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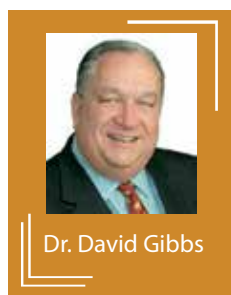
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BIBLE & LITERATURE MISSIONARY FOUNDATION 54TH ANNUAL SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE

BY THE SCRIPTURES... MADE KNOWN
TO ALL NATIONS

It's Scripture Conference time in Tennessee and hopefully by conference time, if the Lord has not returned by then, there will be a crisp Autumn nip in the air with our beautiful trees and hills all aglow in radiant colors of bright yellow, golds, reds and orange. Please clear your calendars of anything that might hinder you from attending this year's Anniversary/Annual Scripture Conference Celebration and make your plans to be here! If you love the blessed old Book, the Blood, old fashion Spirit-filled preaching and special music you will not want to miss this conference this year! Along with all of the great preaching and singing, we will be serving up a double portion of warm Christian fellowship and three days of the best, most mouthwatering, delicious home cooking and southern hospitality that you will find anywhere this side of heaven! Shelbyville, Tennessee is "The" place to be October 17 thru 19!



Dr. David Gibbs is returning as our keynote speaker with four dynamic speakers scheduled for the day services on Tuesday: Dr. Paul Pritchard, Seymour, MO, Evangelist and Director of Preach Ministries with established mission works in Romania, Africa, Brazil and several other foreign countries, Dr. Mark Stevens, Senior Pastor of Calvary Baptist, Fort Walton Beach, FL, Dr. Bob Gray II, Pastor of Longview Baptist, Longview, TX, and Pastor Matt Miller, Pastor of Grace Baptist, Colorado Springs, CO. In addition, we will have several outstanding veteran missionaries in attendance.

There is just something extra special about our annual conference, maybe it's these four "P's"; the Praying, Preaching, Printing & Praising! We always bath the conference in prayer long before the meeting and what better way can we celebrate God's precious infallible, verbally inspired, pure, preserved written Word than to preach it and since God magnifies His Word above His names the Holy Spirit is going to be in the midst! And then, when the congregation gets to praising the Lord for all His blessings and provision on this ministry, that is when it really gets good as God always inhabits the praises of His people, guaranteed, and it says so in the Book! Like the old hymn says, "Heaven came down and glory filled my soul." Halleluiah, what a day that will be!

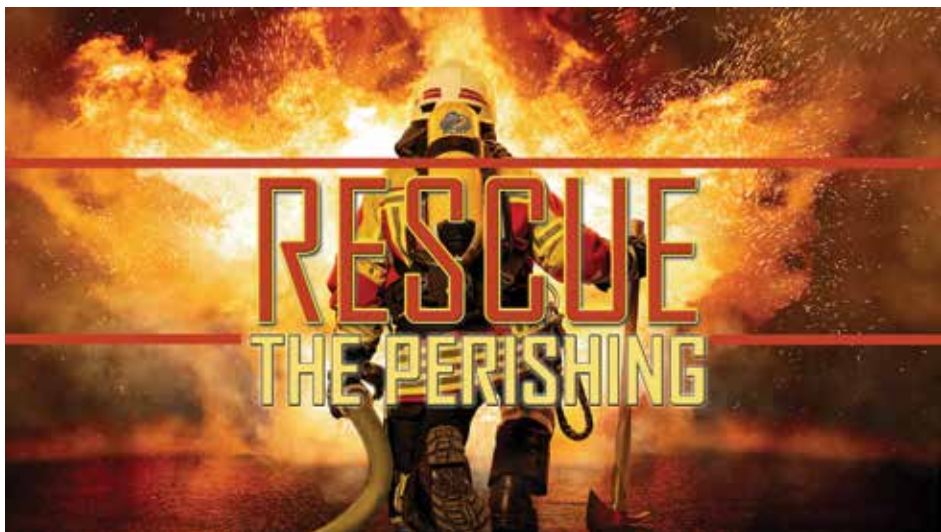
In an effort to try to keep our conference expenses as low as possible, we have to limit our suppers to pastors, preachers, missionaries and our out-of-town guests. The special Monday evening supper is by RSVP so if you are one of these guests, please be sure to have your reservations in by or before October 10! The lunches on Tuesday at Victory Baptist and the one at the Bible Barn on Wednesday are open to everyone in attendance.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of this ministry, especially Pastor Loyd Warren, Shannon and myself, we would all like to express our grateful appreciation to all of you pastors, preachers and precious Christian friends who attend these Scriptures Conferences every year! Thank you so very much, as we have said many times before, you make our conferences feel like one big happy homecoming every year! We are anxiously looking forward to seeing you here again this year! And to our Victory Baptist Church family, thank you for all that you do to host these conferences every year, for all your hard work and the love and wonderful hospitality that you show to every guest. You are the greatest!

We are going to have another wonderful time in the Lord! It is our prayer that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be glorified and honored, His Word magnified and exalted, everyone present blessed and challenged and this ministry advanced and strengthened mightily.

For more information please see the schedule of services located in a separate article in this issue! **Schedule of Conference Shown on page 4**

Pastors, Preachers and Out-of-Town Guests
Please RSVP for the Gourmet Meal on
Monday Night, October 17th at 5:00 pm.



Since we introduced our 2022 "Rescue the Perishing" theme at our October 2021 Scripture Conference, the spiritual, moral and economic condition of our country has continued to disintegrate rapidly, leaving most Christians, myself included to believe that unless the Lord intervenes, His return could be much nearer than we have previously thought! While most of us, as we should be, are praying, interceding to the Lord for a Heaven sent, Holy Spirit filled, nationwide revival for America. I'm afraid that most Christians have forgotten that II Chronicles 7:14 gives us some prerequisites that we, the Church must meet before revival can come. Sadly, we do not see any movement in that direction, no humbling, little praying and seeking God's face and little if any turning from our wicked ways so how could we ever expect God to forgive our sins and heal our land, at least not in this country!

We occasionally hear of a few isolated outbreaks here in the states and while there have been some great awakenings in some foreign countries recently with great multitudes of thousands being saved, but few in America, a few flickers, and a little smoke maybe but no visible flames of revival. We all know the verse, "if my people" which are called by my name..., it's not the devil and his crowd that are hindering revival it's "God's people" the "Church"! With all of the signs of the time pointing to Jesus' return most evangelical churches including Independent Baptists are as cold as an old hound dog's nose on a bitter cold December winter's night!

We know all of the other verses too, all of the Old and New Testament prophecies concerning Jesus' return but like the people who Peter was speaking to in I Peter 3:4, if not in word, in their action most Christians are saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." To which Peter answers in verse 5, "For this they willingly are ignorant of..." And in vs 8, says "But, beloved, be not ignorant

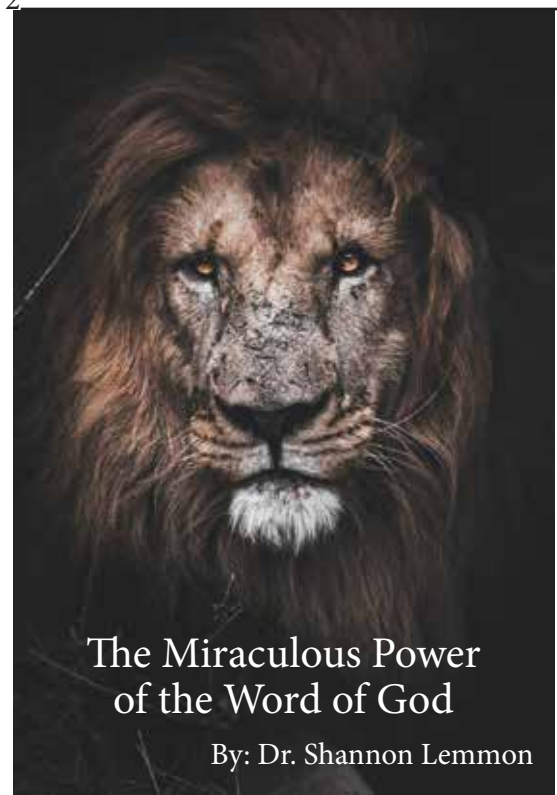
of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day." In verse 9, he reassures the people that the Lord will keep his promise just that he "...is longsuffering not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

There is a little chorus written by Dr. John R. Rice that I remember from my early years of vacation Bible school, "Jesus is coming is coming is coming, it may be tomorrow it may be today, may be the trumpet sound may be the angel's shout, then come up higher the Saviour will say!" Don't give up hope dear friends for Jesus is coming. It's just that His watch is on "God's standard time" and while we are seating around disregarding and disagreeing about the signs of the times, millions are perishing never hearing a clear presentation of the Gospel or ever possessing a copy of His written Word!

John 3:15 & 16, two of the best known and most often quoted verses in the Bible address the matter of those who are perishing without Christ! Verse 15, "That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." and verse 16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." In Luke 13, verses 3 and 5 which are exactly the same Jesus said, "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Considering that Jesus never wasted words it just might be that He was repeating the verse to emphasize the importance of His message!

Sister Fanny J. Crosby's song "Rescue the Perishing" is a call to Christians to the Church's responsibility to world evangelism and the great commission when she says, "Rescue the perishing, care for the dying, Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave; Weep o'er the erring ones, Lift up the fallen, Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save. Verse four says Rescue the

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The Miraculous Power of the Word of God

By: Dr. Shannon Lemmon

“Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear” (Hebrews 11:3). The Spoken Word of God...Its power is immeasurable. By the verbal Word of God, the stars were scattered in their fiery majesties, the oceans were poured in tumultuous waves of wonder, and all creatures were created as demonstrative reminders of that authoritative Word. Then, the Living Word became flesh and dwelt among us. He was perfect...the sinless Son of God who came to seek and save those which were lost. Devils fled from His voice, lepers walked at His command, and by the Word, lives were changed. Through centuries, we have been gifted with the transmission of the Pure Written Word of God abounding in that same glorious, saving power.

We are always thankful to hear the testimonies of this saving power of the Word of God from our missionaries who distribute BLMF Scriptures on the foreign field, such as the following. In Brazil, a Preacher was doing a survey trip in a village, where he asked the local people where he could find the meanest, roughest man in town. Everyone gave him the same name of a man who stayed drunk, cursing everyone who walked by, and even abusing his own family. The preacher

went to the house to meet this repugnant man. Upon arriving, the missionary quickly realized he was drunk. He sternly asked the man to sober up because he would be returning the following morning to speak with him about something incredibly important. When he returned the next day, he was thankfully surprised to find the man had sobered up and was willing to speak with him. Gloriously, this man with the most horrible reputation was saved by the grace of God! His family was no longer in danger, the village people no longer afraid, and drunkenness and cursing nevermore a commonplace in his life.

After a couple weeks soul-winning, the Preacher was heading back home and wanted to say goodbye to his new Brother in Christ. However, the gentleman was not at his home. His neighbor told the Preacher where to find him. “In the jungle?” the missionary questioned. After several hours trekking through the rain forest, the Pastor was stunned to finally find the man with a water buffalo and chainsaw, creating a path. “I’m going to build a Church back here, Preacher!” the new Brazilian Believer enthusiastically yelled. With tears, the missionary inquired, “Really? That’s wonderful! Why back here in the jungle? Why all the trouble?” Smiling from ear to ear, the determined Christian answered, “There are people back here that still need the Word of God. I served the devil with all that I had; I will not do any less for my Saviour.”

Salvation is not found in any other. Sharper than a two-edged sword, the Word of God cuts through the toughest of skin, crumbles the hardest of hearts, and transcends every barrier with the power of the Gospel. We are called to rescue the perishing, and we can do so by sending this powerful Word to the regions beyond. Their lives are shattered, in need of the saving grace of Jesus that transforms and makes all things new. Will you and your Church send the powerful Word of God to those in need?



51,000 Bibles and New Testaments to Ghana!



Third Shipment of Ukrainian New Testaments to Poland.



The Kovác Family (Missionaries to Hungary) are helping load Bibles and New Testaments headed to the Philippines and wrote a message to the missionaries in the Philippines.



Production, Distribution and Financial Reports

In a one-sentence summary, we can say that God has been faithful! Good, yes, but good is relative, a matter of opinion, “faithful” is absolute, meaning He has done everything He said He would do and more! God amazes me all the time! When we stepped out by faith and started purchasing all the paper we needed to keep our web press running all the time every day, God gave us a more productive web press operator that could print three trailer loads of paper a month! Then when we started purchasing three trailer loads a month, He supplied the funds to pay for them since March of last year until the paper mill

limited us to two in May and June of this year; that’s what I call faithful!



us to be down several weeks without paper. The bill for these six trailer loads is \$252,000, about 5 times the monthly support that this ministry receives! It is exciting to see the Lord provide for the needs of this ministry; it does keep me awake some nights but He always comes through!

Those of us on the giving end of this ministry might be tempted sometimes to ask if the fruit produced is worth the investment it requires but this is a foolish question as it is not our place to justify the cost as the decision is not ours to make, only our responsibility to obey. From where I sit however I can unequivocally and emphatically say yes, absolutely, even if it were only one person out of fifty million Bibles. I am confident, however based on the response that we receive from the missionaries and national pastors distributing these Scriptures, that millions have been saved, only God knows! Maybe we will find out when we get to Heaven, but should this be the case, I believe we will all be devastated and embarrassed that we had not done more and given more so that we could have reached more people than we have!



Through August 20th of this year, we received 25 trailer loads of paper, paid for 19 of them, consumed 20 trailer loads producing 1.6 million Bibles and Scriptures shipping 1,567,057 of them in 17 containers with sufficient finished and left over to fill over two more containers. A total of 18 languages going to 29 different countries. Of the 1.75 million Scriptures produced, 500,000 are

Ukrainian New Testaments, 212,000 are in the process of being distributed in the Ukraine and Romania, another 90,000 in transit, 50,000 more finished and ready to ship with 150,000 sets of signatures in the process of being collated and bound!



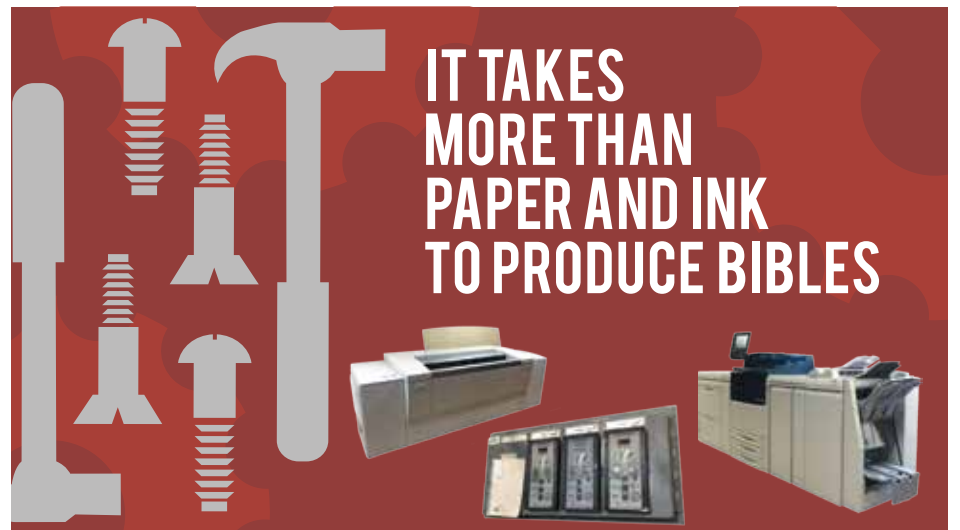
Of these 17 containers shipped 6 of them went to 5 countries in Africa, 1 to Honduras, 1 truck load to Mexico, 3 to different cities in the Philippines, 1 to Pakistan, 1 to Australia, 1 to Myanmar, 3 to Poland & the Ukraine. Of the 2 ready to ship, 1 is going to Honduras/Central America and 1 to Kenya, leaving us with commitments to fill and ship 10 more containers this year: one each of Arabic Bibles, French Bibles, Urdu/English Bi-lingual Bible, Pidgin English N.T.’s English Bibles and five more Ukrainian N.Ts.

As of August 25, we had received \$1,443,733.57 designated for paper and Scripture productions spending \$1,472,690.14 to produce 1.6 million Bibles & Scriptures, \$750,585.50 of this for Bible paper with an unpaid paper bill of \$252,000 due in September for the six trailer loads of paper received in August.



perishing, Duty demands it; Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide; Back to the narrow way Patiently win them; Tell the poor wand'rer a Saviour has died...Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save. We all have a tremendous mission field within a 20-mile radius of our homes and if you cannot go

beyond that to rescue those who are perishing you can at least throw them a lifeline, by providing them with a copy of God's written Word! This ministry is in the "Lifeline" business and capable of producing a lot more "Lifelines" if given the financial resources to do so!



In an expanded July prayer/support report letter that we mailed out a few weeks ago we included a piece by this same title, "It Take More Than..." making a request for everyone to join with us in prayer concerning a financial need that we have to raise funds for some equipment upgrades and expenses. Even though we did not ask for donations, some gracious churches and Christian friends put their prayers into action by contributing \$14,200 toward this need, "Thank You" to all of you who gave. Before I proceed any farther, please allow me to first take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to everyone who contributes financially in anyway to this ministry, thank you! Without you, your prayers and your financial support this ministry would not be producing two million Bibles and Scriptures a year with the possibly of even exceeding that this year!

to Windows 10 and upgrade the cut off control system on our older web press. In January, we were told that our digital printer would be good for another year or two and that the web press cut off control system could be repaired only to be informed later that the cut off controls cannot be repaired and that our digital printer has taken a turn for the worse and was now on life support. All of this on top of a paper bill for 6 trailer loads of paper! I sure am glad that we serve a mighty miracle working God, aren't you?

For almost 54 years this ministry has been a good and faithful steward of what God has provided and as a result, all of the investments that have been made in equipment and buildings are still producing fruit for the Kingdom! Most of the older used equipment that we have replaced, if it had any life left in it has been passed on to other ministries, the buildings and the property that we outgrew 6 years ago was sold with the funds reinvested in the property where we are now. Most of the Bibles and Scriptures that this ministry has produced are still out there in circulation bearing fruit somewhere.

One church contributed \$175,000 last year to purchase this second, larger web press and pay the expense to disassemble and ship it to Shelbyville. We estimate that it is going to cost another \$175,000 to pay for the re-assembly and modifications to this press and another \$110,000 for the other 3 projects: to replace our digital printer, to upgrade our computer/plate maker system and upgrade web press cutoff control on our small web press, all necessary unavoidable expenses. Any size contribution that the Lord should lay on someone's heart to give will be appreciated, or maybe, just maybe there is one individual who would like to take care of the whole \$270,000 balance or one person for each project.

With sufficient regular support and paper sponsors who knows, maybe some days those undesignated love offerings might be sufficient to cover some of these equipment expenses! To God be all the glory!

The major part of this expense is the remaining cost to complete the installation and modifications to our larger web press, with the balance going to replace our digital printer, upgrade our computer to plate system

Please help by sending your
RSVP to us by October 10
 for the Gourmet Meal on Monday Night, October 17th at 5:00 pm.

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The SCHEDULE

17 MONDAY

18 TUESDAY

19 WEDNESDAY

1:30 - 3 pm	Open House at BLMF
5:00 pm	Gourmet Meal RSVP ONLY (Pastors, preachers, and Out-of-town Guests only)
6:30-7 pm	Music Concert
7:00 pm	Dr. David Gibbs, Jr.

8:30 am	Donuts/Coffee
9-12 pm	Preaching and Music Special
12 pm	Lunch (for all Present)
2:00 pm	Preaching & Special Music
5:00pm	*Dinner
6:30-7pm	Music Concert
7:00 pm	Dr. David Gibbs, Jr.

8:30 am	Donuts/Coffee at Bible Barn
9:00 am	Missionary Reports at Bible Barn
11:00 am	Load Container at Bible Barn
12:00 pm	BBQ Lunch for all Present at Bible Barn
5:00 pm	*Dinner
6:30-7 pm	Music Concert
7:00 pm	Dr. David Gibbs, Jr.

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



Pastor Matt Miller
Grace Baptist Church

At the age of eleven, Matt Miller surrendered to peach and was saved February 26, 1989. Bro. Miller started his journey in peaching with working as a youth pastor, later his father would tell him of a small church needing a pastor. Grand Valley Baptist Church went on to grow in those years, later Bro. Miller would started the Western Slope Baptist Academy. The Lord would later lead him back to his father's church as the co-pastor and then pastor at Grace Baptist Church which just celebrated their 46th Anniversary.

God called Dr. Pritchard to service during a mission conference before his father moved his family to Brazil as missionaries. After 31 years of ministry and God opening many doors, God led him and his wife of 34 years to 43 countries, planting many churches and many ministry opportunities, Pritchard is taking a biblical New Testament missions' model. Partnering with Tons of Truth, Mentoring Men, and Bless International which spread the Word farther.



Dr. Paul Pritchard
Romania



Dr. Mark Stevens
Calvary Baptist Church

Mark is the senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach, FL. He has been in pastoral ministry for 36 years and previously served 7 years in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, Kim, have 3 children, 15 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Pastor Bob Gray II was called to be the pastor on December 17, 2008. He is the sixth pastor of this Longview congregation. Before becoming pastor, he served as the youth pastor during which time he established the annual National Teen Convention. Pastor Gray attended Texas Baptist College and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Christian Ministries and a Master of Theology Degree. Pastor Gray has also received two honorary doctorates. Pastor Gray and his wife, Kelly, have been married since 1987.



Dr. Bob Gray Jr.
Emmanuel Baptist Church

Ukraine Project Update!

Please continue to pray for the war-torn Ukrainian people, for their protection, for a victorious end to this evil war, the distribution of the New Testaments already in the country and a great Spiritual awaking as a result of these New Testaments. This ministry has printed 500,000 of our 1,000,000 goal, 212,000 of them are in the process of being distributed right now in Poland, the Ukraine and Romania with a third container of 90,000 more N.T.s on a ship that should be arriving in Poland within the next couple of weeks!

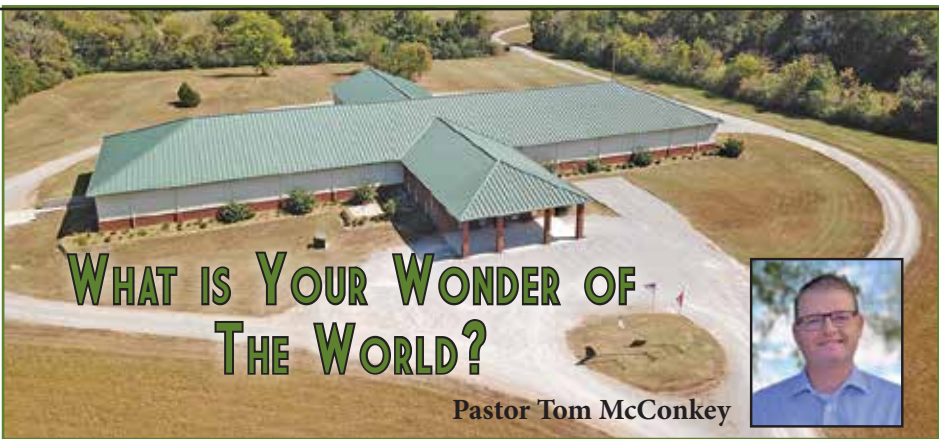
With the help of the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Crossville, TN, we are presently collating, binding, and trimming the remaining 200,000 sets of printed signatures. When completed; these N.T.'s will be divided among 3 containers going to refugees in Croatia, Romania, and Hungary.

We initially had hoped to raise a million to 1.5 million dollars to cover the expense of this project for the printing, shipping and any other expense that we might incur in the country to get these New Testaments from Poland into the Ukraine and any other expenses related to their distribution. Once we committed this ministry to this project, except for \$324,167.40 that has been contributed for paper, this ministry has borne a major part of the production expenses of this project. However, we have not been out any transportation or distribution expense in the Ukraine or Poland so far but I would at least like this ministry to be able to make a contribution of some kind

toward those expenses. A dear Ukrainian national brother by the name of Michael Ilyuk and his trucking company in the Ukraine have paid all of the transportation and customs cost in the country.

With all of the New Testaments that this ministry has shipped plus a large quantity of Ukrainian John & Romans and New Testaments provided by a couple other printing ministries, Michael and the American missionaries there have sufficient Scriptures to keep them busy for a while. For this reason, I think it is good timing that the 3 containers that we will be shipping in the next few weeks will be going to other countries where there are fewer N.T.'s available for the refugees. This will also give us some much-needed time to print a couple other language projects before returning to Ukrainian N.T.'s.

As time passes, it appears that most Americans, including most Christians, have grown weary of the Ukrainian war, becoming less sympathetic to the physical and Spiritual needs of the Ukrainian people however, given the financial resources and the personnel to do so we plan to continue working toward our "One Million" goal. At least for as long as there is a need for these Scriptures and the missionaries and Christian nationals in these countries are willing and able to distribute them. It would just be so wonderful if the financial resources were available to be able to do all of the things in this ministry that we need or would like to do! But God knows!



So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:11

When the world thinks about the greatest Wonders of the World, they look at what is magnificent, beauty beyond words, and something you have to see for yourself in order to appreciate. One of the definitions of "wonder" is a great sight, something that arrests the attention by novelty, grandeur, inexplicableness (1828). While there are many places around this earth that would be places of Wonder by way of their beauty and awe; for the Christian, wouldn't it be true that a place which produces from start to finish, the "Words of Life" (John 6:68), would be a Wonder of the Spiritual World? Such is the feeling and attitude that I had when I stepped into the Bible Barn in Shelbyville, Tennessee. To watch the press run the signatures of the Pure Words of God brings an awe and fascinating sight that is so special to see. Salvation in Print!!! To think about the hands that will open their own copy of the Word of God that was printed, collated, bound, and boxed here at the Bible Barn...what a Wonder!



Our church, a few years ago heard about the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation through Pastor Robb Foreman and the good folks of Homeline Baptist Church in Midland, Texas. We have been missions-minded, but never thought about or considered supporting a Bible printing ministry. After seeing the presentation, the Lord showed me the need and

we took on the BLMF for support at our next missions conference. But it didn't stop there!! We then looked to start supporting the B&L through rolls of paper, along with monthly support. Then we started to plan a missions trip: to go to the Bible Barn as a church to help the Lemmon's and the workers of BLMF in anything



that they may need. Our church, Liberty Baptist Church, is located in Yuma, Arizona. It is exactly 1,885 miles to travel one-way to BLMF; yet there was excitement in planning and preparing to make the trip. Some drove, some flew, and many prayed for the trip. It was a tremendous blessing to be a part of the work of the ministry in Shelbyville as we were able to collate and load a container of Bibles that were shipped out to a missionary in Myanmar.

What is your Wonder of the World? Do the things and places of this world mean more to you than the spiritual? I'd rather spend time in this ministry of putting Scripture together than to go on a lavish cruise to see great places of the earth! What brings more glory to God? What brings eternal riches? Perhaps the Lord is putting this ministry on the heart of a pastor for support? Perhaps the Lord is giving an opportunity for a church closer to Tennessee than we are to dedicate time for a "missions trip". Perhaps you can see with your own eyes, a truly great spiritual Wonder of the World...God's Pure Words in print, at the Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation in Shelbyville, Tennessee. May God bless you!!



Large Web Press Update!

Hallelujah and Glory to God, for all practical purposes our second and larger web press, a Harris M1000, is running and 98% ready to print! There is just one small task remaining requiring an expert web press folder technician and

he is scheduled to be here in house September 8th, to install some custom built parts in the folder! This press is a beautiful masterpiece, engineered and assembled by a craftsman technician, custom designed and built for this ministry.