina and mental alertness necessary for the position. I am not retiring. I plan to continue as a part of this ministry doing what I can for as long as I can or am able to until the Lord returns and takes me home. If it does not do anything else for me but lighten my load and shorten my 10-hour workdays, I will be grateful! Please pray for me as well, as it will be hard to let go of that which I have been doing for so long.

Should the Lord take me home tomorrow I can sincerely say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the trip and I cannot think of anything that I would rather have done with the last 55 years of my life or could have found to do more satisfying than what I am doing! If there has been anything accomplished in my life worthy of any recognition, it has only been through Jesus Christ and by His grace! The greatest calling of God in this life is that of a pastor, and there is not a greater or more important ministry of the church than their responsibility to produce and distribute the precious written Word of God! To God be all the praise and the glory for He and He alone is worthy!

Everyone continues to tell me that I should write a book, which I actually started to do shortly after our move into the beautiful Bible barn some seven or eight years ago, but it wasn’t long, until we were so busy that I had to scrap the idea and move on. A few years prior to the Bible barn, I had started writing a regular series of articles in the Global Witness every month entitled “Printing the Word for Those Who Have Never Heard” sharing highlights of this ministry. However, as this work grew and increased in production we ran out of space in the “Global Witness”, and we discontinued it.

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No Greater Task,  
No Greater Honor

By: Dr. Shannon Lemmon,  
Director

Oceans have been crossed, huts have been built, families have been left behind, and people have given their all to accomplish the call... making known the Word of God. It is the sound of the trumpet warning the lost. It is heard as a voice of one who cries in the wilderness; it is even the sound of a knock on a door right before the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ is shared. Faithful men of God have stood behind the same pulpits preaching the whole counsel without compromise. Higher salaries have been forfeited, retirement programs turned down, and costly material possessions sacrificed in exchange for one mission: to make known the Word of God. THE WORLD MAY NOT THINK SO, BUT NO NOBLER TASK EXISTS THAN TO MAKE KNOWN THE WORD OF GOD.

This ministry exists for that same mission. My Dad, Dr. Robert Lemmon, Jr. (Bobby), has served the Lord sixty-five years already for that purpose! He has printed the Holy Scriptures in some capacity since he was fourteen years old. Could he have become a wealthy man in the eyes of the world? Sure he could have! But his eyes have always been

on one prize: the prize of the high calling of Jesus Christ. Humbly, he serves. Diligently, he works hard. At almost eighty years, he runs circles around us all! He never wants any applause, but desires that all glory would be given to the Saviour he loves so much. Yet, the Bible tells us to give honor to whom honor is due. So this Scripture Conference, we would like to do just that! Would you please make plans to join us Oct. 16-18 to let Dad know we appreciate his faithfulness, his passion, and his burden of producing the Word of God for a world in need all these years? He is not quitting at all, and we praise God he still wants to continue with his boots on! I wholeheartedly believe in letting those God has given to us in leadership know about the difference they make while they can still hear it. While the world will never see the investment of Bobby Lemmon as one that could have a price tag, Heaven will certainly show us one day that his determination comes with a priceless innumerable crowd of souls who are there because he willingly surrendered to the noble task of making the Word of God known.





2023 Theme verses, Rom. 16:25, "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began," Vs. 26, "But now is made manifest, and by the scripture of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:"

While some may have differences of opinion as to what this mystery, given by the prophets, kept secret (hidden) since the world began, now made known is; it is clear that we are being instructed by the commandment of the everlasting God to “by the scriptures make it known to all nations” for the obedience of the faith.

Some say this revealed, once hidden mystery is the church, but I believe it is a little more specific than just introducing the church. Rather it, reveal that the church is the bringing together of Jews and Genties in one body under one great, chief Shepherd, the Lord Jesus Christ! We cannot, however, reveal the church without the gospel or present the gospel without revealing the church, and we cannot reveal either without or apart from God’s precious written Word!

There are five places in the New Testament where the Great Commission (commandment) is given, in the four gospels and in Acts. Matt. 28:19 & 20 tells us to “GO” teach and train all nations, Mk 16:15, “GO” into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, Lk. 24: 47, “and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations...” Jn. 20:21, “... as my Father has sent me even so send I you.”, Acts 1:8, “that we are to be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Both Mathew and Acts emphasizes that the prerequisite to going is to first process the power of God and our verse in Romans 16: 26, emphasizes that our message and sole authority are the Scriptures, and apart from the Word of God, we would have neither! It’s “By the scripture .... to all nations.”

I have heard hundreds of wonderful, eloquent sermons on the church of the living God, His “Bride”, but many choose to forget that there is another equally important description of the church in the Scriptures, the “Body” of Christ! This, while being far less glamorous, pictures the church as the servants of Christ, we being His eyes, mouth, hands and feet in this life, the tools by which we are to spread the Gospel! We love to spiritualize our position as the “Bride” while neglecting the servant part!

With Jesus being the head of the church, why then would we not recognize the place of prominence that His written, reveled Word is to have over the church when He is the Living “Word” inseparable from His written Word! In Jn. 5:7 the Scripture confirms that the Word is in heaven with the Father and the Holy Ghost, but in Jn 5:8, we see Him, Jesus bearing witness in the earth through, “the water and the blood” testifying to His birth and death as recorded in **Continued on Page 4**

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Lastly and equally as important, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful pastors who have served on the board of directors of this ministry, for their prayers, faithfulness, love for and dedication to this ministry and for the love, loyalty, and personal support that they have always shown to me as Director. A special thank you to all of our staff and workers at BLMF who contribute so much to this ministry, and most of all, to all of you wonderful pastors, whose churches and precious Christian friends pray for, partner with, and give so faithfully and sacrificially to this ministry Thank you!

My heartfelt desire and personal requests to each and everyone associated with this ministry is that you will in love and with your prayers extend to Shannon the same love, honor and respect that you have extended to me for the last 55 years.

In September of 2007, when our board of directors met for the very first time; three weeks after Dad’s home going and before asking me if I would take Dad’s place as director, one of the pastors referenced the question Mordecai asked Esther; “who knoweth whether thou are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?” I did not want the awesome responsibility that I knew came with the position but without question, I knew that God had prepared and brought me to that place. Once again, there isn’t any question or reservation in my heart that God has called and brought Shannon to this place!

Now, just like we asked the Lord for on that day in 2007, I’m asking the Lord and asking you to pray with me asking the Lord to give Shannon and this ministry another double portion like Elisha asked God for before He took Elijah, and just like he has done for this ministry and your previous director numerous times. The only thing is, because of the times that we are living in now with a bankrupt economy, the coming persecution of true Christians and the true church, perilous times, and a great falling away because of the apostasy of the modern church and unfaithfulness of Christians, it’s going to be much more difficult than before!

As I heard a seasoned veteran missionary once say, "we are never going to be able to evangelize the world in our spare time and with pocket change!" This ministry, given the financial resources to purchase adequate paper and materials, has the capacity and capability to double our present production with the equipment and personnel that we have now! With an upgrade to a faster bindery system and more storage space, we could double it again. However, to be completely honest with you, there isn’t any need to talk about doubling anything until we can first get churches who have committed to the financial support of this ministry to be faithful with their support as we cannot produce Bibles with empty promises and God bless yours'! As dear old Dad used to say, “It just all depends on what we want to do and if we want to do it badly enough!



Doing right is not always easy and it is natural to take the path of least resistance. We have three enemies that try to discourage us from doing what is right. The Devil, the world and our own flesh. These three wear us out both physically, mentally and emotionally. When we grow physically weary we can get some rest and bounce back quickly but when we grow mentally and emotionally weary it is a harder recovery and possesses much more danger than physical fatigue. Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. This verse is warning us more against becoming weary of doing right than weary from doing right. We all get discouraged, disillusioned, defeated and depressed so how on earth can we keep from quitting?

Realize that you have more than a life you have a ministry.

II Corinthians 4:1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; Wherever you are or whatever you do be assured you most certainly have a ministry. At work you are to witness, at church you are to serve and at home you are to love. You are impacting the lives of others whether you like it or not. If you become weary of doing right and serving God, then you will hurt or hinder God’s plan. Christians do more than just live we minister.

Renew the inward man. 2Corithians 4:16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

The inward man is more important than the outward man; if you renew the inward man your outward man can continue. Our inward man is renewed through fellowship with our heavenly Father, revisiting the promises he made to us in his Word and rehearsing his goodness to us in the past.

Remember reaping takes time. Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. “Due season” means there is a season to plant and a season to reap. A “Season” can be a long time.

It may take many years before you see rewards for your labor; indeed things that are worthwhile take longer to mature. We will only see the true reward for our labor when we get home to Heaven. Christian, we must remember that we work for eternal and not temporal reward.

Refocus on Christ. Hebrews 12:3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. We can get to focused on the weeds and the rocks instead of the Master Gardener. He has done all the heavy work for us and he is there to help us do the work we must do. We will always begin to sink into despair when we get our eyes off of Jesus and on the storm – remember Peter?

Rest in the assurance of success. Reaping is guaranteed! Galatians 6:9 “...we shall reap...” Psalms 126:6 ...shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” However, we must do our part. Psalms 126:6 “He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed...” Galatians 6:9 “...if we faint not.” What other thing can you do and be absolutely assured of success? Only our service for God is assured of success.

The Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation has been an example of a ministry that has faced the storms and not grown weary in well doing. Whether our financial support is high or low, whether the printing presses are running smoothly or broken down, whether the price of paper is going up slowly or like a rocket, Dr. Lemmon and the BLMF have continued to do what God has called them to do. We thank you for your support. The Word of God must be published; our “Well doing” must continue.

Child of God don’t quit! You will get weary in well doing and you will get weary of well doing but there is nothing better on earth than to serve your Saviour. Realize you have more than a life you have a ministry. Renew your inward man and remember that reaping takes time. Refocus on Christ and rest assured in the promise of success.

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# Why I Believe Every Independent Baptist Church Should Support BLMF

By: Pastor Matt Miller



In October of 2022 my wife and I had the privilege of traveling to Victory Baptist Church in Shelbyville TN to attend our first Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation Conference. I must say that it was one of the most refreshing conferences that I had been to in recent years.

It was at this conference that I had the joy of meeting some great men of God as well as being introduced to the ministry of Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation. God worked on my heart and showed to me through this conference the importance of getting the Bible in print and distributed around the world. I left the conference with the conviction that this ministry should be supported by every Independent Baptist Church in America and abroad.

As I left the conference these thoughts flooded my mind:

- How would my Christian life be impacted if I did not have my own Bible?
- How would my family be impacted spiritually if we did not have our own Bibles?
- How would my church be impacted if we did not have a Bible?
- Our Christian School would not be any different than any other school if we did not have a Bible to pledge to or teach?
- Without the Word of God there can be no knowledge of God or salvation. Without the Word of God there is no faith “For faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.”
- Without the Word of God Churches have nothing to teach.
- Without the Word of God pastors have nothing to preach.
- Without the Word of God new converts have nothing to learn.
- Without the Word of God there is nothing to hide in our heart.
- Without the Word of God there is no food for the soul.
- Without the Word of God there is no Light for our path.

Sadly, I believe that many believers lives would continue as normal without the Bible for very few read it.

God has blessed me over the years with the ability to travel to many foreign countries to work with missionaries on these foreign fields. I have been to the Philippines, Taiwan, Australia, Nicaragua, Mexico, as well as other places around the world, and the one common thing I have noticed is the need to get the Word of God in the hands of new converts.

It truly is a blessing that the Bible can be preached to the lost, that soul winners can navigate through

its pages and bring them to saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. There is no doubt that one who does not own a Bible can be saved, however, after a person is saved, they cannot grow in the Lord, develop in sound doctrine, or memorize verses that would help them defeat the world, the flesh, and the devil without the aid of God’s Word. One is not capable of growing in His Christian life without the Word of God!

In centuries past, Christians have lost their fortunes and ultimately laid down their lives for owning and distributing the Word of God. Why was the Bible so important to these believers? It’s because they believed that the Word of God is the voice of God in print. As preachers, we preach because “the mouth of God hath spoken it.” False religions were able to flourish in times when men did not have a copy of the Word of God to hold in check that which they were being taught from behind the pulpits. They depended solely on what “the clergy” preached as being factual, for they could not be like the Bereans that “searched the scriptures daily whether these things were so.” This is why it is important that we get the Word of God into the hands of every believer so they can frustrate false doctrines that would enslave them to religion rather than the true Doctrines of God.

The Word of God is Seed to be sown into the soils of men’s hearts so as to bring forth a harvest of souls. Spurgeon said, and I quote, “Have you ever noticed when persons are converted that they almost always attribute it to some text that was quoted in the sermon? It is God’s Word, not our comment on God’s Word, that saves souls. The Word of God is powerful for all sacred ends. How powerful it is to convince men of sin! We have seen the self-righteous turned inside out by the revealed truth of God. Nothing else could have brought home to them such unpleasant truth and compelled them to see themselves as in a clear mirror but the searching Word of God.” It is the Seed sewn into the heart that brings forth the fruit of salvation.

The Word of God is a Sword to fight off the attacks of sin and Satan. It is by the Sword of the Word of God that we defend ourselves and that we defeat Satan. It is the believer’s Weapon to withstand against the wiles of the devil.

The Word of God contains the Spirit of God to convict and to comfort the saved. Those disciples walking on the road to Emmaus had the Son of God, Himself, impart the Word of God to them and reveal the deep truths contained in the scriptures concerning Himself and His death, burial, and resurrection. It was after these revelations given to these Emmaus disciples by the Living Word of God Himself that they made the famous quote “...Did not our heart burn within us,

while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?” It was the Word of God that convicted them that Jesus was Christ, and brought comfort to them that He was their Messiah.

I say all that to say this. We have this treasure (the Word of God) in earthen vessels. The Words of God have been preserved by God, Himself, to be our Compass when we have lost our way, to be our Light to reveal to us the paths that He would have us to walk, to be our Comfort in times of trials. It will convict us when we have strayed and encourage us when we are tempted to quit.

Therefore, I believe that the best support we can give to missions and those being reached by missionaries is to support the printing and distribution of God’s Word. Every independent Baptist Church should get behind BLMF and support them monthly. I would encourage your people if they can by faith to purchase a roll or rolls of paper. A roll of paper costs \$1,025 and it will print 500 of Bibles. If they could see into eternity, they would know that this is the greatest investment that they could make.



In Luke 5:4-6, we see Peter fishing and catching nothing. Jesus comes along and tells him to go out into deeper water and let his nets down. Peter’s response is that they’ve been fishing all night and haven’t caught anything. However, instead of saying why, he just goes ahead and does what the Lord says. He basically says “Why not? What do I have to lose?”

We know the rest of the story how they took in so many fish, that they were asking for other fishermen to come help gather all the fish, in so much, that all the boats began to sink from the weight.

If somebody asked me why I love my kids, I would tell them why wouldn’t I? If someone asked why I love my wife, I would respond, why wouldn’t I? So often, believers are put on the defensive when they are questioned as to why they do things. Have we ever thought of responding “Why not” or “Why don’t you?”

"Why do you go to church?" I’d say, "Why don’t you! Why do you read the Bible? How about why don’t you read the Bible! Why do you tell people about Jesus? How come you don’t tell people about Jesus!

I learned that one Bible printed and shipped into a foreign country will pass through the hands of eight people within that field. Think of how far reaching this is. BLMF has been a ministry that God has blessed for 57 years, There is no telling the countless souls that have been saved and disciplined by the distribution of God’s Word.

Today we have an opportunity to get the Word of God printed, bound, personalized, packaged and shipped through BLMF at an amazing rate. Walking through their facilities and seeing the presses at work and the speed at which they can print the Word of God is astounding. They also bind these bibles at an impressive rate. Having witnessed shipping containers being filled and being prayed over, it encouraged my heart that this ministry has the stamp of approval by God.

I would encourage you to prayerfully consider bringing this ministry on for monthly support. In a time in Acts 2 deep persecution, the believers stayed true to the Word of God and the Bible said that the Word of God grew and multiplied.



The majority of things we do in life, we do because they are right to do and necessary to do. The result of not doing them would be extremely bad. For instance, nobody asks me why I pay my mortgage, change the oil in my car, take the dog outside, or mow my grass. The simple response would be “Why not?”

I believe the exact same way when it comes to supporting a ministry that has sent millions of copies of the Bible all around the world to missionaries who are trying to win people to the Lord. This ministry not only prints the word of God in many languages but send them by faith. A ministry that has exemplary accountability. A ministry that has a proven track record with decades of fruit. A ministry that is led by strong, soul-winning leadership. A ministry that is committed to the inerrant, inspired, perfectly preserved Word of God. A ministry that can account for every dime that is invested in it. A ministry that is fully supported by the local church. I talk to pastors regularly, and when the question arises about why they should support BLMF, my response is wholeheartedly; Why not?!

## Container Highlights



90,000 NT and 2,000 Bibles to Botswana



42,000 Pidgin English to Papua, New Guinea



133,000 Scriptures to Pretoria, South Africa





## Production & Financial Report

By: Dr. Robert Lemmon

This ministry has experienced a phenomenal production since January 1 of this year, In five and a half months we have been printed 1.7 million Bibles and Scriptures, shipped 14 containers containing 1.3 million Scriptures, most of them Bibles and New Testaments, in 13 languages going into 20 countries. To produce these Scriptures we have used 16 trailer loads, weighing 352 tons, \$720,000.00 worth of Bible paper, sufficient to produce 5,600,000 Bible portions! The only problem is that we still owe \$225,000 for the last 5 trailer loads of paper!

From the Bible account of the Lord providing the Quail from heaven for the children of Israel, supplying them with an overabundance to the point that it was running out of their noses I'd say the Lord must have a good sense of humor! Either that or He was highly provoked. I think it was funny, but that could be because it didn't happen to me personally! I thought Balaam's donkey talking was funny even if Balaam didn't, and what about the time "dagon", the Philistines God kept falling on his face, that was hilarious!

However, what the paper mill did to us this month wasn't funny! In an effort to catch up on some equipment and paper debt, we instructed the paper mill to only deliver us two trailer loads of paper in May which they did May 2nd and 3rd! Then, without notice or warning, they delivered the three for June on May 16 and 17 sending us a \$225,000 bill this month for all five trailer loads! This is not at all funny as we were only anticipating a bill in June for two trailer loads! To you precious churches and Christian friends who partner with this ministry financially, this is not news to you as we have already written you asking for help! God bless you and thank you if you already have!

So, instead of cutting one trailer load to reduce this month's paper bill by \$45,000, they have increased this month's paper bill by \$135,000 and that is not funny! Now, if that were not bad enough, not expecting any additional paper to be delivered this month, they have delivered 3 more trailer loads! Now we will owe another \$135,000 in July! This is a total of 4 more trailer loads of paper than we would have ordered, the Quail, but the children of Israel weren't having to pay for them!

Here's the thing, given the money to pay for them, we could print up all of this paper in four weeks and still not have enough paper to run both web presses every day! I blame the paper mill for this predicament but little good that will help compared to this \$225,000 bill. Maybe the Lord ordered this extra paper but I didn't! As of today, 6/22/23 as I write this article, we may be able to come up with enough funds to pay for the two that

we ordered for May but not sufficient for three, much less five at \$45,000 per trailer load.

Hopefully, by the time you receive this issue of this newsletter, some of you will have already contributed to this special need! If possible, I will try to update you on this article before this newsletter goes to press to let you know what has been contributed toward it! We know the Lord wants his Word printed and distributed; but we'll have to let you know how all of this turns out! If you can help please do so as we will still be dealing with this again in July!

Oh, by the way! We have requests in hand right now from missionaries for 18 more containers of Scriptures with the necessary equipment and personnel capable to produce and finish them! Given the paper to produce them!

Until this time last year, with the price of a trailer load of paper at \$42,300 per load, we had sufficient support, paper sponsors, and love offerings coming in to purchase three loads of paper a month, now with a drop in support and paper at \$45,000 a trailer load, we do not! My question is, have God's people lost their burden and vision in these last days for the Word of God and world evangelism?

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the Scriptures. He is alive and well in the pages of our Bible, and it is only "by the scriptures" that the lost will or can ever be saved!

What an example we have in Scriptures of how David loved the written word of God, not only telling us so but by being the first one to appoint scribes dedicated to the work of copying the law and the prophets! He says in Psalms 119:161, "...my heart standeth in awe of thy word" and in Ps. 138:2b, "...thou has hast magnified thy word above thy name." Considering Acts 4:12, "there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Why isn't every church consumed in the production and distribution of God's precious written Word?

Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" and Heb. 4:12 says that the word of God is quick, and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword which can save to the uttermost! Why would every Christian who loves the Lord and His Word not be engaged in doing all that they can to get God's written Word to those who do not have it? Sending missionaries to a foreign field without the written Word of God is like sending a soldier to war without bullets for his rifle or a farmer to plow without any seed to sow! The seed is the Word!

## The Word of God

By: Bro. Jerrold Myers



In these last days, it seems the foundation of everything we hold dear as believers is crumbling right under our feet at an alarming rate. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, David asked this question, "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Let me ask this question, "What would we do if we had no Bible?" I am so thankful that God has given us His Word and we can have an "every word" Bible! Of course, I'm extremely thankful for those who print the Word of God and especially thankful for the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation!

Here in South Africa very few, if any, have a KJV Bible. Of course, there are the "popular" English Bibles available, or sometimes I think better described as "the flavor of the month Bible." The most popular ones are unfortunately the most corrupt versions. So much so that when someone visits our church, we give them a visitor's packet containing a KJV Bible. Many have never actually owned a KJV and we have a letter included to explain what we are as an Independent Baptist Church and why we only use a KJV Bible.

We have been blessed to have Bibles, New Testaments, John & Romans and assorted tracts provided by Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation. We have shipped some Scriptures in each container we have sent to Uganda and South Africa over the last 27 years. Several years ago, Bro. Bobby Lemmon suggested I increase my faith and ship whole containers of Scriptures. I believe the one we are receiving next week is our fourth all scripture container. It has 22,000 Bibles, 100,000 John & Romans and 6,200 New Testaments. Fortunately, the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation prints the John and Romans we use with all our church information, as well as a brief Gospel presentation in five languages, English, Afrikaans, Zulu, Tswana and Pedi. Almost anyone in Pretoria would be able to at least read the Gospel presentation in their mother language.

Almost six years ago, we started the Independent Baptist Church in Pretoria. It has literally been built on the distribution of God's Word. We are currently the only independent Baptist Church except for a deaf church in the city center. To reach our city we drew a six-mile circle around our church with a plan to go to every house within that circle. Were thankful for those who faithfully go out each week to accomplish this task. We have completed the circle at least two times. On Saturdays, we have maps for the area we'll cover that day, but, because of security, most houses have walls and security making it difficult to get to the door. Even if we can get to the door, most will never come to answer the door unless they

know you and it was prearranged. Unlike the US, it's legal to place things in the mail boxes. It is a blessing that we are able to introduce ourselves with the John and Roman pamphlet and give them an opportunity to read the gospel even though we have not been given the opportunity to share with them directly. We attempt to talk to everyone who is outside or walking down the street while we are tract dropping in the mailboxes.

We have gone far beyond that circle! There were some areas that extended halfway outside of the circle, so we went ahead and completed those subdivisions. Some of the areas had small business and industry, so we stopped and asked if we could give them some John and Roman's. They just wanted to be sure that we had enough that they could all have one. These folks usually live outside of where we would be able to get the Word out to them. In Pretoria we also come across many embassies. It is Incredible to think that the printed Word could get to a foreign land from right here in South Africa.

Does walking up and down the streets passing out J&R/tracts and placing them in the mail boxes work? Just over the past month, we had three Sunday visitors from the previous Saturday tract drops and one visitor from passing out our John & Romans in a city park. Once a month, we go to one of the city parks and pass out tracts and speak to people about their need to know Christ. Once, while soul-winning together with another church in an unreached area, one of their men told me the John & Romans were real gold!

We have personally distributed New Testaments to the pupils in over 65 schools. This allowed me the privilege to at least give a simple presentation of the Gospel in every school's morning assembly! The New Testaments have been distributed to nursing homes, prisons, merchant ships and to several neighboring countries through missions' trips. We have helped several ministries who wanted to give New Testaments to those who they had helped with food and aid in some of the poorest townships. When we get to heaven, I will be excited to see how many lives have been changed thru distribution of Scripture in South Africa and Uganda! Can you imagine the lives that have been changed through the ministry of Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation.

My wife and I plan to always be a part of the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation, in prayer and as missionaries. What a joy to be on this end of getting the seed into the field! If I ever pastor again in the US, Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation would certainly be a part of my missions' program!