

To those of you who partner in the production and distribution of the written Word of God through this ministry some of the information in this article may be old news to you but it's well worth repeating for the benefit of you who do not receive our monthly "Support/Prayer" letters. Twenty twenty-one was a phenomenal, record year, what I am calling a miracle year. In the 53 years that we have been

printing and distributing the precious written Word of God there have been many miracle years but none quite like 2021! It was a miracle year because of the quantity

we produced inspite of so many obstacles. Our web press was down ten weeks without an operator, we lost several supporting churches due to COVID, had some expensive mechanical repairs and four paper price increases! Only God!

For us to experience a record production, it required a record amount of financial support, contributions and love offerings. God so wonderfully provided all of this by putting it on the hearts of His people to give as generously as they did. We had some offerings from new supporting churches and Christian friends, some from folks we do not know and have never met but most from you

folks we do not know and have never met, but most from you precious folks who already support this ministry. We can pray and share our financial need with others but all is vain, unless God touches hearts to give. A very special heartfelt "Thank You" to all of you who give so generously!

With your prayers, financial support and God's marvelous, bountiful blessings, this ministry printed a record 2,446,000 million Bibles, New Testaments and Bible portions in 19 languages, five of them new first time printings, (four whole Bibles and one New Testament). Of these, we shipped 1,954,910 Scriptures filling 18

containers with another 100,000 Bibles and Scriptures finished and ready to ship, adequate to fill two more containers. Using various other methods and numerous individual cases, we shipped Scriptures into over 30 countries in 2021! To produce these Scriptures required 28 trailer loads of paper costing \$1,023,129.24. This is 8 more trailer loads than we purchased in any previous year!

The regular support that came into this ministry before COVID and five paper price increases would purchase 1.5 trailer loads of paper a month. But, in March of 2021 we began purchasing

3 trailer loads a month increasing our average to 2.6 per month for the year. Amazing! Who but God! Obviously, God wants and intends for His verbally inspired, preserved written Word to be produced and distributed on a larger scale as we get closer to His return. He has also been faithful to honor our exercise of faith as we are purchasing all of this extra paper every month by faith.

Speaking of obstacles, we experienced four paper price increases in 2021 raising the cost of a trailer load from \$35,200 to \$38,720. With a fifth increase

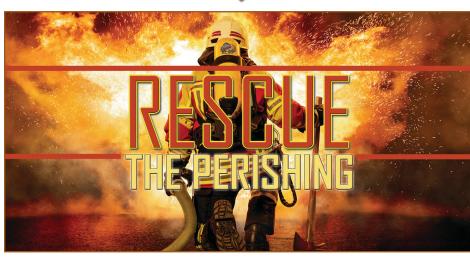


already announced effective this month, our cost will be \$40,150 per trailer load. This is a 14% increase on paper in less than a year along with a 10% to 14% price increase on every consumable that we purchase.

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May our father in heaven bless you as you stand with missions work in Africa, where Brother Rev. Edward Stanley and his wife Wanda Stanley have had the passion and burden to supply KJV Bibles all over. They have made a great impact and have become a blessing to many, thousands of souls have come to the knowledge of Christ as their personal savior. We have been able to distribute the Bibles in Churches, Prisons, Schools, Hospitals, Markets and in our Evangelistic meetings.

George N. Kung'u and Anne George Missionaries to East and Central Africa



At our October Scripture Conference every year we introduce a new theme for following year to help us emphasize, promote and focus our attention on our goal and objective to get more of God's precious written Word to those who do not have a copy! Usually the theme will be a Bible verse, sometime a two or three-word phrase but always about the Word of God or like this year's theme, "Rescue the Perishing" about missions! This year's theme is borrowed from a wonderful old gospel hymn, a favorite to us old-timers, written by Fanny Crosby that ranks right up at the top of the list with gospel hymns like "Amazing Grace"! "Rescue The Perishing" sums up the great commission with a call to missions better than other songs I know.

These three words by themselves paint a vivid mental picture of souls slipping out into eternity, lost without Christ as Jude eludes to in verses 22 & 23, "And some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garments spotted by the flesh" (or we could substitute the word fire)! This visual picture calls to our minds actuals picture and real life drama that we have all seen many times of fireman, police and first responders, like the graphic we are using, rushing into a burning building with all of their equipment and gear to "rescue" those who are in grave danger of perishing unless help arrived in time!

Some people would say that both of these old Hymns are inspired, maybe not God breathed as was God's holy Scriptures but at least in thought and in its message they are! The title of this song tells us who we are to rescue, and why we must rescue them, as Christians we know that we are the ones responsible to rescue them, how to rescue them, (Matt. 28:19, Mk. 13:10, 16:15, Lk. 24:47, Jn. 20:21, Acts 1:8)! The word "rescue" implies action as does the command of God, GO into all the world, to every creature, to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth, making an effort to rescue everyone who is perishing, dying without the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Matthew 18:14 Jesus says, "...it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish." II Pet. 3:9, says that Rescue continued on Page 2

Rescue continued on Page 2 the Lord "...is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." In Lk. 13:3&5, "...but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." We must let those who are perishing or on the verge of perishing know "...that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life." Jn. 3:15 and in Jn. 10:28 Jesus says "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." We are all called of God to be first responders and we have all the equipment that we need, God's Word and the person of the Holy Spirit to guide, teach and protect us!

When Jesus ascended into heaven in Acts 1:8 He left us all the tools we need to carry out the great commission, His written Word, which is the incorruptible seed (I Pet 1:23) and the person of the Holy Spirit, who is our guide, teacher and protector. Ps. 126:6 says we are to go "...forth weeping, bearing precious seed..." (the seed is the Word, Lk. 8:11 & Matt. 13) and to keep going until every creature has heard the gospel or "...Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,..." (Isa. 6:11) or until His return!

This ministry, with the help of many of you, produces one of these two essential tools needed to be a "first responder", the precious Word of God, enabling us to reach the perishing in our Jerusalem and Judea! For those who are perishing beyond our reach in Samaria and the uttermost, we can do the next best thing; equip the first responders there, the missionaries, national pastors and Christians with this life saving equipment that they need to be first responders for Jesus! Just remember, when the Lord returns and takes His first responders home, His written Word will be the only (eternal) lifesaving equipment left on earth! We as Christian need a vision to "Rescue the Perishing" for without one the people will perish, Proverbs 29:18.



Under normal circumstances and in normal times it should have already been up and running but all I can say is, "all in God's time"! It took Mr. Jim Nail and his three-man crew three months to disassemble the huge web press in Springfield, MO. with it arriving here on six tractor-trailer trucks the middle of June last year. These men have wives and families so they took a break to go home for two weeks returning in early July to start the assembly but had not been here three days until coming down with COVID. Jim had a very mild case and returned in a few days but Johnny, being an older age man with COPD had us concerned. God answered our prayers and he recovered but was unable to return to work last year.

Jim having reinjured his back in Springfield while disassembling the press, thought he would feel better after taking a break for a couple of weeks but didn't help relieve the pain. So with his bad back and no helper, Jim did the best he could by himself. He first had to diassemble our 5 color sheet fed press, move it and reassemble it by himself. Then by himself, he got the web press set in place before leaving us in early November to go home to have back surgery. Jim should have taken another month off to let his back heal from his surgery but wanting to get this press reassembled and running he returned with Johnny January 4! Since their return, although working with physical handicaps, they are making good progress.

So, in light of these circumstances, it is also taking some additional time to make some modification to the folder to make it better suited for what we need it to do. Jim is a mechanical genius and craftsman, and while it might take a little longer for mechanical



geniuses and craftsmen, especially one with recent back surgery, it will be right when it is finished! I am getting more excited as I see it coming together. I haven't asked Jim but I'm thinking it will be running by late March or early April. Meanwhile, please pray that we can come up with the funds to



purchase six trailer loads of paper a month to run both web presses.

If you want to do more than just pray, any and all financial contributions toward this press will be greatly appreciated and most helpful. The Sardis Lake Baptist Church in Sardis Lake, MS contributed the funds needed to purchase the press last year and just recently, gave a second contribution sufficient to pay for the cost of the disassembly and the shipping and moving to Shelbyville. I'm guessing it's going to take at least another \$125,000 to cover the reassembly and modifications to the press. That will put us all in at \$300,000, not too bad on a press worth \$500,000.

The Blessing In The Broken By: Pastor Loyd Warren

Generally, when something is broken, we are not happy about it. Few things are more disappointing and frustrating than to need something, only to find it broken. The last thing we want at the printing shop is a broken press! However, in our Bible we see that there are many blessings that have come to us through "the broken." Let's start with the most important.

The broken body of Christ blesses us with salvation. The Scriptures tell us that the bones of Christ were never broken; but be assured, His body was 1 Corinthians 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. Our sin is so terrible that it took the breaking of the Son of God's body to pay our sin debt. Let us never grow apathetic about our sin. Romans 7:13 tells us that our attitude about sin should be that it is "exceeding sinful." Jesus gave His body to be broken so that we might be blessed with salvation. Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

The broken barrier blesses us with God's fellowship. In Matthew 27:50-51 we see that after Jesus' body was broken at Calvary, the veil in the temple was broken or rent in twain. Our high priest, Jesus Christ, made it possible for us to come boldly before God. Heb 4:16 *Let us therefore come boldly unto the* throne of grace... No longer is there a barrier between God and redeemed men. In the Old Testament, believers had to depend upon the high priest to communicate with God for them. Now upon salvation, we become a believer priest who can fellowship with God (I Peter 2:5). Wow, the God of the universe wants to fellowship with us! Are you taking advantage of this wonderful blessing; how often do you fellowship with the Saviour Who was broken for you?

The broken burial blesses us with a living Saviour. Pilate and the Pharisees made the tomb as sure as they could (Matthew 27:65-66) - yet, up from the grave He arose! Matthew 28:6, He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. The body of every religion's leader can be found still in its grave, except for our leader's body. We serve a risen Saviour! Our leader was able to conquer death and promises that we too will conquer death through Him (I Corinthians 15:55).

The broken branch blesses us because Jesus then entrusted us with the Gospel. God used Israel to give us the Gospel, and he wanted to use them to propagate the Gospel. When Israel rejected Jesus Christ, God turned to the Gentile church to spread the Gospel (Romans 11:17). What an incredible opportunity we have been given to reach the world! BLMF is doing all it can to take advantage of this opportunity. Thank you for helping us. Someday, during the tribulation period, God will once again use the nation of Israel to spread His Gospel, but until then, let's do all we can as the church of God.

The broken box blesses us with an illustration of absolute surrender. In Mark 14:3 we see a valuable alabaster box and its ointment being completely used up in the service of our Lord. Once the box was broken, it could never be used again by its owner; by breaking it, she was giving all to Christ. May we be inspired by the broken box and break our own will on the altar of God's will.

There are many more blessings we see in God's Word that come from the broken. Isn't it time that you broke your pride and came to the Saviour Who was broken for you? Isn't it time that we break our will and serve the Saviour Who was broken for us?



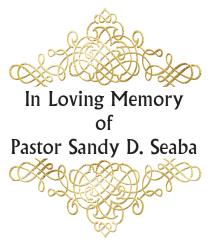
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The Lord provided \$1,512,526.42 in contributions designated for paper and Bible production last year while it cost this ministry \$1,831,230.66 to produce them, "but God" provided an additional \$300,000 in special undesignated love offerings sufficient to pay for the additional paper and materials! What an amazing God we serve! A roll of Bible paper is now \$912.50!

To produce almost 2.45 million Bibles and Scriptures, for \$1,831,230.66 is a miracle, a bargain at twice the price! Especially when you consider that, it required \$1,360,000 of these funds to produce 450,000 whole Bibles!

With all of these price increases, we might be prone to ask if our God can provide sufficient funds in 2022 to equal or exceed last year's production, to which I will answer with a Biblical question found in Ps. 78:19, "can God set a table in the wilderness?" Absolutely, He did for 2 to 3 million people for 40 years! There is nothing too big or impossible for Him! It is all just pocket change to Him!

As of 2/20/22, we have printed 250,000 Bibles and Scriptures, shipped over 229,595 using multiple pallets, cases by the US Post Office, two containers with the contents finished, and we have enough ready to fill 5 more containers.



n Saturday, January 8, this ministry, our board of directors and I lost a precious, precious friend and fellow board member, Pastor Sandy D. Seaba. Brother Seaba was born in Independence, MO in 1945. Beside his Lord and Saviour the only thing he loved more than Independence and the high school that he graduated from was his wife Debbie, his high school sweetheart, his family and the people of the Elm Grove Baptist Church in Bonner Springs, KS. He was pastor at Elm Grove Baptist for 48 years. He and Debbie, the love of his life were married in 1966, and together raised four sons all with distinguished military service and careers: Duane, wife Denise, Rodney, wife Jamey, David, wife Wendy and Johnny, wife Elisa, eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren with two more on the way.

rother Seaba was a remarkable Dman of God. He had excelled at basketball and football in high school setting records that still hold today! He had a brilliant memory that I envied as he could recall the most minute details of his youth, the history of Independence, the Scriptures, his church's history, the names of hundreds of athletes that he followed and the scores of their games, especially all of the teams in Kansas. Among his many other loves was his country, serving in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1971 and this ministry, the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation serving on our board of directors for 45 years.

While in Bible School Brother Seaba went to Elm Grove Baptist Church, Bonner Springs, KS as interim pastor to fill in until the church could find a permanent pastor and ended up filling in for 48 years. At that time Elm Grove was a very small rural church meeting in a very small building with an auditorium that might seat a hundred people. It was shortly after Brother Seaba's coming to Elm Grove that Dad, on one of his trips to Kansas searched out the



from a previous storm.

The meeting that day was I the beginning of a lifelong friendship between Dad and Brother Sandy. Having been in the ministry for over 28 years at that time, pastoring for 20 of those years with experience in starting two churches from scratch, Dad took a special interest in Brother Sandy and shared his Sunday School and church building training and pastoral experiences. Only the Lord and Brother Seaba would know how much Dad's advice, prayers and encouragement for them may have helped that little church. In the next 45 years, Elm Grove Baptist Church grew in attendance, building 3 larger auditoriums, and growing to 300 to 400 in attendance.

Tmeet Brother and Sister Seaba Land two of the older sons when the Seaba family visited this ministry sometime in the early eighties. I had the opportunity to visit their church one Sunday with Dad on a trip to Kansas City. We had gone to pick up a printing press donated to this ministry by the Hallmark Greeting Card Company. On that first trip, they were in their second church building, then seven or eight years ago I had the privilege to be in attendance when they dedicated their fourth building. A couple years later, I had the honor to be invited to speak in a mission conference there.

All Dad had been to Brother Sandy in those early years at Elm Grove, Brother Seaba was ever bit that and more to me and to this ministry after Dad's homegoing. I know he and Dad are having a Halleluiah time together in heaven! Brother Seaba was not only a brother in the Lord but like family. He was raised by his grandfather and grandmother in a home without a father. He told me on more than one occasion that Bob Lemmon was the closest man to a father he ever had.

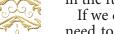
He was greatly loved by Debbie, his family, his church; the hundreds of people he had

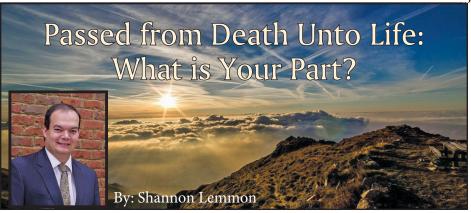
pastored and led to the Lord, by me and every pastor on our board of directors. His homegoing is a tremendous loss to all of us who knew him and to this ministry. Please keep Sister Debbie, the Seaba family and the Elm Grove Baptist Church in your prayers as they begin on a journey to call a man of

God to replace a pastor who is irreplaceable, and especially for Sister Debbie.



church stopped, and found Brother Seaba in the basement of that little church building mopping up water





Such a kind young lady Sydney was...she was friendly and professional as she took care of her guests at the front desk of the hotel to which we had arrived. In her early twenties and a single mom, she had definitely experienced the difficulties and pressures of this life. But she was working hard, trying to provide for her precious two-year-old boy. We had enjoyed speaking with her after our Church service, and before we went to our room for the evening, we asked her if there was any way we could pray for her and her son specifically. With tears in her eyes, she gratefully responded, "Please pray that I could be closer to God." Excited, we informed her that there was a Way she could know God personally as we shared with her the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are still rejoicing that we were able to see Sydney receive Jesus as her Saviour that Sunday evening. The dear Pastor we had visited has contacted her so she can get baptized and be discipled in their local Church.

It always amazes me how much the Lord loves people and wants to save them. He sends His people to share the miraculous Truth of His Word with them...wherever they may be. Once, a Pastor from the U.S. had finally reached Africa, where his lifelong dream of hunting there was becoming a reality. Late at night, he was quietly walking through the jungle when he heard the voice of a young boy. The small African child had climbed a tree

and was shouting out into the red sunset sky. The American pastor walked closer attempting not to startle the young man. He then asked him why he was shouting. His response was, "I climb into this tree every night to talk to the God of the Universe. I ask Him, if He is really out there, to reveal Himself to me." Boy, how thrilled this Pastor was to share the Lord Jesus Christ with this precious soul who would be saved in an African jungle that divinely appointed night!

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." This verse refers to where there is no prophecy, or "Word of God," the people perish. Isn't that the truth? All around this world, people are perishing in darkness without the Light of His Word. Sometimes it's easy to forget just how powerful your involvement with BLMF really is on a global scale. Your support to produce and ship the Scriptures is reaching every corner of the world. When a container of 30,000-75,000 Scriptures reaches a country, it changes the lives and eternities of families, communities, and even nations! Your missionaries are able to reach souls in a larger capacity with the Scriptures in the language of their people. Imagine the Filipino father who brings home a Bible for the first time and reads God's Word to his family. Picture the Hindu man who finds out he can be saved from sin and have an eternal home in Heaven! See the middle-eastern young lady who

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If anyone can read this issue of this newsletter and cannot see how the Lord has so wonderfully blessed and provided for the needs of this ministry, then we have failed in getting the facts, figures and information over, or in all respect, our readers are just not paying attention! If anyone cannot see the hand of God at work in this ministry and think we are doing so well that we don't need any additional funds, they would be entirely missing the point! There isn't any explanation for what the Lord has done and is doing for this ministry other than, "God"! The only possible explanation is, that God wants and intends for His Word to be produced and distributed on a larger scale than what we are doing now!

I get embarrassed sometimes asking for money, especially when some of you precious churches and dear Christian friends are already giving so generously! I know that the Lord can supply for all of our needs without my asking but I also believe that the Lord uses our request to move some people to contribute who otherwise would not. When it comes to fundraising our first priority is to raise sufficient funds to cover the cost of the paper and materials needed to maximize the capacity and capability of the equipment and personnel that we currently have. But unless we keep preparing and planning for future growth we most definitely will reach a point that we cannot continue to grow our production for a lack of a vision, Pro. 29:18!

When the Lord gave us the opportunity to purchase this larger web press at a bargain price in January of 2021, I questioned why the Lord would provide a large press like this one when we still had the potential to do more with our current equipment. But, in January of 2021, what I didn't know was that the Lord was going to increase our production that year (2021) by over a half million Bibles and Scriptures! I now understand that God was preparing us for what He was going to do for us in 2022, 2023 and in the future should He tarry His coming! God amazes me!

If we continue by faith to purchase all of the paper and material that we need to keep our small web press running as **Grow continued on Page 4**

Grow continued from Page 3 we have for the last 13 months, we may be able to squeeze out a couple hundred thousand more Scriptures this year than we did last year. However, with this larger, faster web press and sufficient paper and materials to feed it, our print capacity is going to increase exponentially, eventually over running the collator/glue binder that we have now! The upgrade that we did in 2020 when we purchased the newer, faster 3K trimmer however is capable of a substantial production growth for some time to come. Our immediate need is for additional storage and warehouse space!

It is difficult to believe that in just six years and before adding the larger web press, that we would have to be renting offsite storage space as we are having to now. We are just now looking into what it is going to cost to add on to our building, but with the cost of building materials going through the roof as they are, we are probably looking at \$350,000 to \$400,000. Rather than placing an additional financial burden on the churches and Christian friend who are presently bearing most of the financial burden for paper, printing materials and the cost of operating this ministry, it would be a real God send if He were to provide one major donor to cover

the entire cost of this expansion project.

At this month's Tri-annual board meeting held on Monday, February 14, one of our board members presented the board with a wonderful idea that has the potential to save this ministry a very large sum of money both now and in the future. It is very likely that there will be more paper price increases in the near future like the five we have experienced recently. If this idea is put into practice it would enable this ministry to purchase large quantities of paper right now at the current lower price avoiding the higher prices that are to come as well as giving us purchasing power to negotiate

for better pricing.

Should the Lord put this burden on the heart of an individual or family having sufficient financial resources to do so as a gift, trust, grant or loan it would save this ministry thousands of dollars now and again every time we order paper by avoiding some of the higher prices that are to come. The larger the amount of money invested the greater the savings to this ministry, a million dollars would purchase sufficient paper to run one web press 9 to 10 months, maybe 6 months with both web presses running. This ministry would be replacing these funds monthly as we use the paper so they could be reused again each time we reorder paper, used continually or for a specified period on time. Do we have any volunteers?







If you would like one of our calendars, please call us @ 931-684-0304.

The calendars are free, the only charge will be to cover shipping charges.

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has felt insignificant but is then told of an amazing, loving Saviour who wants to save her! These precious people are then given a copy of the Bible, so they can grow in grace and share the Word of God with others!

"Down in the human heart, Crushed by the tempter, feelings lie buried that grace can restore; Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness, Chords that were broken will vibrate once more." As you help the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation "Rescue the Perishing," you are sending life to souls that were headed to an eternity in hell. God's Word changes lives, and that is the goal of this ministry: to get a Bible to every man, woman, boy, and girl who does not have one. Will you help us? Can you do more this year? Somewhere, there is another Sydney...another little African child...waiting to be rescued by the powerful pages of the life-giving Word of God! People are perishing.



Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation

One of our representatives would love to come to your church and present this ministry to your congregation or give them an update on what is happening here at the Bible Barn.

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