NEWS UPDATE: EIGHT Containers of Scriptures have shipped since January 1st. TWO more Containers are ready to ship. With requests for NINE more containers this year!



Brothers & Sisters, I don't think any of us really know, understand,

can or ever will comprehend the great price that has been paid in loss of life, personal and financial sacrifice and suffering required in order for God to provide and preserve His precious verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant, pure Word for us! I have frequently made the statement that God never intended that only a select few should have His written Word. I guess it just all depends on who those select chosen few are! But how can we justify hording God's written Word for ourselves when God is not willing that ANY should perish and will have ALL men to be saved, II Pet. 3:9 & I Tim. 2:4. We accept and acknowledge the great price that our Saviour paid for our sins but that doesn't seem to motivate some to their personal responsibility as a Christian to get His Word and the gospel to the uttermost!

Neither do we often think of the great price that was paid by the prophets of old to pen and preach the Word to a hostile people, the thousands of Christians who gave their lives to translate, preserve and copy it or the tens of thousands who have given their lives to possess and preserve it for us! Who or what then gives us the right to keep it for ourselves without any regard for those who do not have God's Word. If it were not for these who have invested in and given their lives to preserve God's Word in its purity for us in the past, then we would not have His pure preserved Word today. Yet, we sit here content because we are those select chosen few; but with that blessing also comes a great responsibility, a responsibility to pass His Word on to those who do not have God's written Word! Where would Christianity be today were it not for men like John Wycliff, William Tyndale, Desiderius Erasmus, John Rodgers, Miles Cloverdale, Thomas Cromwell and the thousands of others who risk or gave their lives for this cause. Do you suppose their generation of Christians would be the least bit impressed with the lackadaisical attitude of today's Christians toward the publishing and distribution of God's Word, I think not!

Somewhere between the time that Jesus drank of that cup in Matt. 26:39 and when He gave up the ghost in chapter 27 verse 50, I believe that He literally saw the face of every man, woman, boy and girl who had ever lived past, present and future. How could He not know us individually when He was taking upon himself the weight of our personal individual sins! For this reason we have a very personal Saviour. He not only died for me He knows me. He knows you and everyone individually whether they accepted or rejected His substitutional death on the cross or not. However, with the acceptance of Christ and that free gift of eternal Life also comes that personal responsibility for us to tell this lost world that Jesus died for them as well! Since Jesus shed blood and death on the cross was not for a select chosen few, I think it stands to reason that neither did He leave His precious Word for just a chosen select few either! Millions of saints have given their lives for the gospel, should we not at least be willing to give of our time and substance to do a work for Christ?

Praise God, salvation/eternal life is a free gift but David asked the question in Ps. 116:12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" The Apostle Paul moved by the Holy Spirit seemed to think that presenting ourselves (our bodies) as a living sacrifice was well within reason.

How many Bibles and Scriptures will it take to "Saturate the World with the Word"? I have no idea, at least a billion printed in the right languages but who said we have to produce them all this year, and we don't have to do them all by ourselves as there are a few other ministries beside us printing Scriptures. However, rather than leaving the major part of the job up to someone else we all must approach the task as though it won't get done if we don't do it otherwise, no one else will either.

An increase over what we produced last year would be a really good place to start and we have the capability to produce so much more than we are now. "Saturating the World with the Word" is more than a theme, it's our goal! To a city, village or a town that have a few Bibles and Scriptures, a container of 50,000 to 70,000 Bibles and New Testaments makes a huge difference.

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2019 Annual Scripture Conference is just around the corner

Please notice this year's October Scripture Conference is being extended to go through the Wednesday evening service on the 16th! This will be our twelfth Annual, Anniversary Scripture Conference since we started back having them in 2008.

The 2008 Conference was a memorial to Dad after his home going August 30, 2007 hosted by the Faith Baptist Church; his home church; and what a

Dr. Raymond Barber

tremendous event it was! A spectacular gathering of hundreds of pastors, preachers, missionaries and friends from all across the U.S. coming together to

honor the memory of the man whom God prepared, called and used to start this ministry, and for the 39 years of his life that he had invested into it. That conference was an espcially memorable occasion. My heart and that of all the Lemmon family was moved with emotion,



Dr. Mike Allison

gratitude and appreciation for all who attended, and most especially Pastor Redmond, Faith Baptist Church and the BLMF board of directors.

That year's conference was such a powerful, inspiring meeting that our BLMF board of directors decided to make it a regular annual event, the same time every year but with a change in location to the Victory Baptist Church in order to accommodate the large attendance. Pastor Redmond and the folks at Faith Baptist had set the bar so high that it has been a challenge to maintain that same level of intensity every year. It has been difficult but I believe that we have been able to continue to do so every year since. These conferences have become like a home coming, an opportunity for those who remember, knew and loved Bob and Justine Lemmon and love this ministry to get together to fellowship and celebrate God's blessings on this ministry.

Those who attend these conferences regularly are family to us, and we love our family! You have been a tremendous encouragement and blessing to me personally, Shannon, our board of directors, our staff and workers and to your fellow Scripture partners as well. Thank you for the love, concern and appreciation that you demonstrate for this ministry every year by your attendance. This ministry is all about **Conference continued on Page 2**

Global Witness Downsized!

Many times in our churches and Christian ministries we do things for the right reason only to find out that what we are doing is not being very productive or accomplishing it's intended purpose! Such has been the case with this ministries mailing list. For 50 years we have continued to add more pastors and churches to our mailing list only to determine recently that the majority of the recipients probably never open or read them. We truly want everyone who reads and appreciates this newsletter to continue receiving it but the difficulty is trying to figure out who does and those who do not!

Those of you who have indicated an interest in this ministry in any way will continue to receive the newsletter plus, those of you who have e-mailed or returned the response card. We are so truly sorry if anyone wishing to continue receiving the Global Witness and mailings from this ministry should be inadvertently dropped. We are just trying to be better stewards of the financial resources that the Lord provides this ministry!

We will always be adding additional names of pastor and Christian friends who are interested in and who share a burden and a vision to get God's precious Word to this lost and dying world. If you know of such a pastor or Christian friend please provide us with their names and addresses and we will see that they get on our, slim, trim, revised, leaner, cleaner mailing list!

In a feeble attempt to add a little humor – If you don't receive this June/July/August issue of the Global Witness please let us know!

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With the help of you wonderful Scripture partners, churches and Christian friends who pray for and support this ministry faithfully, BLMF has shipped a record number of containers and Scriptures in the first six months of this year but even they are only a drop of "water" in a bucket compared to the need! To saturate the whole world will be a monumental never-ending task but there are a whole lot of cities, villages and towns that we can and are saturating one at a time! The water is free but it will cost us, or somebody something to get it printed and piped to them!

We have nine more containers that we need and want to complete and ship before the end of this year. But, we have only enough regular support and offerings to do five of them! Maybe! Given sufficient funds to purchase two trailer loads of paper a month for the next five months, we have the opportunity to produce and ship all nine but it is going to require some additional funds, more funds than our current faithful partner churches and Christian friends are capable of providing!

For this ministry to be able to produce all nine of these containers this year will require a host of other churches who are setting on the sidelines to get off the bench and get in the game! We have already consumed ten trailer loads of paper through June running out of paper four times losing a total of six weeks of press time. We can't go back and make up those lost six weeks of missed opportunity but with some additional financial help we can avoid repeating the same tragedy a second time! In those six weeks that we were down without paper, the devil denied 30,000 to 90,000 people a New Testament or a Bible!

I wonder how many of those people might have come to know the Lord but may have since passed out into eternity without Christ! Maybe we will know at the judgement seat of Christ but I sure would hate to be the ones standing before the Lord having to give an account as to how I spend the Lord's money on something trivial when I could have put Bibles or New Testaments on a foreign mission field somewhere! Your church's decision not to make a financial contribution to this need is a vote to not provide five of these missionaries with Bibles and Scriptures this year!

"But 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." John 4:14. Vs 15, "The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water!"

Conference continued from Page 1 churches and Christians working together as partners in the preservation, production and distribution of God's written Word. We encourage you to not only come, but if you want to do something really special for this ministry, invite and if at all possible bring another pastor friend with you to introduce them to this ministry!

We would certainly like to encourage all supporting pastors to attend these annual conferences personally. If you are unable to attend, please consider sending a representative or delegation that can see and report back as to what your investment in this ministry is accomplishing for the cause of Christ. Secondly, your attendance serves as a recommendation and an endorsement to the new pastors attending for the first time. Equally important, your presence is a blessing and an encouragement to all of us who work in this ministry. As I remind you every year, your financial support shows your love for the Word of God and burden for missions, while your attendance at this Scripture Conference shows your love and appreciation for this ministry!

We seldom have the same keynote speaker back in consecutive years but we are this year for several reasons; Dr. Raymond Barber is the most articulate preacher that we know with such a unique gift of being able to quote God's Word from memory and with such eloquence and the reverence that all Christians should have for our marvelous, holy, creator God and His Word! In addition, Dr. Barber, as the pastor of the Worth Baptist Church and dear friend of the late Dr. Bob Lemmon, Sr. was among the very first pastors and churches to take this ministry on for support 50 years ago. Although Dr. Barber no longer pastors, he & Sister Barber personally pray for and financially support this ministry. They have been a continual blessing and encouragement to me personally, especially since Dad's home going. Sister Barber was Dad's personal secretary when he was on the staff with Dr. J. Frank Norris at the First Baptist Church in Fort Worth, TX in the late 40's and early 50's!

We will provide a schedule and list of other speakers and special guests as we get a little closer to the conference. The conference will start as it did last year, at 5PM on Monday evening, October 14 at the Victory Baptist Church in Shelbyville with our usual special gourmet supper with homemade desserts and all the trimmings. This supper alone is worth all of the time effort and expense that it will take or cost you to get here! It will be worth it even if you have to cross through a burning desert and walk through hot flaming coals of fire barefoot! Dr. Mike Allison will be our special speaker on Tuesday morning at 9AM, followed by three or four other great speakers as time permits. All of the services on Wednesday morning from 9AM till 12 noon will be at the Bible barn with a fantastic, catered BBQ lunch at 12 o'clock!

We realize that there are some of our brethren, pastors, preachers and Christian friends who, by personal choice, choose not to fellowship or associate with pastors and preachers of different independent Baptist groups, Bible colleges or other fellowships. For the record, this ministry does not have ties with any of them as our interest is in uniting all of the brethren from every persuasion behind the production and distribution of God's precious written Word! We believe that a conflict in Bible doctrine, issues of morality and ethicis are the only three justifiable reasons for us as independent Baptists to break fellowship with fellow independent Baptists and not because of personal preferences and/or personalities.

If at any time, any of our choice of speakers, guests or Scripture partners associated with this ministry should be of a different persuasion than yours, for the cause of Christ and this ministry please look beyond your personal preferences and respect the position of this ministry. We believe that world evangelism and getting the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, both preached and written to this lost and dying world is far too important to allow the devil to divide us! For such a cause as this, we must all rise above personal preferences and work together in unity for the salvation of the lost and edification of the saved at home and around the world!

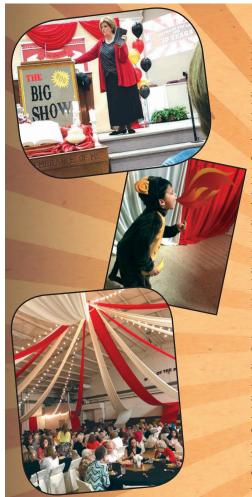
Now! For those of you who I have not offended, please mark these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend some if not all of this year's Annual, Anniversary Scripture Conference, October 14 thru 16! We are going to have another great time in the Lord, please don't miss it!



A very special thank you to those of you who faithfully and regularly pray for this ministry and to every Scripture partner who contributes to this ministry through your regular financial support or as a paper or Bible sponsor. Our production has required every dollar and every dime that has been contributed and more. Thank You!

Our apologies, but by the time you receive this newsletter this information will be old news but at least you can see and rejoice with us over what the Lord has done and is doing through this ministry. As of July 15 this ministry had printed a million Bibles, New Testaments and Bible portions, shipped 783,745 of them in 7 whole containers, 4 partial containers, 1 full tractor trailer load and several hundred individual cases. Fourteen languages going to 22 different countries, 134,379 of them were whole Bibles, 343,581 New Testaments and 305,785 Bible portions. In addition, we have 200,000 more Scriptures that should ship this month (July) in two containers, one of English Bibles for the Philippines which is ready to ship right now, and a second container of English Bibles, New Testaments and Bible portions for South Africa that we are collating, binding and trimming now.

The 9 other containers that we plan, Lord willing and given sufficient funds, to ship between now and the end of the year are: Burmese Bibles for Myanmar, Kannada Bibles for India, English/French **Production continued on Page 4**



A b u n d a n t popcorn and peanuts, circus acts, majestic music, and fabulous lessons from God's Word made this year's Women

of the Word Ladies' Day under the Big Top quite memorable! With the largest attendance ever, almost 300 wonderful ladies from a dozen states attended our tenth year celebration! Lion tamers, clowns, mimes, and more festive costumes were spotted, and we were so grateful for all the laughter and smiles we saw on the faces of these lovely ladies.

We learned from Mrs. Vicky Mutchler of Grand View Baptist Church in Beaver Creek, Oregon about making the Lord our Ring Master, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, as well as not letting our lives be a circus, making our relationship with Christ our first priority. Mrs. Alishia Cash, of Gospel Light Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee, taught us how to teach the Word of God as a juggling wife and

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mother. Then, we were encouraged to share the Gospel naturally instead of walking the tight rope by Mrs. Sherri Goforth of Fair Havens Baptist

Church in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

So many amazing people made the day so terrific, from the beautiful décor to the delicious food and everyone who gave of their time, talents, and energy to make everything first-class! We also thank each and every lady who comes to WOW to be renewed in God's Word and learn more about this Bible-printing ministry. You are a blessing to us, and we are thankful for our time with you every year!

WOW 2020 is already in the works, and you will not want to miss it! Like our FaceBook page and stay tuned for dates and info! May the Lord be glorified again, and may we fall even more in love with the Bible as Women of the Word!

#WOWjustreadit (This is our new hash tag to share devotions with our sisters!)



THE UNCHANGING WORD By: Shannon Lemmon



"Sinners are different today than they used to be." "Our approach to reaching the lost has to be different than it once was." "In 2019, we have to change our methodology in order to win the world, so we must change the church a little so the world feels welcome." Wow, just wow. Many are attempting to figure out a "new way" to reach "old sinners." Did you know that sinners are still dead in their trespasses and sins? Did you know that if one man dies of a heart attack and another man dies from being hit by a car...they are both the same amount of dead? You can't be more dead than dead. So, I submit to you that sinners have not changed. God has not changed, and the Word of God praise His name – has not changed and never will! The only thing that has changed, as I heard a Pastor recently mention, is God's people and our lack of faith in the power of the Holy Spirit! Soul-winning still works, God is still at work, and the Bible still does a mighty work! "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

How many beautiful testimonies we are blessed to hear about folks getting saved as a result of the Word of God in their lives! As the living Word comes into a person's life, the Holy Spirit is able to work and convict a person. One story that comes to mind is about a witch doctor in Africa. A missionary was attempting to plant a church in a lost village, and three women who claimed to be witch doctors showed up in the front yard of the church property. They violently and shrewdly chanted their satanic language, claiming they were placing hexes on the Pastor and church to be. He ignored them for days, until the day approached that the first service was to take place. The Pastor felt lead of the Lord to confront them one day as they chanted again, this time on his front door step.

The brave missionary grabbed a Bible from the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation and marched out his front door preaching the Gospel as loudly as they were yelling! Surprisingly, their chanting came to a halt and they began to listen. "Well, what can you tell us, Preacher man, about life after death?" one of the women inquired. The Pastor responded, "This Book tells you all you need to know about the afterlife and how to have eternal life!" He then shared the Gospel with them and gave one lady the Bible printed here at the Bible Barn in Shelbyville, Tennessee as they were leaving.

The church was able to start with no interruptions, but just one week later, the Pastor received a phone call informing him that one of those witch doctors had died. Her family was actually asking him to perform the funeral. He reluctantly agreed, not knowing exactly how to preach the funeral of a witch doctor that most likely went to hell, but he knew he could share the Truth of Jesus Christ with her family who attended. After the funeral was over, her family invited the missionary to her home where they would have a meal. As the Pastor walked down the hallway, he spotted something familiar on the nightstand of the deceased woman's bedroom. It was the black vinyl Bible he had given her one week prior! He walked on into the room and picked up that Bible. As he opened the front cover, he noticed some handwriting on the white inserted sheet. The writing of the witch doctor read, "Dear God, I know now that I am a sinner. Please forgive me of my sin and make me your daughter." Praise God for the power of His Word! "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."

We can create all the programs, lights and smoke, and "come to church" promotions we want, but it is the Gospel, the Word of God, that changes the heart of a person! Without His Word, our ministry is irrelevant, our message is empty, and our goals are unreachable. But, with His Word, my friend, souls will be saved, and the church will grow! I am grateful for the men of God who place the importance in the local church on the Scriptures. We are also grateful for those who partner with this ministry to print God's Word for the world in need. Praise Him who is the same yesterday, today, and forever... once again, the answer is the Word of God. "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Door to Door Shipments to the Philippines

Prior to March 31, 2007 we could ship cases of 24 Bibles or cases of 100 New Testaments through the Post Office into almost any foreign country for \$36 a case but on April 1 the cost of mailing that case increase to \$137 a case. What we thought was going to be disastrous actually turned out to be a blessing as we discovered that shipping by container was, as a rule, so much more economical. The cases of 24 Bibles at the old price of \$1.50 per Bible by the case could be shipped into most countries for \$0.25 to \$0.50 per Bible depending on the country in a container of 25,000 to 30,000 Bibles. God's timing was impeccable; prior to 2007 with a much smaller production, it was difficult for us to come up with enough Bibles to fill more than two or three containers a year. By 2008 we were able to ship four containers, reaching twelve containers in 2018!

We continue to ship a limited number of individual cases by priority mail through the Post Office with the large box holding 15 English Bibles and the postage starting at \$94.25, the medium case holding 10 English Bibles and 8 English New Testaments for \$72.30, which is \$6.29 to \$7.23 per Bible just for the postage, not good stewardship!

There are freight companies however who operate out of the U.S. shipping freight by containers who can deliver a much larger box containing 112 English Bibles door to door to anywhere in the Philippines for \$0.81 per Bibles! They still take two to three months to be delivered but then so does a whole container. While shipping a whole container is still cheaper, the paper work and the red tape is very complicated and time consuming. For smaller quantities, using these door-to-door boxes is the way to go! Continued on next column

To BLMF supporting churches wanting to send Bibles to a missionary or national pastor in the Philippines, using this method this ministry will furnish the Bibles at no cost to you if your church will cover the \$90 per box shipping cost. For a non-supporting Baptist Church or Christian friend wishing to send Bibles to a missionary or ministry in the Philippines you can obtain Bibles from this ministry at our cost plus the freight and we will provide the packing and handling for you at no charge!

In all of the years that we have been shipping containers into the Philippines, we experienced our first difficulty with the port authorities just recently. In spite of receiving all of the required paper work, they put our last container into abandonment costing \$8,800, or about \$3,000 more than it should have cost! Of the countries that we are shipping containers into, Brazil has by far been the

Even if you or your church do not have a particular missionary or national pastor in the Philippines whom you would like to ship a box of these Bibles to, we know of some who would greatly appreciate receiving one or more that we do not have sponsors for. Your \$90 to cover the cost of shipping a case of 112 Bible to one of these missionaries would be a tremendous blessing to them and to this ministry. Or a church can sponsor an entire container of Bibles or Scriptures to one of many foreign countries for \$4,000 to \$17,000 depending on the country and the customs! If interested in any taking advantage of any of these opportunities please contact our office! Thank you!



WOW! What a marvelous God we serve! You know the \$300,000 in equipment debt that we have been asking the Lord to help us "retire"? It is retired! It's gone! Paid off! To God be the glory! What a blessing! While not an immediate help to us on our Scripture production this year, this amazing gift from God long term will certainly help, short term for now its saving the ministry a lot of interest! Praise the Lord, God is good!

Many of the wonderful Scripture partners who support this ministry faithfully and regularly had given all

they could give financially toward the debt over and above their regular support. The 4,500 nonsupporting churches who we just cut from quarterly mailing list weren't going to give anything anyway. didn't have a clue where or how the Lord was going to provide, but He did. He answered our prayers and met the need!!

Since have explained painstakingly, several times how and why we incurred this \$300,000 debt we won't go into detail again here. Except to say, that it was all necessary, for the right reason, earnestly prayed over, sanctioned and approved by the BLMF board of directors all for the purpose of preparing for the present and future growth of this ministry. We were in hopes of retiring

this debt two years ago, and shared this need with supporters and friends at our 2017 and again at our 2018 Scripture Conferences with some response but we did not continue to press it as our primary push both years was to raise sponsors for rolls of paper. In 2018 we were working extra hard to have a record production for our 50th anniversary so we didn't pursue the debt retirement very hard because we didn't want anything to interfere with our efforts to raise money for paper.

However, in February of this year, we determined that this would be



the year we would finally retire this debt. We did a couple of mailings, God was good, and by May we had received a little over \$135,000 in contributions designated for debt retirement!

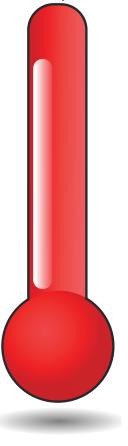
A very special thank you to all of you who responded to those and the previous request in 2017 and 2018, Thank You! With these contributions, we had already retired the two oldest debts and paid some toward the third. The most recent contribution that we received paid off the last two, the balance of the debt! Can we hear some Amens, Glory to God and Hallelujahs! Praise God, He and He alone is worthy to be praised, glory to His name, that name which is above every name! Thank you Jesus!

As much as I felt the Lord would

have us to retire this debt \$300,000 this year, at the same time we were again torn between debt retirement and our need to produce more Bibles and Scriptures because of the larger than ever number of request that we have received. More than in any previous year! Consequently, to keep our priority our priority, we again stopped pushing debt retirement and returned to putting all of our efforts back into raising money for paper. However, at no time did we ever stop praying, asking the Lord to work another miracle, one that would allow us to retire the debt and increase our Scripture production at the same time and He did! If anyone should think

that this takes care of all of the financial needs of this ministry you would be so very, very wrong buttercup

as we have 9 more container of Bibles and Scripture to produce and ship this year requiring at least 10 more trailer loads of paper. In addition to the 10 we have already used and the 2 that were just delivered last week. We know without a doubt that God wants and intends for us to produce and distribute His written Word but He isn't going to bail us out every time. He may just wait a while to see what His people are going to do about it on our own! He will bless our efforts but He isn't going to do for us what we can and should do on our



Meet Our New BLMF Staff Representative

Brother Robert (Robbie) Allen is leaving his position as the Assistant Pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, of Shelbyville, TN, to come on as a full time representative for this ministry in August. Brother Robbie is a native of Shelbyville, grew up here attending Faith Baptist, graduated our local Central High School, surrendered to the Lord's call to the ministry to preach, and graduated from Ambassador Baptist College in 2005. He has been the Assistant Pastor and youth director of his home church, Faith Baptist for the past 8 years. He and his precious wife Jennifer have five children, Andrew, Audrey, Janie, Lucy and Caroline.

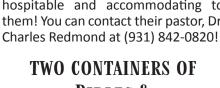
I have known Brother Robbie probably 30 years, maybe longer as a preteen of eleven or twelve years of age coming to this ministry along with his parents and a group of volunteers from their church to help collate Bibles. He has been raised in church by Godly parents who have always been faithful to their pastor and their church! A little over a year ago, Brother Robbie started helping us one or two days a week in our bindery department. It was evident that he loved working here, but who in their right mind would not, right? What better thing could a Christian ever do with their life more important than being hands on, producing the precious written Word of God, unless of course, maybe preaching? In addition, the work environment at the Bible barn is amazing, to work with brothers and sisters in Christ in a Christian environment.

Brother Robbie has done a good job for us and will continue to work in the shop on the weekdays that he and his family are home. As badly as we need Brother Robbie's help in the shop, by far the greatest need that this ministry has, is in the area of fund raising, which is so vitally important in order for us to continue to increase and grow our production! If you read the other articles in this newsletter, this should be evident to you as we have been down six weeks in just the first six months of this year without paper! We average purchasing one and a half trailer loads of paper a month but we need a minimum of two trailer loads of paper a month and necessary printing materials such as plates, ink, glues and cover stocks, not to mention the cost of o verhead, freight and shipping cost!

As difficult as it is to raise money, the difficulties of traveling with a large family, long hours, living out of suitcases sometime with questionable accommodations, rejection and disappointment, who in their right mind would ever want to attempt it? It definitely would have to be someone called of the Lord with a very special dedication and burden with a lot of zeal to accomplish something great for the Lord. So, with that said, Brother Robbie has stepped up and asked for the opportunity to give it a try and we're tremendously excited that he and his wife are willing to go. Please keep them and their family in your prayers, for their safety, success and that the Lord will provide them with many open doors of opportunity to present this ministry.

To our many dear pastor friends whose churches are already partners in this ministry you can help us and Brother Robbie tremendously by recommending him to your pastor friends who are not supporting us. Or, as a pastor whose church does not support BLMF or any other good productive Bible printing ministry, please give Brother Robbie a call and invite him to come and present this work to your congregation. We highly and without reservation recommend Brother Robbie. You can contact him personally at (931) 224-0036.

As an experienced preacher skilled in God's Word, combined with his and his family's talent and ability to sing together, I know that they will be a blessing to you and your church! The Allen's will be partially supported by this ministry when traveling and when in town an available to work during the weekdays. Please remember that when they are in your church they are traveling by faith so please be hospitable and accommodating to them! You can contact their pastor, Dr. Charles Redmond at (931) 842-08201



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Robbie Allen's Testimony

I grew up in church and in a Christian home, but did not get saved until the age of 18 on September 12, 1999. I had

made a profession of faith when I was 8 years old, but only went forward because some of my friends went forward. I didn't have any idea why I was going forward, so I went along with everything the worker said to me. I knew how a Christian ought to act, so I did the best I could at doing that, but there was never any change in my heart. In the early summer of 1999, after graduating high school, I began to really struggle with doubts about my salvation, but just explained them away by telling myself I was saved because I went forward when I was 8 years old. However, the doubts continued.

I can remember it like it was yesterday. It was in the AM service on September 12, 1999 at Faith Baptist Church in Shelbyville, TN that our Youth Pastor was preaching about pretending to be a Christian. God used that message to get a hold of my heart and convict me of my need for salvation. I went forward as quick as I could when the invitation started and was taken to a side room where my dad gave me the plan of salvation. I bowed my head in prayer and in faith asked Jesus Christ to be my Savior and to forgive me of my sins. In that very moment, I knew a change had taken place in my heart and that I truly was saved, and I have never doubted it. I was baptized 2 weeks later by full immersion in our church baptistry.

In November 2000, God used some difficult circumstances in my life to get a hold of my heart and convict me of my need to surrender my life to Him. I surrendered my life to the Lord and knew He was calling me to full-time Christian service. After much prayer and counsel from my Pastor and Assistant Pastor, I believed God

was calling me to Ambassador Baptist College in Lattimore, NC to study Bible and Music, believing God was calling me to the Youth and Music ministry. It was at Ambassador that I also met the one that God chose to be my wife, Jennifer. After graduating from Ambassador in May 2005, we were married 3 weeks later and I immediately accepted the position of Music Director at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Winchester, VA under Pastor David Martin. I also taught high school classes in their Christian academy.

After 6 years there, in July 2011, God moved us back to the church I grew up in and was saved in - Faith Baptist Church in Shelbyville, TN - to take over the position of Youth Pastor. I served there for 8 years under Pastor Charles Redmond. It was during my time there that God opened the door for me to work a couple days each week at the Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation in Shelbyville, TN as the Binder Operator. I began that in February 2018. In February 2019, God began to work in my heart about traveling as a representative for this great ministry. Through much prayer with my wife, and much counsel from my Pastor, we believed that was definitely the direction God was leading us. We spoke with Bro. Bobby Lemmon, the director of BLMF, and shared my testimony with the Board of Directors. They agreed and I became a full-time representative for the ministry.

I am so thankful for the ministry God has called our family to. It is our desire to make churches aware of the need for Bibles across the world, and how by supporting this great ministry and the work it does of printing and shipping God's Word all over the World, together we can accomplish the goal of getting a copy of God's Word into the hands of every person in the world. It is our desire that every person in the world receive their very own copy of the Word of God, and we're asking your church to help us in that endeavor.

Production continued from Page 2New Testaments for Haiti, English Bibles for the Philippines, Tagalog/English New Testaments for the Philippines, English Bibles for Togo Africa, Korean Bible portions for Korea, Wyana Bibles for Suriname, S.A., German New Testaments for Austria and English Bibles for Zimbabwe. To accomplish all of this we must purchase at least two trailer loads of paper a month for the next 5 months, which is going to be a challenge, as we do not have adequate support level yet to do so.

Through June of this year, this ministry received \$508,563.94 in contributions for Bible and Scripture production. To produce and ship these Bibles and Scriptures, we spent \$567,957.79 with \$343,769.40 of this for the Bible paper not counting the plates, ink, cover stocks, glues and shipping! As you can see, so far we have spent \$59,393.85 more this year than we have received meaning that we must raise some additional funds as quickly as possible before we can go forward with the next 9 container projects. When you consider that the 134,379 whole Bibles we have printed and shipped cost \$335,947.50 of the \$567,957.79 we spent to produce a million Scriptures, you should be able to appreciate what a tremendous value this ministry has achieved for every dollar spent. But more importantly, what kind of value can you put on the 3,000 to 5.000 people who will trust Christ as a result of one container of Scriptures?

If it is the responsibility of the church (and it is) to produce and distribute God's precious Word, then it is every churches responsibility to do their part, at least every church contributing in some way. If by some stretch of the imagination, we should think that the church will ever evangelize the world without the mass distribution of the written Word of God we would be kidding ourselves! The Lord has left us the only two tools that we need to do His Work, (you guessed it) His Word and the Holy Spirit!

The for-profit Bible publishing company(s) that produced the Bible you use do not give Bibles away free, nor are there any secular organizations providing Bibles and Scriptures free to missionaries. If God's people don't provide them, the people in these third world countries won't have them!

The Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation is a cooperative effort of independent Baptist churches working together to produce and distribute God's written Word more affordably and on a larger scale than any one church or small group of churches could ever accomplish. If you and your church are not involved in the printing and distribution of God's written Word, we invite you to come partner with this ministry.