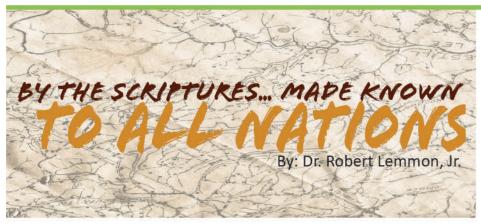
700,000 Scripture Printed in 2023

TO ALL NATIONS

254,000 Scripture Shipped in 2023



This is our BLMF theme for 2023. Our text verse taken from Romans 16:26 is a tremendous verse emphasizing the necessity of the Scriptures relating to the church's responsibility in carrying out the great commission! Through all four of the Gospels plus Acts 1:8 and here in Rom. 16:26, there are three essential elements required to carry out God's commandment to evangelize the world. All three of these should be obvious to Christians and are found or implied in all four Gospels, Acts 1:8 and here in Rom. 16:26: the Holy Spirit, the Gospel, (God's Word), and the Church!

In Matt. 28:18-20, we find the power in verse 18, the Holy Spirit. The "go ye" in verse 19, is to the church, our message we are to teach is the gospel, the Word of God and the "where" we are to go is "to all

nations!" In Mk. 13:10, we are to publish (make known) the Gospel to "all nations" in 16:15. Christians, the Church is to "go ye" and preach the Gospel (God's Word) to every creature! In Lk. 24:46 that repentance and remission of sins (the Gospel) are to be preached in his name among "all nations!" In John 20:21 we find the short version of the great commandment where Jesus says "as the Father hath sent me even so send I you," the "you" is us, Christians, his people, Believers, being commanded (sent) to take "Jesus", the Gospel to the whole world. Then in Acts 1:8 Jesus makes it very plain specifically identifying the Holy Spirit. The "ye" he is speaking to is his apostles and disciples. We witness unto Him through His written Word and the "unto" is everyone,

Continued on Page 3



It has been said by our Pastor, Loyd Warren, that BLMF is "actually a miracle-working ministry." How many ways this statement is incredibly true! Every single accomplishment that has occurred here is, as my Dad quotes, "purely because of the grace of God." It is this humble faith in the impossible that has shaped BLMF through the generations. Many Pastors called Grandpa a "nut" when he shared his burden to start the first Independent Baptist Scripture-printing ministry, but God had given him faith that it would be accomplished to His glory. Over the decades, the Lord has continued to increase the amount of Scriptures produced here, with last

year being the greatest in 55 years at a production of 2.5 million and 24 containers shipped. So the question is, do we continue to ask God for MORE? Are we to be content with the status quo, or do we annually step out even further by faith to see God work mightily again? There are three reasons we believe we should ask God to continually "enlarge our coasts," as well as an opportunity to be part of this growth.

The first reason we will always ask the Lord to increase our production is because of the absolute Purity of

Continued on Page 3





change does not sit comfortably in my heart. I immediately think of compromise of truth, a shift from biblical position, loving darkness rather than light and a spirit of apostasy slowly, yet ever so effectively penetrating our churches, societies, homes and mission fields. The word change speaks of making different, modifying, altering or replacing with something new. The truth is that our world is ever so changing and is under the control of the god of this world, Satan. The Word of God tells us in 2 Cor 4:3-4, But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

As stewards of the Gospel, our task and calling can seem daunting, difficult, and downright hard. It can "seem" that way. We are told that God has given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, and that one of the armor that God gives us in this battle, the Sword of the Spirit. Psalm 119:130 tells us, The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple. The only thing we have to combat the spiritual blindness of those who are lost is the Word of God. We are fighting from the winning side. God's Word is

a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Every time I pick up a copy of God's Word and give it out, I am giving light, hope and truth!

Just today, we gave out over 75 copies of God's Word to a new area here in Saipan. I met two people who did not have their own copy. One man's name is "Genesis." He is a father to four children and a husband. When I offered him a Bible, the smile said it all. It gave me the chance to talk with him for a few minutes in the midst of his busy, chaotic life. Sometimes, all we have is a few minutes and we must redeem that time. He did not get saved, but he was given light. I am thankful that we have a ready arsenal of Scripture so that those blinded can see and those without hope can have hope. In time, all of the Northern Mariana Islands will have this light and hope at their doorstep.

Nearly every week I have our church people asking if they can take more Bibles to give them out to friends family and co-workers. We even have a law enforcement officer who is not part of our church take a case of Bibles every few months so that he can give them out on his traffic stops! Glory! In a world that is changing, we have something that never does. God's Word is steadfast, consistent, reliable and forever settled in Heaven. Thank you, Bible Lit for giving us what we need to keep the lights on here in!

"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 newspapers that publish the world's news, magazines of every kind, how-to books, comic books, and even coloring books. It's amazing, the world finds ways to produce all of its 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 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)

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.

Continued on Page 4





Becoming the pastor of Rose City Baptist Church was a monumental task. The church hadn't seen a soul saved in several years. The membership dwindled down to a handful of folks just trying to keep the lights on. No missions program, no soul winning program, no program at all - just a few of God's people hanging on to the promise that the Lord would never leave them nor forsake them. At that point, I was called to be the pastor 10 years ago this upcoming August. With a new pastor, many churches see a small initial jump in growth as people are curious about who the new guy is. They like him and stay, or they go right back out the door. Thankfully, some decided to stay, and the church grew. Souls began to get saved, and the church was brought back to life. "I was what the church needed" was in the hearts of some people, but I knew I was not the missing piece.

We began a soul-winning program and Sunday School program. A regular schedule of evangelists and revivals were now in full swing. People from all ages continued to be helped, and the church continued to grow. Activities were numerous, and finances blossomed. New classes were started, and new teachers signed up. "Surely all these new people were what the church needed," was in the hearts of some people; but I knew the growth was not the missing piece.

After year one, a missions program was born. The church had not met an actual missionary who served on the foreign field. One by one, they came through the services. The people's hearts burned with a desire to help. Every year since, our mission giving has doubled or tripled the previous year. Once this program was started, the church really took a turn upwards in growth. God blessed all the other areas once missions became an important focus of RCBC. "Now supporting missions certainly must have been what the church needed" was in the hearts of many, including me, but I still felt there was still a missing piece.

Year after year, we added missionaries in strategic places throughout the world. My thought was that our missions outreach is great, but maybe if we just get more missionaries, then this feeling of something lacking will go away. We've got messengers to the Jews in Israel and missionaries to the gentiles on every other continent. We even have gone into places like Pakistan to support the spreading of the Gospel. But something was still missing... just one final piece that I couldn't figure out.

Year seven of pastoring RCBC, our church had suffered a catastrophic loss from Hurricane Harvey in which we were flooded with 7 feet of water. With the loss of the church, I too, lost my home along with around 80 other church families. We began to rebuild the church, and the church began to rebuild the community. Life found a new normal, and we pressed on. However, the energy and zeal that was there from the first 6 years was lacking. God continued to meet with us, people still trickled in, souls were still being saved, missions were still supported, and all seemed to be well to the regular eye. But now more than ever, I could clearly see I needed to figure out what was missing in our church. I prayed and sought God and could not come up with an answer. It was then that I was invited to a preachers retreat for some fellowship. During that retreat hosted by Pastor Robb Foreman, a brief video was shown introducing BLMF. I don't even remember what was said in the video, I was just mesmerized by watching the Word of God being printed. And then the light came on. I've had a part of "preaching the Word" but not "publishing the Word." At that moment it was as if it was just me and God in that room and He made it clear the missing piece for my ministry was not having a part in printing the very Word of God I and those I support preach.

A few months later, I had Pastor Robb Foreman come and present the BLMF ministry to my people. Oh, the zeal and excitement came rushing back into my congregation like never before. Missions giving that year nearly quadrupled. A love for printing the Word of God was born in our church. Our folks bought roll after roll of paper. I praise the Lord for the work He has wrought in our little corner of the world. The success we have enjoyed has not been because of a new preacher, new growth in the congregation, or new ministries and programs started. It has been and will always be because of the power of the printed Word of God in the hands of God's people. The Word of God is what challenges us, changes us, and charges us to live for God. Dear reader, maybe you find yourself or your church going through the same thought process as mine did. Things are going well, but something is still missing. Perhaps that missing piece is getting involved in printing the Word of God.

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

Continued from Page 1

everywhere unto the uttermost!

The verse preceding our theme verse, verse Rom. 16:25, tells us that through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ that we, His disciples, through Paul's Gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ are now the recipients of an Old Testament prophecy, a mystery previously unknown concerning the Gentiles and the Jews coming together into one body, the Church. In verse 26, now that this has been revealed, we are to "by the Scriptures according to the commandment of the everlasting God, make it "be made known to all nations" for the obedience of faith, That is exactly what this ministry has been doing for the last 55 years.

This ministry and its partners print, produce, publish and distribute the precious written Word of God for four primary reasons: #1. Because God called us to do it, as I often say, pushed us into it! #2. Because it is His verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant, pure, preserved and perfect Word! #3. Because it is the responsibility of the church to produce and distribute it. #4. To comply with God's instruction and command that His Word be "By the Scriptures" made known "To All Nations!" Most of our Jerusalem and Judea have an abundance of Scriptures; unfortunately, not all of them have the pure Word, but our Samaria and the uttermost parts of the earth are experiencing a famine of the Holy Word of God. If you and your church are not already a partner with a Bible-printing ministry, why are you not? If you love your precious old KJ Bible and it means anything to you, why would you not be doing something to get it to those for whom nothing has been prepared?

There are 6,912 languages in the world. Less than 700 of them have a Bible in their language. Approximately 3,000 to 3,500 have some portion of God's written Word in their language, leaving 50% of the world with none of God's written Word. Of those languages who have Scriptures in their language, less than 25% have any portion! Consequently, roughly two-third's of the world's population is without Gods' written Word! Most of us have not been called of the Lord to go to some foreign country as a missionary but we can and should be praying that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into the harvest! We can do far more than that. With our prayers and financial support, we can help send those that are called of the Lord, and we can "By the Scriptures make known" the commandment of the everlasting God to "All Nations" for the obedience of faith!

Continued from Page 1

His Word. We are not investing here in the production of the reader's digest or self-help books; we – the local Churches around this Nation – have been given the honor of producing that precious, perfect Book. Just as God promised to preserve His Word, indeed He transmitted from Heaven to earth the priceless, Inspired Scriptures. We do not wonder if we possess God's Pure Word to print. There is no question as the ink is applied, the signatures are collated by hand, and the bound finished copies

are boxed and loaded onto containers as to Its validity and purity being sent to hundreds of mission fields! What greater task could the Church endeavor upon than to consistently beg God for more...more of His perfectly Inspired, Preserved Scriptures to print?

Another crucial reason we will always pray for growth is because of the incredible Presence of the Word of God. Missionaries will tell us they see more fruit on their fields when they have many Scriptures to distribute. Imagine the difference...attempting to share the Gospel throughout regions with the availability of cases of Scriptures versus without them. Picture the spiritual growth in the churches they have planted where at one time none or maybe a couple people owned a copy of God's Word, and now all their members have in their possession their own Bibles to read and study from each day. How can there be enough copies printed? Billions of people still need the Scriptures, so as the song says, "We'll work 'til Jesus comes!" And we will continue to ask Him for more.

Finally, we will continually ask the Lord to allow us to print more because of our God-given Priority to do so. We are mandated. The Church is the pillar and ground of the Truth. It has always been our responsibility, as the local Church, to produce and publish the Scriptures. We certainly never want to allow a lack of faith to prohibit the hand of God from doing more! Many children of Israel never saw the Promised Land because of their unbelief as Hebrews 3 tells us. We have not because we ask not. We desire for the Lord to marvel as He did in Luke 7 when the centurion had so great faith. He wants His Word produced even more that we do, of course!

Because God has blessed in a tremendous way by giving us an additional web press, we now have an insurmountable opportunity. Yet, in order for those presses to print more Bibles, we need — you guessed it — more paper. The Jehovah's Witnesses Watchtower Bible and Tract Society boast of being the "largest publishers of Biblical material" and "no one else comes close to doing the work they are doing." (quora.com/DoestheJehovahsWitnessownthelargestprintingpressintheworld).

Obviously, that "Biblical material" includes ALL the lies of their cult. We are asking God to touch the hearts of 3,000 churches and individuals this year. If 3,000 rolls of paper were unloaded at our dock, both presses would be able to print eight hours a day, five days a week. How wonderful would that be! Would you like your family or church to be responsible for printing 500 Bibles each year? You may choose the month you would like to sponsor your annual roll for \$1,025, or you may divide the amount monthly at \$85.50 to sponsor one roll in a year's time. Please visit our site at biblelit.com/how-to-help to complete your pledge or call us at (931) 684-0304. The ability God has given us to produce His Word must be stewarded well in growth. Until every man, woman, boy, and girl own their own copy, we will ask God to enable us to print MORE.



In June or July of 2022 we did a special mailing simply sharing with supporting churches and Christian friends a list of equipment needs that we had at that time. I entitled the list, "It Takes More Than Paper & Ink to Produce Bibles!" The four pieces of equipment on that list were: \$57,000 for a new Xerox Digital Printer, \$20,000 to upgrade our Computer to Plate System, \$31,000 to upgrade our cut-off control system on our small web press and the most expensive item, \$175,000 to pay for the installation of our larger web press! The response to that appeal was not very overwhelming but I promise you we were very grateful for those of you who did respond and the funds received, sufficient to take care of the digital printer and the upgrade to the computer to plate system. Those who contributed to that request should have received a personal "thank you" some months ago. I if you did not my sincere apologies for the oversight!

The upgrade to the cut off controls on the small web press we just did not do, not because they are not needed, but because they were not as critical as the other two needs! The fact that the old system no longer works does not shut the press down or keep it from running, instead of keeping the three webs lined up automatically; the operator, though not as accurately can do it manually, it's just one more distraction for him to have to worry with!

The \$175,000 we estimated it would cost to finish the installation of the larger web press is a whole other matter, taking twice as long as it should have and costing twice as much as it was supposed to cost! Because of these cost over runs, we have had to borrow \$100,000 and still owe another \$235,000! Some of this increase has been due to some modifications we made to the press that we had not planned on but most of the added expense has been due to inflated prices for parts and labor for the additional time it has taken!

Unfortunately these extra equipment cost have come at a very difficult time when we were already preoccupied and dealing with a \$10,000

per trailer load increase on paper: \$135,000 every month for three trailer loads. From the headlines on the front page of this newsletter, you can preclude that we have not cut our production back and you would be correct! Therefore, what is the solution to this financial need you may ask. "God," for this is His ministry and we know that He wants His written Word to be produced and distributed on a larger scale because we have more requests for them than we have ever had: 4 containers shipped, and 25 more to go with more requests expected!

This ministry is a good steward of the support, contributions and love offerings that you precious churches and Christian friends contribute but you must consider that when it costs \$2,000,000 to produce 2,000,000 Bibles and Scriptures that is a lot of bang for your buck! Now with the price increases in paper and materials whole Bibles can easily cost an average of \$3 per Bible. So when you consider that 500,000 of that 2,000,000 Scriptures may be whole Bible we will have spent \$1,500,000 to produce them leaving only \$500,000 left to print the remaining 1,000,000 New Testaments and 500,000 John & Roman Bible portions!

This is why in order for us to build a storage warehouse, and purchase or upgrade equipment, we have to raise those funds over and above the financial support, contributions, and love offerings that we receive designated for paper, Bibles or shipping!

So, what is the purpose of this article? First is just to let everyone know what the financial needs of this ministry are, and secondly to ask you to pray about them! God has been so faithful in supplying the needs of this ministry for 55 years so I have absolute confidence that He will continue to do so! As dear old Dad used to say, "Son, this is Gods', ministry, and He will take care of it, He has, and to Him be all the praise and the glory for He alone is worthy of our praise!

Thank you for your prayers and everything you contribute to the financial support of this ministry!

Three Containers full of Scripture and Tracts heading to Peru







Continued from Page 2

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)

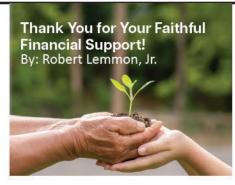
We build character through the Word of God. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." (1 Peter 2:2) If we are to grow spiritually, we must have growth which comes from the Word of God.

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!



Greetings! On behalf of Pastor Loyd Warren and the other six pastors who make up the Board of Directors of this ministry, Shannon, and we hank you for your prayers, financial support, paper sponsorships, and every contribution you have ever contributed to this ministry. Since the inception of this ministry, we have produced over 65,000,000 copies of God's precious written Word in 60 languages distributed into over 130 different countries: a large percentage of them whole Bibles! We are urrently exceeding over 2 million annually, shipping a record 2.3 million in 2022!

Obviously, this ministry could never have accomplished what it has without you, your prayers, offerings, and those of other faithful supporting pastors and churches who provide the funds to purchase all these thousands of dollars' worth of paper and materials required to produce them! We are talking team effort; some plant, some water, but it is always God who gives the increase!

One of the many miracles that God has performed for this ministry in the past 55 years was when He called Shannon to preach and come work with this ministry in August of 2007, one week before Dad went to be with the Lord! Since then, except for part of 2020 and 2021 during COVID, he and his family have been burning up the road, traveling representing this ministry in churches across the United States. God's timing was oh so perfect, for there was not anyway that I could have continued taking care of the production, distribution, and administrative part of this ministry and do any traveling as a representative! Shannon took his Grandpa's place; God has wonderfully used him, Tiffany, Serenity, and Micah and most of the new support raised for this ministry in the last twelve to fifteen years has been to their credit.

Some might think that in the length of time this ministry has been in operation, it would have all the financial support that it would need to purchase all of the equipment, paper, and materials needed to pro-

vide every person in the world with a Bible that would want one, but this would be an incorrect assumption! It would have been possibl, maybe, providing that all those churches who had committed to support had remained faithful in their financial support. In the best of economic times, this ministry may pick up twenty new supporting churches in a year and only lose five; while in the bad economic times we may pick up ten new supporting churches and lose thirty. The last three years have been among the worst, in a time when the cost of paper has increased by 29% and most other materials by over 20%.

For this ministry to remain "faithful" in the production and distribution of God's written Word in these economically challenging times we desperately need every supporting and contributing church to also be "faithful" faithful in your prayers and faithful in your financial support. If you are not already a regular supporting church, please prayerfully consider becoming one! If your church presently supports this ministry and should fall into financial difficulties and should ever consider discontinuing your support, notifying us will not compensate for the financial loss, but it will help us to prepare for it.

State side ministries like this one are usually among the first ministries to be dropped should a church or churches experience financial difficulties; and we understand, better us than one of our foreign missionaries, as they are even more vulnerable financially. However, should that time ever arise in your church please do not underestimate the financial impact that it will place on your state side ministries like this ministry, especially in these economically depressed times when multiple churches have stopped their support.

Any loss of financial support to this ministry will directly affect the quantity of Scriptures this ministry can produce, which will directly affect missions and your missionaries who are depending on this ministry for Bibles and Scriptures. These difficult and trying times are going to require a renewed commitment and greater exercise of faith on all of us, whatever challenges the future should bring! May God help us to all be found faithful! If churches expect faithfulness from their missionaries and ministries like this one who you support, then it must start by churches being faithful to their missionaries with their faithful financial support! May God bless us all!

