

50th Anniversary Scripture Conference

To say, “God has been good” is a gross understatement! As I have stated many times before, God has so wonderfully blessed this ministry that it would be very foolish of me not to trust Him now! This is a miracle ministry and as best as I can remember I will list a few of those miracles.

First would have to be the way that God called and prepared the heart of the man that He would one day use to start this ministry. He took him from Middle Tennessee to Detroit, MI. After a tour of duty in Italy and France, where he had a burning bush experience; he moved from Detroit to Fort Worth, Texas. From Fort Worth he moved to Memphis, TN, then back to Fort Worth and eventually full circle back to Middle Tennessee. It was like every step of this man’s life was ordered by the Lord. God gave that man the right Christian wife, a son that would later become his partner and co-laborer in this ministry, sent him to the right Bible school and gave him twenty-five years’ experience as a pastor before starting this ministry.

The Second miracle would have been the way the Lord put this man in the right place at the right time together with the right people and under the right circumstances

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Less than eight months ago, Hurricane Maria, killing at least 55 people and completely destroying most infrastructures, hit the 100-mile long island of Puerto Rico. Even today, there are still places on the island that are without electricity, though all efforts are being made to completely restore electricity to the entire island. Some Puerto Ricans are trying to adapt to what may very easily be their new normal for the remainder of their lives, while thousands of others are leaving to settle elsewhere. A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of going to the Puerto Rican towns of Aguadilla, Mayaguez, and Cabo Rojo on a mission trip with the fine folks of Wyldewood Baptist Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

to bring all of these experiences together to birth this ministry.

Third, how this man managed to raise enough financial support in one year to get this ministry started!

Fourth, how this man was ever able to purchase a piece of property and building to start a church and build a building for this printing ministry in Shelbyville in 1971 without any money!

Fifth, how God provided sufficient funds to build a second building in 1977 and \$50,000 to buy the first web press in 1978.

Sixth, how we were able to take that web press apart in Norfolk, VA, get it moved to Shelbyville, TN, and put back together and running.

Seventh, the way that God provided sufficient outside personalized printing to pay the salaries of three, four, five and later 6 full-time employees for over 30 years.

Eighth, build a third building in 1989.

Ninth, purchase a \$125,000 in-line collator, binder & trimmer in 1998.

Tenth, find the money to purchase a newer, better \$200,000 web press in 2004 and find a crew to disassemble it and get it out of



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Sapphires, Rubies and Diamonds



For the last five or six years, this ministry has presented a beautiful lapel pin to every pastor and preacher present at our annual Scripture Conference and this year will not be any exception. Not only is this year’s pin different in design but also in its purpose. We have had some beautiful pins in previous years but this year’s has to be the most beautiful one yet!

These lapel pins are for supporting pastors, however we make an exception for any pastor or preacher attending any one service of a Scripture conference. There are four pins with the same similar design: the basic pin without a stone, one with a sapphire, one with a ruby and the fourth with a diamond. Each pin representing a church or individual’s level of support:



Basic pin, (no stone)
 \$25 or more support per month or a \$250 contribution!



Pin with a Sapphire
 \$75 or more support per month or sponsor a roll of paper \$785!



Pin with a Ruby
 \$500 per month support per year or a contribution of \$5,000!



Pin with a Diamond
 \$785 per month support, or a \$10,000 contribution, or completion of a “Bible Paper Chart”, or for a pastor recruiting one new supporting church!

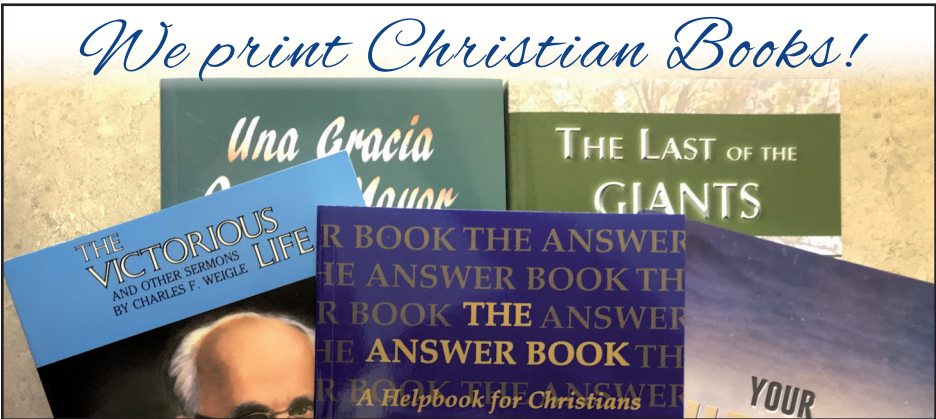
The wonderful concept of this plan is that it allows any pastor at any level of support to go all the way to a diamond pin for no additional support or amount of money. All you need do is recruit one new supporting church of \$50 a month support for this ministry. Matter of fact, if with your recommendation, a pastor invites a BLMF representative to their church and that church takes BLMF on for support, your earn the diamond pin! If you are willing to recommend BLMF to other pastors, please drop us an e-mail or give us a phone call and we will send you a few portfolios with DVD presentations for you to give to other pastors.

There are two reasons every church should support a good productive Scripture publishing ministry:

- Because it is the responsibility of every church to publish and distribute God’s written Word.
- Because God’s written Word is essential to world evangelism! You can’t do the work of God without the Word of God whether it’s at home or on the foreign mission field!

And, while there are a lot of good reasons why BLMF is worthy of your prayers and financial support, the two most important are:

- Because this ministry is KJV and received text only!
- Because this ministry is producing a large percentage of whole Bibles annually! And, doing it very economically!



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a building in Denver, CO, in less than two weeks.

Eleventh, for God to grow the production of this ministry from 5 trailer loads of paper in 2007 to 10 in 2009 and to 17 trailer loads of paper in 2017. Phenomenal, that is a miracle!

Twelfth, amazing and unbelievable the way the Lord provided this ministry with \$670,000 to purchase the beautiful Bible Barn in 2014 and two years later another \$400,000 to pay for the modifications to the building and most of the moving expenses. Only God!

Thirteenth, the way the Lord worked us through and around problems associated with the modifications to the Bible Barn. Like the time He sent us a backhoe with a jackhammer on it the very minute we needed it. Otherwise it would have cost us thousands of dollars more and put us days, maybe weeks further behind in getting our electrical service in. Amazing!

Fourteenth, how in His timing the Lord provided funding enabling us to purchase a \$350,000 5 color sheet fed press for \$135,000!

Fifteenth, and maybe the most spectacular of all, the hundreds of times and different ways (usually at the very last moment) the Lord has provided funds to pay for paper that we had purchased by faith not having any money when we ordered it.

Wow! What an amazing God we serve! But, these are just a few of the more obvious miracles. There are the silent less obvious miracles like many of the friends that God has given this ministry. Partners like you who are never recognized by name, who have given financially, and without whom this ministry would not exist! These are the reasons we can order paper without money. These are the reasons we can keep on going day after day. These are the reasons I can tell people that if they want to see how serious God is about publishing and distributing His Word just come and see what the Lord has done!

Then there are all of those miracles that the Lord has wrought in my and Linda’s life to put us in this ministry and to provide for our family! No! No mere man or group of men could have accomplished this! To God be all the praise and the glory!

If you have never visited BLMF here at the Bible Barn in Shelbyville, this year’s Scripture Conference would be a great time to do so. Even if you have been here a hundred times before, you need to be here for this year’s special 50th Anniversary Scripture Conference, October 15th thru 18th! Come and be a part of the celebration, I believe you will be blessed and I know that your presence will be a blessing and an encouragement to all of us.



Production & Financial Report

As of June 20, BLMF has shipped 903,659 Bibles, New Testaments and Bible portions in 15 languages going into over 26 countries. With the 30,000 English Bibles on the press now, we will have printed a MILLION SCRIPTURES through June! To produce these Scriptures, we have used 9 trailer loads of paper and as of June 20 had received sufficient funds to pay for 8 of the 9 trailer loads. This is a record production for the first six months of 2018. To God be the glory! While we have already exceeded our 500,000 New Testament and Bible portion part of our special 50th anniversary goal, we have 380,000 more whole Bibles to go! Given sufficient paper with two trailer loads a month it is obtainable! We purchased 2 trailer loads of paper a month through April but only purchased one in May and June but have two on order for July.

A very special thank you to every church and Christian friend who supports this ministry financially, to everyone for every contribution, to the two churches who have sponsored trailer loads of paper, for those churches who are working a “Bible Paper Chart” and for all of your prayers and volunteer labor! Thank you for allowing the Lord to work through you to meet the needs of this ministry. Without your faithfulness and generosity, we could not have accomplished this production. Churches working together in love, for the glory of God, have made it possible. To him be all the glory and praise!

As of June 20, we had received \$485,080 in support and contributions designated for Bibles and Scriptures and spent \$520,898 to produce them while still owing for one trailer load of paper. We also want to extend our sincerest and grateful appreciation to the pastors and the churches who have taken this ministry on for regular financial support recently. Regular supporting churches are more than partners, you are family, churches working together to accomplish something for the Lord that no one church could ever do alone! With you and your help, BLMF’s level of support has grown from 10 trailer loads of paper a year ago to its current 12 trailer loads this year! What a blessing! Praise God!

By way of a reminder and as most of you may remember, when we moved into the Bible Barn the board of directors authorized two expenditures that had not been planned or budgeted: to convert our web press from 2 webs to 3 webs and to purchase a 5 color sheet fed press at a steal! These two unplanned expenditures together cost

\$235,000, a bargain at twice the price! Since so many of you had given so generously to the purchase and the modification of this building, we did not want to ask anyone for any more money so we just borrowed the funds to cover those cost!

In these past two years, we have had a few churches contribute to this debt reducing it to \$145,000! As one of our goals for our 50th anniversary, we are asking the Lord to enable us to retire this debt this year. Please pray that we can, as we would prefer to put the interest we are paying into Scripture productions. Please mark any contribute for this as “Equipment Debt Retirement”. Thank you!



Even though the Scripture Conference does not officially start until 7 pm on Monday evening of the 15th, we are so privileged to have Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Barber coming to be with us on Sunday, October 14th. Dr. Barber will be preaching both services on Sunday. He will be staying over to speak for us again on Tuesday, October 15th. Dr. & Mrs. Barber are our very special, honored guest, and lifelong, dear, precious friends of Dr. & Mrs. Bob Lemmon Sr. Their friendship goes back to their days at the Bible Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, TX. Years later Dr. Barber pastored the Worth Baptist Church and were among the earliest supporters of this ministry. We are so excited that they are coming to be part of this year’s conference.

We will kick off our 50th Anniversary & Annual Scripture Conference this year with a fabulous gourmet meal for all pastors, missionaries, preachers, fulltime Christian workers and all out of town guests with a “Jubilee Dinner” at 5 pm Monday evening October 15th. Supper will be provided for all of these special guests each evening at 5 pm. Lunch will be provided every day Tuesday thru Thursday for everyone attending the day services! All services and meals will be at the Victory Baptist Church with the exception of Thursday’s lunch, which will be at the Bible Barn! As anyone who has ever attended a previous Scripture Conference here can tell you, Victory is known for their good strong KJ Bible preaching and for their hospitality! The preaching, food and the fellowship are worth your trip to get here no matter how far you have to travel and, if you love your KJ Bible this is the place to be October 15th thru 18th!

Monday, October 15, 2018

5:00 pm - “Jubilee Dinner” for all Pastors, Missionaries, Preachers, Full-time Christians workers and all out of town guests. **RSVP by Oct. 8, 2018**

6:30 pm - Special Music Concert

7:00 pm - Evening Service - Dr. Lou Rossi

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Tuesday, October 16, 2018

8:30 am - Donuts, Juice and Coffee

9:00 am til 12 - Three preachers, singing and special music

12:00 pm - Lunch

1:00 pm til 2:00 pm - Singing, special music and one preacher

6:30 pm - Special Music Concert

7:00 pm - Evening Service - Dr. Lou Rossi

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Wednesday, October 17, 2018

8:30 am - Donuts, Juice and Coffee

9:00 am til 12 - Three preachers, singing and special music

12:00 pm - Lunch

1:00 pm til 2:00 pm - Singing, special music and one preacher

6:30 pm - Special Music Concert

7:00 pm - Evening Service - Dr. Joe Arthur

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Thursday, October 18, 2018

8:30 am - Donuts, Juice and Coffee

9:00 am til 12 - Three preachers, singing and special music

12:30 pm - **50th Anniversary Celebration at Bible Barn**
BBQ, Baked Beans, Chips & Sweet Tea with Anniversary Cake!

1:30 pm til 2:30 pm - Intro BLMF workers and special guest

2:30 pm til 3:30 pm - Load a container of Scriptures

6:30 pm - Special Music Concert

7:00 pm - Evening Service - Dr. Joe Arthur

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Day Speakers: Dr. Raymond Barber, Dr. Tom Wallace, Dr. Frank Gagliano, Dr. Mark Campbell, Dr. Mike Mutchler, Pastor Chad Stanley and Dr. David Brown with his collection of antique Bibles, manuscripts & artifacts and others!

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I was also grateful to serve there with Pastor Mark Stauffacher of Berean Baptist Church in Galesville, Wisconsin and Pastor Jim Appel of First Baptist Church in New Lisbon, Wisconsin.

How my heart was touched by the openness of the island people to the Word of God. While many are steeped in their Catholic roots, they were still very receptive to the Gospel and received the Scriptures and tracts graciously. The busy week began with a full-forward distribution of Spanish John & Romans and church invitations. Sprinkled along a four way stop on a main highway were the mission team individuals ready to reach every soul that stopped at the red lights with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! We also went door to door for two days inviting young people to the “Teen Mania” conference planned for Friday and Saturday night at the New Life Baptist Church in Mayaguez.



The youth conference was very blessed with over 100 teens in attendance! Everyone received a special “Teen Mania” t-shirt, enjoyed awesome sports and games, and were treated to pizza and hotdogs with smiles all around. Pastor Jason Brenenstuhl of Wyldewood and Evangelist Lucho of Puerto Rico preached wonderful messages to the youth. Fifteen young people were saved, praise the Lord!

Coinciding at the same times as the youth conference was a Pastor’s Retreat planned to encourage Puerto Rican pastors and their wives from all over the island. These precious servants were given a night’s stay at the very nice Holiday Inn hotel and a steak dinner while hearing encouraging preaching. It was terrific to meet these men and women of God who have remained faithful through the trials of the past months.



I was truly grateful to be able to preach the closing church service in Aguadilla after a nice concert by the talented people from Oshkosh and New Lisbon, Wisconsin. Every day on the trip was exciting and blessed by the Lord! Nearly 20,000 John and Romans were distributed, and my



soul was blessed just to see the hand of God at work in the midst of a very tired and worn people. Every detail of the trip was first-class to the glory of God. Brother Tim Carpenter, Pastor

Brenenstuhl, and the church did an incredible job to share the Gospel and edify the Believers of Puerto Rico. Please pray for the Puerto Rican people that the Light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ will continue to shine in the midst of darkness.



God has been so good to us this year, with a record production of printed Scriptures for these first six months. The Scriptures actually getting out the door has been quite interesting, however, with container scheduling. Our first container of 30,000 Bibles for Ghana, West Africa was loaded on May 17th for missionary Ed Stanley. Brother Stanley has such a heart

for the African people, and he has a strong determination to get every Bible delivered to people in need when he goes to the foreign field conferences. No dangerous, hostile areas or difficult bush region keeps Brother Stanley from getting the Gospel to the lost, and thousands have been saved through the efforts of his family! Many wonderful churches have assisted in paying for the shipping of these containers for Brother Stanley. On May 18th, 10,000 whole Bibles were loaded for the Philippines for Brother Jim Hoffman to get to Pastor Fernando Rondal.

Last week, we were honored to have Pastor Mark Smith of Faith Baptist in Tacoma, WA actually see and help with the loading



The first week of December fifteen thousand King James Bibles and fifty thousand Tagalog New Testaments were loaded into a container in Shelbyville, Tennessee at the “Bible Barn” loading dock headed for the Philippines. The Countryside Baptist Church in Waycross, Georgia, under the leadership of Pastor Chad Stanley, organized and planned the shipping and distribution of the container of Bibles. They had been planning and praying for this special project for more than a year.

This was a historic container of Bibles. Many would ask, what makes it historic? Doesn’t BLMF send Bibles to the Philippines on a regular basis? The answer is yes. However, what made this container historic is the region which the Bibles would be delivered and distributed.

In January of 2017 one of their missionaries to the Philippines, Bro. Michael Trumpo, was reporting to the church. In that meeting Pastor Stanley asked Bro. Trumpo what their greatest need was in the northern Philippines. The answer was Bibles! Bro. Trumpo explained how difficult it was to obtain Bibles for the ministry in his region. That night Pastor Stanley committed to do all he could to lead the church in obtaining Bibles and shipping them to the northern Philippines.

The container of Bibles arrived in the port of Manila on January 25th. After clearing customs on January 29th, the container was shipped by truck on a twelve-hour journey through rough terrain and up steep mountains to the city of Batac, one of the most northern parts of the Philippines, in the province of Ilocos Norte. Pastor Sam Rafael and Bible Baptist Church of Batac graciously agreed to receive the container and store the Bibles until Pastor Chad Stanley could arrive to help in the distribution.

Bro. Michael Trumpo did a tremendous job of coordinating with pastors and churches across the northern region to plan evangelistic meetings, crusades, Bible studies and Pastor’s Conferences for the furtherance of the gospel and the distribution of God’s Word. When Pastor Stanley arrived in the Philippines on April 17th the Bibles immediately began to be distributed. The pastors had worked together to schedule evangelistic meetings in churches, government offices, schools, state universities, village markets, police stations, and even state capital buildings!

In a ten-day period of time, more than forty services were held where the gospel of Jesus Christ was preached and Bibles were distributed. As a result of those meetings there were over six hundred souls that received the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour! The Governor of the Province of Apayao had heard that a large quantity of Bibles had come to his province so he asked Bro. Trumpo to invite Pastor Stanley to stand on the steps of the capital building and share the good news contained within God’s Word. It was required that every person employed at the capital building to attend the service. The gospel was preached and when the invitation was given for people to accept Christ more than 40 came forward for salvation. One of the individuals who was saved was the Vice Governor!

Before leaving the city of Batac, the City Mayor sent an invitation for Pastor Stanley to meet with him. In that meeting the Mayor, Mr. Albert Chua, explained that he had recently accepted Christ as his personal Saviour after Pastor Sam Rafael had witnessed to him and stressed the importance of knowing the Lord. After the mayor shared his testimony he asked if there were enough Bibles to give to his more than two hundred employees in his office building. He then looked Pastor Stanley face to face and asked, “When will you come back to the North? We need God’s Word! Promise me you will come back with more Bibles!”

This was the heart cry in every town and village that was visited where Bibles were distributed. Though there were many Bibles on that container, there were always many more souls hungry for God’s Word. Compared to the more than one million souls that live in the northern mountain villages, cities, and towns – what is fifteen thousand Bibles and fifty thousand New Testaments? Is it any wonder the people are crying and begging for Bibles? More than one hundred churches received Bibles, but there are hundreds more that didn’t!

Thank God for the faithful men and women that the Lord is using for His cause around the world! The task of reaching our world with the Word of God is much too big of a task for one individual or one church. Oh to God that we would all do our part! Much like Paul and the Macedonian call, will you hear the Filipino call?



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