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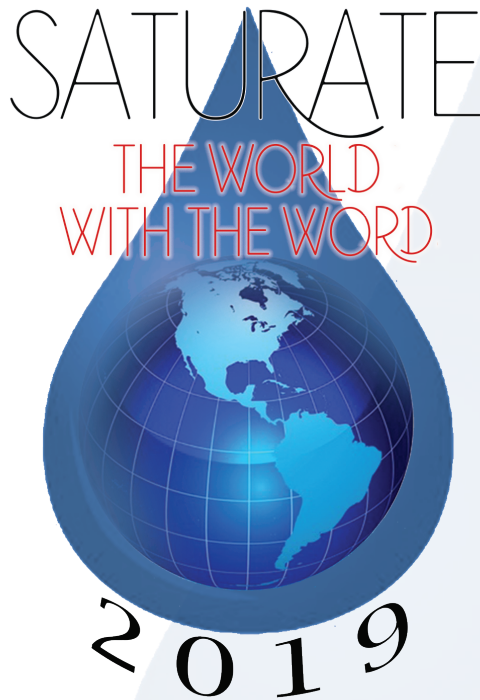
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Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:10 that if she had asked of Him a drink, He would have given her living water.. Vs. 14 "...whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." To which the woman responded, "Sir, give me this water,...!" Just as it takes the liquid water to quench our physical thirst, Jesus is the source of Living Water that we must have to quench our spiritual thirst!

But this was not the first mention of Jesus being the Living Water. We see Him in Exodus 15:22 when three days after crossing the red sea they found the water at Marah to be bitter. This is a picture of how through the cross, Christ makes the bitter water of this life sweet! And then in Exodus 17:2 the people chided with Moses saying "...Give us water that we may drink." and in vs. 6 we see another beautiful picture of Jesus being the smitten rock from whom flowed water to quench their physical thirst. This same Jesus, the rock, who would be smitten at Calvary for all mankind to quench the spiritual thirst for all who will but drink of the Living Water to receive eternal, everlasting life through Christ, the only one who can satisfy and quench our spiritual thirst!

Nor was it the last time we find



Jesus being described as the Living Water for Jesus says in Rev. 21:6, "...I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely." Whosoever will may come! This same Jesus who is the incarnate Word of God, God's only begotten Son, the Light of the world, the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Door, the Bread of Life, is also the Living Water synonymous with His Word! Just as we are saved through His Word according to Eph. 5:26 we are sanctified and made clean by "the washing of water by the word." Just as Jesus told Peter in John 13:8,9

"...If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me" to which Peter said unto him, "...Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

Dear Christian friends, the liquid water that millions of people the world over have is polluted and not fit to drink but worse yet, they do not have any of the Living Water of Life that will quench their spiritual thirst and without this Word they will never come to know the Living Water! Jn. 5:24 "...He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

The Samaritan woman then said to Jesus, "Sir, give me this water." This reminds me of a true story of a Christian surveyor in India back in the late 1940's. After witnessing for the Lord to a small tribe of Indians in a very remote village of India, the chief of the tribe asked him, "Sir, how do you know this about God?" When the Christian surveyor explained that he had learned all about God from a book, the old chief said to him, "Sir, I want that book!" God never intended that only a chosen, privileged few would have "the book", His precious Word! Most Christians are hoarding God's Word as if sharing it with others would lessen their own chance of getting into heaven. Why would we withhold from others that which cost us nothing while costing Jesus

humiliation, pain and His life!

After 55 years of fulltime Christian ministry, 50 of those years in this ministry, I have reached a conclusion as to why so few Christians have a burden or vision to get God's Word to those who do not have it! It is because of spiritual immaturity on the part of God's people! Christians who do not diligently read or study God's Word, are ignorant of the contents of the book, so why would they care if anyone else has His Word! As the Apostle Paul frequently said, "I would NOT have you to be ignorant brethren" but this is where we are today! This ignorance produces two major problems! First of all, if one does not read and study God's Word they marginalize its value and do not see any purpose or benefit in providing it to others. To some professed "Christians" Christianity is nothing more than an insurance policy just in case there is a heaven! Will they ever be surprised when they depart this life or miss the rapture of the church! Secondly, a Christian who remains ignorant of God's Word, and has not grown in the Lord, lets their flesh control and dictate their actions. They give only a token, or an occasional contribution of their time and money to God. For them to tithe or make a contribution to send Bibles to the heathen or for world evangelism is not logical. The best visual indicator of a person's spirituality is always Saturate continued on Page 2

Little Is Much When God Is In It!



trailer loads of paper a year. Given a few extra offerings and paper sponsors may be enough funds to purchase 4 or 5 more. We have the capacity to print 30 trailer loads a year. With the addition of 1,000 new churches each giving \$10 a month, this ministry can increase our current production by 45,000 to 50,000

more Scriptures a year. This will enable us to produce more Bibles and Scriptures so that we can supply more of the requests that we have received this year.

Please rest assured, this ministry isn't too "big" to welcome and appreciate "small" contributions when a trailer load of paper cost \$35,000 and we need a minimum of two of them a month. When it comes to offerings large or small, it takes them all! Lord forbid that any pastor or church would ever be embarrassed to make a \$10 or smaller contribution to this ministry! Thinking that some pastors might possibly consider \$10 "too small" of an amount to be appreciated, please think again! This ministry is looking and praying for 1,000 churches or individuals who will partner with us for \$10 a month as this will sponsor 4 Bibles a month and help purchase an additional 3.4 trailer loads of paper a year!

The present support level of this ministry will not quite purchase 12

Seeing this as a way of helping this ministry to purchase more paper and produce more Bibles, we sent out letters a few weeks ago to 4,000 pastors of non-supporting churches asking and challenging them to pray and consider being one of these "1,000 @ \$10 a month" partner churches. At \$2.50 per Bible, your \$10 a month contribution will sponsor 4 Bibles a month, 48 Bibles a year times 1,000 churches equals 48,000 Bibles in a year's time! This alone will not provide adequate paper to enable us to reach our capacity but, Praise the Lord, 48,000 more people would receive a Bible than we otherwise would have

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Why The World Needs The Word

Pastor, Chad Stanley
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"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

As I travel throughout the country, yea, even around the world, I have found that there is no shortage of the world's printed materials. Everywhere I travel there are news papers that publish the world's news, magazines of every kind, how-to books, comic books, and even coloring books. It's it amazing, the world finds ways to produce all of it's worldly materials, but the church is failing to publish and distribute the Word of God.

Oh that every pastor, and yes, even every Christian would see the need of printing and distributing God's Word around the world! You see, there is nothing in this world that gets to the heart of the matter in man's life as the Word of God does. There is no other book as powerful as the printed pages of God's Word, for no other book can read man as man reads it.

Please consider with why the world needs the Word:

1. The Word of God Has the Power to Convict of Sin.

When you talk to someone about salvation they may be somewhat persuaded by the logic of your arguments but they will never be converted until you get them to hear the Word of God. I have seen this so many times and it still amazes me when it happens. Time after time I have been witnessing to someone and getting nowhere, then I open the Bible and show them what the Scriptures say and something wonderful happens. Their heart begins to melt and soften.

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, 'Men and brethren, what shall we do?'" (Acts 2:37)

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World Continued on Page 2 When Peter preached that sermon on the Day of Pentecost the people were convicted of their sin to such a degree that 5,000 men were saved that day. Peter simply preached the Bible. From beginning to end his message was a Bible message. That is why when he was finished so many were saved. If he had just spoken his ideas and opinions no one would have listened, but because it was a Bible message the people could not ignore it. The Bible is the Sword of the Spirit; He takes the Word and uses it to cut to the heart.

2. The Word of God has the Power to Regenerate.

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.” (1 Peter 1:23)

Being born again is simple. Take what the Word of God says about Jesus Christ, that He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, was crucified, was buried, and rose again. Believe it with your heart and call upon the Lord and be saved.

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:9-10,13)

To see others born again, give them the Word of God. The Bible tells us that the human heart is the soil; we are the sowers; the Word of God is the seed we are to sow; God quickens it by His Holy Spirit and gives the increase (1 Cor. 3:6).

3. The Word of God Has the Power to Produce Faith.

“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.” (Romans 10:17)

Faith comes by one thing and that is the Word of God. In the book of Acts we find the story of the Philippian jailer. “And brought them out, and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ And they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.’” (Acts 16:30-32) But Paul did not stop there. Verse 32 says, “And they spake unto him the Word of the Lord, and to all that were in the house.” They did not just tell the Philippian jailer to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and then leave him there floundering in the dark, without giving him something on which his faith could rest.

4. The Word of God Has Power to Cleanse.

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word.” (Ephesians 5:25-26)

The Word of God not only has the power to take impurity out of the heart, but to cleanse the outward life as well. If you want a clean outward life, you must wash it often by bringing it into contact with the Word of God. As long as we are living in this sin-sick world we will be contaminated by sin and be in need of daily cleansing. we need to take daily, prolonged baths in the Word. *“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.” (Psalm 119:9)*

5. The Word of God Has the Power to Build Up.

“And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up...” (Acts 20:32)

We build character through the Word of God. *“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby.” (1 Peter 2:2)* If we are to grow spiritually, we must have growth which comes from the Word of God.

6. The Word of God Has the Power to Give Assurance of Eternal Life.

“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” (John 3:36)

“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” (1 John 5:13)

Salvation is not based upon an experience or an emotion; it's based upon God's Word!



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demonstrated in what they do with their time and money! With others who are a little more spiritually minded some will say, “I would like our church to support a Bible printing ministry but we are already supporting all of the missionaries and mission projects that we have the money to support.” While these folks may be less ignorant of God's Word than the spiritually discerned, they have not yet matured to the level of giving sacrificially by faith! No! I'll admit that I have not arrived to the point where I would like to be in my own spirituality but the truth be known, probably few of us ever do or ever will, but praise God some do and it is possible and should be the desire of every Christian! Yes, those are the ones to whom God will be able to say, “well done my good and faithful servant.” I have been privileged to have known a few of these truly Spirit filled Christians!

While you and I are so blessed and privileged to live in the United States where we have an abundance of Bibles in our homes, Amos 8:11 probably best describes the current condition of our country, many churches and way too many Christian homes of today. In this verse God said; “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:” And in Vs. 12 “...they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.” While I do not believe this verse will be fulfilled until after the rapture of the church, many Christians have already willingly and voluntarily surrendered His Word! They have a copy, even take it to church when they decide to go and occasionally dust it off when they do their spring house cleaning but all the while remaining ignorant of its contents.

If we are to become a more mature child of God, growing in a greater knowledge and understanding of His Word, we must somehow get the message that is in His Word off of the page and into our heart's resulting in a sincere desire and hunger to know Him in a more intimate and personal way. Since we still have His Word, what is our excuse? Millions in the undeveloped, third world countries and countries that are closed to the gospel and in spiritual darkness have never heard God's redemption plan for man, ever owned, read or seen a copy of God's precious written Word. We are without excuse! Our knowledge of His Word or lack thereof will determine our relationship with God so it is any wonder that in this day and time that there is so little reverence and respect, even among Christians for God, His Word, the house of God and the man of God!

When that precious old book becomes important enough to us it will fix our “want to” into a “will do” and we will spend more time in His Word with a desire to get it to others for whom nothing has been prepared! Before we will ever develop a “want to”, to saturate the World with the Word, we must first saturate ourselves in His Word, develop a hunger, and thirst for His Word! I Pet. 2:2, “As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:...” It all starts with a desire, a “want to” or a conviction to know the Lord in a closer personal relationship and that will only come by spending time saturated in His Word.

II Tim. 2:15, “Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Even when we get our “want to” fixed, in order to overcome the resistance of the flesh and the devil, it will require much prayer, much determination and self-discipline. But then, the more we grow in the Lord, the more we will hunger and thirst after His righteousness! When Christ through His Word becomes alive and real to us, and we become washed and clean through the washing of the water of His Word then our “want to” will want to saturate this sinful dying world with the pure, clean, refreshing water of His Word!

Our Perfect Weapon In Today's Battle For Truth



By: Shannon Lemmon

Opinions are a dime a dozen, are they not? Everyone these days has their own ideas on how to “fix” the church, how to “save” the family, and how to “change” our Nation and world. There's constantly a new fly-by-night “prescription” being suggested to folks via social media, televised teachers, and secular philosophies. Naysayers, false prophets, and especially those who truly hate the cause of Christ attack this world and even the local church through lies of deceit. Atheists deny the Creator, cultists dispute the deity of Jesus, and heretics ignore that salvation is only by grace through faith in our Saviour. One might feel helpless in the midst of this crazy world where our goal is to promote truth, and it seems almost impossible to push through the cloudy mess that satan has concocted.

But, friend, Truth is ever near, ever found, and ever available to share with the lost and blinded world. “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 1:3). As Believers, we are called to contend for the faith, and our weapon has been provided to fight the good fight against today's false teachings. The perfect, infallible Word of God is all we need to stand in this evil day against its perversion and lies. This generation and those to come are depending upon strong men and women of God who will not bend and will not waver with the compromises that have become so trendy today. Our church and family will stand for the King James Bible! We will stand for the absolute Gospel! We will stand against sin and teach Biblical separation. It is rooted deeply in our innermost being to stand. We desire to disallow the forces of darkness to destroy all the old paths and landmarks our fathers sacrificed to establish for us. But how are we to contend? We are to contend for the faith willingly. Let us not be ashamed of the Truth we know and hold so dear. We must contend wisely. “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing

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been able to provide!

Are there a 1,000 churches or Christian friends among these 4,000 churches who love the Lord and their Bible enough to partner with this ministry at \$10 a month? You would certainly think so, after all, most working adults spend more than \$10 a month on coffee, cokes and bottled water! And then there are some pastor friends that I know who cannot pass a Starbucks without spending \$5 or more a day for something that will only produce at best maybe 30 minutes of enjoyment while adding a pound of ugly unwanted fat! The question should be why would all 4,000 of these pastors not want their church to be a partner in the production and distribution of God's precious Word?

In the harvest field now ripened there's a work for all to do, hark the voice of God is calling, to the harvest calling you! Every Christian is commanded of the Lord to spread

provide all of the paper you need and more, if it offends them for you to ask then let them be offended"! Please don't blame me, I'm just telling you what the Holy Spirit tells me! Then He reminds me of what He wrote in Ps. 119:165, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them."

Little is much when God is in it; Labor not for wealth or fame. There's a crown, and you can win it if you'll go and give in Jesus name!



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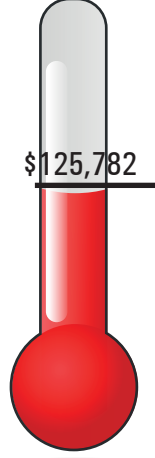
those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;" (2 Timothy 2:24,25). Debating unkindly those who are already given to unbelief is not going to be profitable. This is why we must wisely use our weapon – the Sword of the Spirit – to speak for us. His Words

are without error. His Truth is without contradiction.

And may we contend for the faith wholeheartedly. Without truth proclaimed, falsities will run rampant. Our priorities in life – the things we put our time and energy into – must

line up with those of our Heavenly Father. His priority has always been and will always be that His Truth be proclaimed. We would never purposely mislead or deceive people if a dangerous cliff were approaching. I'm reminded of the coyote who would change the direction of the road signs attempting to send the roadrunner plummeting to a horrible fate. But that ol' roadrunner was too sharp to be deceived. May we make it a goal and prayer to keep the signs straight that satan tries to turn, so people will know the truth, avoiding a very terrible fate of eternal separation from God. We have been armed with God's perfect weapon to fight today's battle. This Sword needs to be in the hands of all people across our world, so they, too, will be saved by the Truth and growing in the Truth. Will we arm ourselves to contend for the faith, and will we share it with those in need? Once again, the answer is the Word of God.

\$300,000



Debt Retirement

Praise the Lord for the \$125,782 that has been contributed for debt retirement! In February of this year, we made an appeal for your prayers and financial help to make 2019 the year BLMF becomes debt free. Then in March, we made a second appeal and in a matter of a few weeks received sufficient contributions to retire two of the largest and oldest of four equipment debts. Allowing us to retire the balance we owed on the modifications to the web press and the balance owed on the purchase of the 5-color sheet fed press! All of these purchases and expenditures have been wise, timely, necessary investments and have placed this ministry in a position, to be able to continue to grow our production now and in the future.

Please let us take this opportunity to extend to each and every one of you who have given toward this need a big, heartfelt Thank You! Your investment in them are investments in every copy of God's Word that we produce while also saving hundreds of dollars a year in interest! None of these debts have ever been delinquent or past due, it was just time to pay them off, get them behind us and move on. From my experience, any time you let debt hang around, it will just grow and get bigger!

As I had explained previously, we could have already retired these four equipment debts by using the undesignated contributions this ministry receives. However, in an effort to continue to grow our production, we have used all of these undesignated funds, along with everything else we could raise to purchase more paper and materials. As a result, in these four years our production has grown from 1.2 million Scriptures to almost 1.9 million! But, the debt didn't go away!

In order to achieve a total and complete debt retirement this year, it was our original intention to apply all of the undesignated offerings received this year to debt retirement along with all of your contributions designated for debt retirement. But, I'm sorry, we just can't bring ourselves to do so as it would probably reduce our Scripture production this year by a third! We have too many request for Bibles and Scriptures and can't do it! We could but we can't!

So in light of this dilemma, we are willing rather to carry some of this debt over into next year if we have to rather than to cut our production this year! However, we do really need to raise at least another \$75,000 this year for "Debt Retirement"! We are not reducing our \$300,000 goal; it is what it is! To raise another \$75,000 will allow us to retire the last two equipment debts, \$46,000 for the purchase of a digital printer in 2017 and \$30,000 for equipment repair expenses incurred in 2017 & 1018!

The reason it is impossible for a ministry to raise funds for two projects at the same time is; that regardless of what we are raising the money for, it is usually the same wonderful, precious, generous churches and Christian Friends who are contributing the funds. If we are promoting "Debt Retirement", some of these special offerings will be given to debt retirement that would otherwise have been given for paper or as undesignated offerings. Our immediate goal right now is to raise \$46,000 to pay off the digital printer, a \$70,000 piece of equipment that we purchased for \$46,000 in 2016!

It takes equipment to do what we do and we do not ever use funds contributed for Scripture production, paper sponsor or Bible sponsors to purchase equipment. The paper and printing materials are the largest expense of this ministry however, without the equipment, we couldn't do what we do! We praise the Lord for His blessings and your gifts in allowing us to get part of this debt behind us, thank you and to God be the glory!



Busy binding English Bibles for the Philippines.

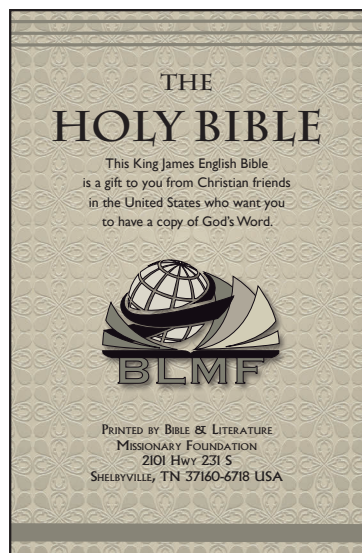


Three Trailer loads of paper have been delivered in May.



the gospel, the choice is, do we do the going or do we stay at home and provide the finances, and support for those whom God has called to go! Either way, we all have a responsibility to do our part! If it is the responsibility of "the church of the living God" to reach the world with the gospel, then it is the responsibility of every church! To those of us who stay at home, as David said, "stay by the stuff," we also have the responsibility to reach our Jerusalem and Judea so yes, there's a work for all to do. Unfortunately, when something is everybody's responsibility too many are too willing to leave the work and the giving up to somebody else so nobody does anything!

Sometime I feel like I need to apologize to you folks for asking for money all the time especially you folks receiving this newsletter. However, when I talked to the Lord about it, His response is always the same, "my people have the financial means to



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2019 has already seen an explosion of production and distribution here at the Bible Barn! God has been so very good this year, allowing BLMF to print and ship over half a million Scriptures since January 1st!

The first container on January 10th was filled with 43,000 English/Tagalog New Testaments for Missionary Roger Riley in the Philippines and has already arrived.



On February 5th, BLMF shipped an exciting project of 10,500 French/English New Testaments, 2,300 Creole New Testaments, and 7,200 John and Romans to Haiti for a Pastors' Conference, where over 1,000 Haitian Pastors were in attendance to get Bibles for their churches!



A partial container of 2,400 Bibles and 70,000 John and Romans was also shipped later in March to Uganda and Kenya for the Rock of Ages ministry there.

Just a few days later, a container of 30,000 English Bibles was shipped for Missionary Ed Stanley in Sudan, which will be distributed in August of this year in the surrounding countries, such as Uganda, as well.



18,400

New Testaments and 1,200 Bibles were printed and shipped to Rwanda in February for Missionary Tony Stark.

9 Bibles were sent to India through Brother Keith Davidson in April, and 560 Portuguese Bibles were shipped to Brazil early this month for Brother Mark Edwards.



Another container of 27,000 Bibles and 13,000 New Testaments was shipped to the northern Philippines on March 22 for Pastor Chad Stanley. He has seen much fruit there last year while distributing Scripture in an area that had never received a whole container of Scriptures. The Filipino people begged Pastor Stanley to send another container of Scriptures this year, and the Lord made it happen. Amen! This container is scheduled to arrive on May 27th.



There are two containers of Spanish Scriptures that were loaded May 21st for Honduras and will be distributed throughout much of Central America by Missionary Jason Tate in correlation with BLMF's President of the Board, Pastor Mark Smith of Tacoma, WA.



This ministry still has so much to produce and ship in order to fill all the requests from missionaries on the foreign field. At least twelve more whole containers have been requested on top of the six whole containers and three partial containers that have already been filled. Last year was a record production year for this ministry at 1.8 million, but it appears that this year could be even greater if God's people will give. There is still a need in Kenya, the Philippines, India, Myanmar, Haiti, South Africa, Ghana, Romania, Brazil, Germany, and Suriname, South America. "Saturate the World with the Word" has been the theme for this year, and it's wonderful indeed that God is providing the thirsty people in many places for His Word to quench.

- The financial support from BLMF "Scriptures Partners", Bible and paper sponsors have provided \$360,109.33 in contributions to this ministry since 1/1/19 thru 5/15/19. With these funds, we have purchased seven trailer loads of paper and the necessary printing materials to produce and ship 536,465 Bibles and Scriptures in twelve languages. To produce and ship these 82,801 Bibles, 127,746 New Testaments and 325,918 Bible portions we spent \$349,444.35. Of this 61.2% or \$215,282 was spent to produce the Bibles, 29% or \$102,196 to produce the New Testaments (most of them bi-lingual) and less than 10% or \$31,966.35 for Bible portions! We are still trying to gather the figures on the number of people trusting Christ from these Scriptures but of the four full containers only two have reached their destination, a third has just arrived, one is sitting in the Manila bay yet to be unloaded off the ship and two of the three partial containers are still in transit.