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## 50th Anniversary Scripture Conference is History!

“The best ever” was the frequent comment that I heard from our pastors, preachers and guests during and after the Scripture Conference! I would agree of course, but some of you might think I am prejudice or boasting. I assure you that’s not the case; prejudice maybe? If I were to boast it would have to be on the Lord for He alone is worthy! I would like to mention all of you individually by name who helped in some way but there are so many that I cannot begin to. God knows so we’ll just have to leave it up to Him to reward you accordingly and He will! Personally, I didn’t do anything worthy of boasting so I can’t take any of the credit! Suffice it to say, God did bless and to Him be all the glory and praise! God showed up and if you were not here or you missed any of the messages or services you missed a tremendous blessing. You needed to have been here to experience God’s presence and the wonderful, sweet spirit. It was great!



**JUBILEE DINNER**

On behalf of all our BLMF staff and board of directors, we extend our grateful appreciation to everyone who attended any service. A very special thank you to all out of town guests who came and stayed for the entire meeting! Thank you!

From beginning to end, everything was as perfect as humanly possible and I do not know of a thing I would have changed or would go back and redo if I could. If you contributed in any way, prayed, preached, sang, worked, gave financially, made or brought desserts, thank you! The only disappointment for me was that the Thursday night’s service came too quickly!

I do want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all of our speakers and special guests who contributed so much to this year’s conference: Dr. Raymond Barber, Dr. Lou Rossi, Dr. Joe Author, Dr. Tom Wallace, Dr. Chuck Harding, Dr. Frank Gagliano, Dr. David Brown, Pastor Chad Stanley, Dr. Mark Campbell, Dr. Mike Mutchler, Sister Rebecca Peck, Brother Tim & Sister Carla Gordon, the Buchanan Family and the John Hinkle family. Also equally important are all of our wonderful missionaries who were present: Brother Zsolt Kovacs, Hungary, Roger & Cheryl Riley, Philippines, Brother Tom Gaudet, Thailand, Brother Jerrold Meyers, South Africa, Brother Sam Caudill, BPS Milford, OH, Brother Jim & Monica Hoffman, Scandinavians For Christ, Oshkosh, WI, Brother Tim & Star Carpenter, BPS, Oshkosh, WI, Brother Glen & Rosa Yeager, It’s 4 Him Ministry, Brother & Sister Delmas Knight & Brother Don Benson, Beams Ministry.

There isn’t any way I could begin to list everyone individually by name who helped make this year’s conference the wonderful meeting it was but I feel that I must mention a few very special churches and pastors for the tremendous contributions of their time and effort: Dr. Jim Rolon, Bethel Baptist Church, Tullahoma whose church turned out in large numbers every night with 24 or 25 of their members participating in our conference choir, Pastor Chad Stanley, Country Side Baptist Church of Way Cross, GA for bringing 12 of their people, Dr. Dennis Davis, Temple Baptist Church of Midland for bringing 18 people **50th Continued on Page 2**



## A Word from Our New BLMF President

**Pastor Mark Smith  
President, Board of Directors,  
BLMF**

The fiftieth year celebration for the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation culminated with a powerful preaching and presentation conference hosted by Victory Baptist Church and Pastor Jim Tedder. What an incredible time of fellowship, with pastors from dozens of different states and missionaries from around the world. We were so blessed as the Lemmon family was honored for fifty years of devotion and dedication in delivering the Word of God to a world in great need. The humble history of the family that has guided this ministry all these many years was shared in media presentation and testimonies from many people of the past and the present, and from Bro. Bobby. The conference highlights were historical footage of the great heritage that is the Lemmon family, starting with Dr. Bob and his dear wife, who served so faithfully until they were called home, then Bro. Bobby and his dear wife Linda-she’s home with the Lord, but her fingerprints are still there on the ministry; and the work goes on with Shannon & Tiffany presenting the work around the country.

One of many special blessings that visitors enjoyed was to meet Keefe and Scott, Bro. Bobby’s other two sons who volunteer at the shop along with their families. Four generations of the Lemmon family, faithfully serving the Lord, printing, producing, and providing the precious Word of God throughout the globe.

Even more than this family being honored on this 50th anniversary, God was glorified! As always, Bro. Bobby and the amazing staff at BLMF deflected the real praise to the One worthy of all, our loving Lord and Father God. Every service was filled with enthusiastic record crowds, and the excitement and spirit of expectancy was contagious. The BLMF team rolled out the red carpet, the decorations in the dining room—the food, the special music, the guest preachers, testimonials, missionary presentations, the collectible memorabilia to mark this record event were all “over the top”. Thank you to all who labored to make this milestone of ministry the memory it should be, to the lasting legacy of the Lemmon family and the BLMF ministry.

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Since January we have printed 1.6 million Scriptures in twenty languages shipping over 1.4 million of them to forty-five countries. Of these, 200,838 of them whole Bibles, 472,860 were New Testaments and 750,140 of them Bible portions. We shipped one tractor-trailer load to Mexico, plus a total of 7 containers, three to Honduras and Central America, two to Africa, one to the Philippines and one to Hungary. Container #9, also for the Philippines, just shipped. In addition, we have three more container projects to finish and ship in December. In addition to these, we have shipped hundreds of individual cases going to numerous different countries and multiple

pallets to help fill containers for different missionaries who are shipping their own containers.

To produce all of these Bibles and Scriptures we have used 16 trailer loads of paper and started on trailer load seventeen. With your faithful financial support and the contributions from paper and Bible sponsors received this year, we have paid for the first fifteen trailer loads. Trailer loads 16 & 17 were delivered the last week of October and will be due for payment the last of this month (November). Through September, we received \$587,726.25 in support and contributions designated for Scriptures production and spent **Report Continued from Page 2**

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from their church and Pastor Rob Foreman, Homeline Baptist Church of Midland, TX, who brought 12 members from their church and last but not least, our host church and the pastor, Victory Baptist of Shelbyville, Dr. Jim Tedder pastor! Also, to you other pastors who turned out your Wednesday evening services to bring your people to the conference, a very special thank you to you!

Needless to say, without our host church and the huge number of our Victory Baptist members who did most of the work; decorating & set-up, cooking, serving, choir & special music, numerous musical instruments, nursery, sound system & video, ushering, clean-up, dish washing and hundreds of other little details; we could not have had a Scripture conference. Thank you Victory Baptist; super job as always! Not counting BLMF workers, board of directors, staff and volunteers we had 215 pastors, preachers, missionaries and out of town guests registered for our special Jubilee supper on Monday evening with 200 to 250 folks in the day services and a packed house with folks in the balcony, 450 to 500 people in every evening service.

If I were going to do any boasting it would have to be on our BLMF staff & workers as they deserve so much credit for organizing and putting everything together: Shannon, Tiffany, Kerry (Lemmon), Mrs. H. (Linda Hempstead), Pat Deason and Cheryl Allen, I just tried to stay out of their way and I did a pretty good job of doing it! They are a fantastic group of hard workers and I love them all. Linda and Pat worked their husbands (one each) Marty & David like slaves, thank you guys!

I would like to go on about how great the preaching, special music, conference choir, food and everything was but I won't do it right here or now, maybe later! However, I do want to thank one more group of folks:



**BBQ CELEBRATION**

you wonderful pastors, churches and Christian friends who made financial contributions and pledges for rolls of paper during the conference. Thank you, thank you, and thank you! If I had my druthers and did not have to, we would never mention money or any financial needs at these conferences, but since it takes a lot of money to purchase the paper, materials and pay the shipping and the light bill we must. We could just cut back on our production and ship fewer Bibles and Scriptures, but I don't consider that a viable option because that's the reason why we are in this ministry and we always have more requests than we can supply. So, I know the Lord would have us to try to supply what we can to as many of them as we possibly can. After all, we have the equipment and workers to do it! We are just short of the funds that we need to purchase enough of these consumables!

In taking up the evening offerings Pastor Foreman and Pastor Smith did not take very much time making them as painless as possible, but I have noticed, that if we don't ask, very little is given. As you know, we order our paper by the trailer loads, one and sometimes two and maybe three trailers at a time. It just so happened that we came into our conference this year with a very special need, owing for two trailer loads of paper with the bill due the week after the conference and we didn't have the money for them. At least not nearly the \$68,000 that we needed, so all we knew to do was to ask so we did! Thank you for your generous response. I was overwhelmed as you gave so graciously by responding with offerings and pledges in excess of the 88 rolls of paper that we asked for. By the close of the conference, we had received funds and pledges for 90 rolls of paper with commitments to send them in as soon as possible or by 12/31/18. If there are any inquiring minds who would like to know if we were able to pay for the two trailer loads of paper, please see another article in this issue entitled "Production and Financial Report!"

This year's 50th Anniversary Scripture Conference may be history but we believe that its impact and memory will continue on for some time to come, especially in the hearts and lives of those who will be receiving Bibles and Scriptures as a direct result of those financial contributions which were given or pledged. In addition, a few new churches made commitments to regular monthly financial support, others pledging to increase their current level of support with some pastors making commitments to help us to recruit more new supporting churches. All in all, we believe that many, many more wonderful and beneficial things will come about as a result of this year's conference, all for the furtherance of the Gospel and to the glory of God!



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\$587,191.86 of it on the roll paper, cover stocks and printing materials.

With the \$15,000 in cash and checks that we received for rolls of paper as part of the 90 rolls pledged during the Scripture conference, together with your regular monthly financial support for October it provided sufficient funds to pay for trailer load #14. Then God, in His wonderful, marvelous grace and love, on the last day of the conference provided a contribution for a trailer load of paper from a church and pastor that were not at the conference, sufficient to pay for trailer load #15! To Him be all the praise and the glory! God is good! The balance of the pledges will go toward paying for trailer loads #16 & 17 this month.

By purchasing one more trailer load (#18) in December, if time permits, we may reach a new 2 million-production record this year, which will be a welcome accomplishment for our 50th anniversary! To do this we will need all of this paper! Some of you may ask if this is the way we operate every month and the answer to that is yes, operating by faith sure will keep you humble and on your knees!

For those of you who may remember, in January of this year we set a ridiculous production goal, one that we could only achieve if the Lord performed a miracle. A goal to produce 1.5 million Scriptures, 500,000 of them to be whole Bibles. This very ambitious goal was going

to be completely dependent on raising sufficient funds to purchase 24 trailer loads of paper. To do so we were counting heavily on the completion of 30 Bible paper charts, each chart raising \$13,000 for paper. We had 23 wonderful churches to step up and take a chart but only 5 churches completed their charts. We thank and praise the Lord for you 5 amazing churches who did, because of you we will purchase two more trailer loads of paper this year than we otherwise would have, but we are 6 trailer loads short of where we needed to be. No, the Lord didn't fail us or let us down, it was the other 10,000 plus fundamental, independent Baptist churches here in the states who didn't so much as sponsor one Bible.

A big thank you and God bless you to all of you precious pastors and churches, partners in this ministry who are faithful in your prayers, monthly financial support and contributions for paper and Bibles. Together we are making a huge difference reaching the unreached people in the regions beyond where there are few if any Bibles! If God is no respecter of persons and He isn't, then He never, ever intended that only a chosen few people in this world would have His verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant, pure, preserved Word! This ministry does not have any financial shortages that doubling our current level of financial support and paper sponsors would not cure.



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## Aerial View from BBQ Lunch





Dad always said he would die with his boots on and that's exactly what he did. He had no intentions of retiring. He said he could not find retirement in the Bible! He was going to keep going for the Lord until God called him home. This ministry was more than a calling to him, it was his life! Dad, as with many people of his generation, grew up on a farm. He was accustomed to hard work and long hours all of his life. He was physically strong and had been blessed with good health up until he was in his early 80's. I honestly figured he would out live me and had even prayed that he would! At 80 he was still putting in twice the hours and out worked most thirty-year-old men. At 60 I had trouble keeping up with him so why would he or should he retire? It wasn't until age 85 and six months before his death that there were any signs of a serious physical problem.

In January of 2007, he had started spending a lot of time at the VA hospital and in doctors' offices running test trying to determine what was causing the pain and discomfort that he was experiencing in his right side. But he kept on going up until August of that year when he had an appointment with an urologist to do a biopsy on his liver following a x-ray that had showed a very small spot. Even with all of the trips to different doctors, he had been in the shop every day, even preaching in local churches on the weekends. The urologist was going to do the biopsy as outpatient surgery so I expected him to be back in the office later that day or by the next morning and am confident that he had planned to be back in his office also but he never made it.

That day before the biopsy was the last day he would set foot in the shop or ever sit at his desk again. It would have been nice to have had a retirement party, invited some pastor and preacher friends over to share the occasion with some cake and ice cream but that never happened. He never had the opportunity to call another pastor, preach another sermon or help load another container. Three weeks later God took him home or as I tell people, God promoted him to the home office.

I could easily take the rest of the space in this paper to explain why this ministry would probably never have started without Dad and certainly do not have any idea how long it might have been before anyone else would start a church based Bible printing ministry had he not. Except to say, this ministry would not be what it is or where

it is today without him. God uses men to do His work and Dad was in my opinion, the right man at the right time, and he gave it his all for thirty-nine years.

When the board of directors asked me to assume the responsibility as the director in Dad's place, I knew that the Lord would have me to but in all honesty, I didn't want the awesome responsibility. I knew there wasn't anyone who could take Dad's place or fill his shoes, certainly not me! Nor would I have accepted the position if the pastors on the board of directors had not assured me of their prayers and personal support. So when I told the Lord "I can't do this", He didn't help my confidence any by telling me "I know you can't" but He assured me that He could and that He would and praise God, He has! I was blessed to step into a ministry that was well established with a good group of pastors who were committed to helping me, and a ministry with a hundred pastors and churches who already were financially supporting this ministry. What has been accomplished in the past eleven years in this ministry could not have been apart from the Lord. He has done a great work because He obviously wants and intends that His precious Word is going to be produced and distributed. He has certainly honored and blessed our humble efforts and I thank and praise Him for allowing me to come along for the ride. It's all Him!

Now, the main purpose of this article, while I do expect the Lord to come in my lifetime, at 75 years of age I do not have any assurance that I will be physically able to serve as the director of this ministry until I am 85 as Dad did or that the Lord would even have me to do so! But, I am so delighted to be able to tell you that the Lord has everything arranged should I not be able to do so or should the Lord have other plans. God has anointed a young man that has been working by my side for these past eleven years as the assistant director who is more than capable and able to step up and take over this job. He grew up in this ministry as I have and knows this ministry as I, and far better than anyone else ever will. He's not a full time printer, part time preacher like his Dad, he's a full time preacher and a very good one with the right heart and personality to do the job and a zeal and burden for this ministry like his Dad and grandfather. Matter of fact, he is so much like his grandfather in so


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If you weren't able to attend, we highly encourage you to view the pictures online, or even better, come see the beautiful "Bible Barn" in person, and experience the history of the past, and the history being made in the present. The Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration Conference was a huge success because of all who came, who labored, who gave, and who praised God for His goodness. We hope the growing family of friends and faithful supporters in prayer and financial support will invite others to join BLMF for an even greater future, built on the faithful foundation of the past. To God be the glory!

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**B.L.M.F.**  
BIBLE PAPER PROJECT

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

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Bible Paper Charts

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WEEK 36	WEEK 37	WEEK 38	WEEK 39	WEEK 40	WEEK 41	WEEK 42	WEEK 43	WEEK 44	WEEK 45	WEEK 46	WEEK 47	WEEK 48	WEEK 49	WEEK 50	WEEK 51	WEEK 52			
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*Bible Paper Charts for 2018/2019*

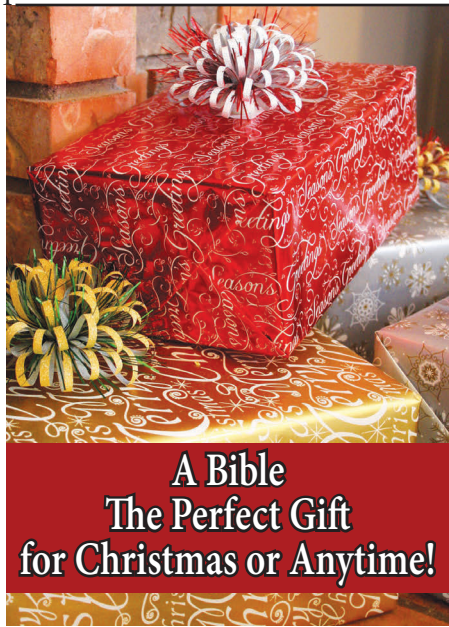
This chart, designed by our friend and BLMF president Dr. Mark Smith, was introduced for the first time last year. It is a wonderful paper fund raising alternative for any church of any size who wants to be used of the Lord to help this ministry to print and distribute more Bibles and Scriptures. If worked properly and completed, a chart will raise \$13,000 in a year, 16 rolls of paper at \$800 per roll doing it with \$25 contributions! A few partnering churches already sponsor rolls of paper a year, some one or more a month, with this chart any church of any size can do so.

First, this chart simplifies the giving process by allowing every individual or family to customize the amount they give and to be able to give their contribution at a set or particular time of the month of year when it is the most convenient for them. This chart is a tool that will enable a church to raise more funds for paper, accomplishing more through small individual contributions than they could ever accomplished with fewer people giving larger one-time contributions. Any person of any age or income can be involved and spread their giving out over several months or a whole year, making it possible for almost anyone to give more frequently without working a financial hardship, doing it in small increments of \$25 per contribution.

Secondly, this chart visualizes the giving process by allowing everyone at a glance to see what has been pledged, what is being accomplished and what is needed in order to complete the chart and reach the goal. When placed in a prominent location the chart is a constant reminder of what great things can be accomplished when everyone gets involved and does their part! Little is much when God is in it! It encourages and enables even the smallest church to go beyond their power exceeding what anyone would have thought possible.

Thirdly, this chart makes giving exciting. When a church accepts the challenge, is motivated and working their chart it is exciting to see what God will do and what can be accomplished for the Lord when a church has a purpose, gets unified, focused and determined to reach that goal!

Pastor, if you and your church have a desire to ever do something extremely satisfying and significant to help get the precious written Word of God to those people around the world who do not have it, consider challenging your church to work one of these "Bible Paper Charts"! 30 churches working and completing a Chart will enable this ministry to increase our production by one million copies next year! If you would like more information and details, please contact us and we will send the instruction on DVD. Then, if you accept the challenge let us know and we'll send you the large 48" X 40" wall chart. If we never step out by faith and attempt great things for the Lord, how will we ever know if we would have succeeded or not?



**A Bible  
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Whether it's for that family member or friend that has "EVERYTHING" or a gift to a man, woman, boy or girl in a third-world country somewhere who will receive "NOTHING" this Christmas, why not give them something really special, a one of a kind "BOOK" that produces ETERNAL LIFE, LOVE, JOY and great HAPPINESS when applied! Or, give a "BIBLE" or "BIBLES" as a GIFT to JESUS on His birthday by sponsoring a Bible, a whole case of Bibles or a roll of paper that will produce 500 Bibles for people in some foreign country who do not have God's Word! What better gift could anyone give in JESUS' name or to whom better could we give that gift!

To those special people in your life, give them a beautiful, special, one-of-a-kind, BLMF 50th Anniversary Edition "Scofield" Bible and for the same amount of money you can put a whole case of 24 Bibles in the hands of a missionary on a foreign field to give to their people who have "NO" Bible! I wonder who will appreciate your gift more! God has promised that if we give so much as a cup of water in His name He will bless it. What do you suppose He will do for the gift of "Living Water"?

If you, your church or your family would like to "gift" a Bible or Bibles for "free" foreign mission distribution this year as a "gift" to "Jesus", please fill out and return the enclosed insert sheet along with your contribution. Thank you!

Secondly, while not quite the same as holding a beautiful Christmas gift in our hand, there is a different kind of gift that would greatly assist this ministry in producing more Bibles both now and for some time into the future. By retiring the \$145,000 balance this ministry owes on some old equipment debt, we could and should be putting the interest we are paying into producing Scriptures every month yielding much better dividends. All of our regular support, all paper & Bible sponsors go into purchasing paper and materials and misc. love offerings into operating expenses providing nothing for debt retirement. The amount was originally \$235,000 but with the help of a few special contributions designated for this purpose has been reduced to \$145,000. We sure would love to clear this out of the way before January 1, 2019! Any contributions on this will be greatly appreciated!

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many ways that sometimes I think Dad has never left. Sure, he is still lacking in the pastoral and some of life's experiences but he's come a long, long way in the last eleven years! And, he has a beautiful very talented wife, the mother of their two children, who contributes so much to their family and his ministry. They make a great team!

Obviously, like many of you of my age, I can't do a lot of the things I used to do physically, do them as well or as fast as I used to and now without Linda I do not have any desire to even travel as we once did, things are a changing. When Dad graduated to the home office and I inherited his job there wasn't anyone to take my old job so traveling to represent this ministry has been difficult and as our production has grown it has become even more difficult, even more so without Linda. The first 7 years of this ministry were agonizingly difficult and painful, the next 32 years were better but consisted of hard work and very long hours, the last eleven have been extremely rewarding, satisfying and stressful, but God has been so good and so faithful. The satisfaction and rewards have far outweighed the work and sacrifices.

In the last ten or twelve years of her life, even though she was not feeling well and hurting, Linda, when asked how she was would always say, "I am blessed". I have been truly blessed and thank the Lord for having had the privilege to have grown up as a preacher's kid, but not just any preacher's kid, Bob & Justine Lemmon's kid and to have been saved at an early age. I am so blessed to have been partners in marriage with Linda Frances Steele Lemmon for almost 55 years, for the four wonderful children, the three precious daughter-in-laws and the seven sweet grandchildren that the Lord gave us, for the wonderful privilege to have been called into this ministry and the amazing privilege it has been to do so as a family, working with Dad for 54 years, Linda in this ministry for 49 years and now Shannon for over eleven years! I miss my memory, my mind and my youth but I miss Linda most of all. I can say without any hesitation that I have been blessed beyond measure! And as dear old Dad used to say, "All of this and heaven too"!

After my heart attack of September 7, two cauterizations, two stents and ballooning a couple of arteries I'm doing great! I expect to be around until the rapture but should I not and the Lord should take me home before then, please rest assured that this ministry is in good hands!

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## Scriptures Delivered to Hungary



**Giving Thanks Unto God,  
For He is GREAT!**

**By: Shannon Lemmon**

From the outside looking in, one would certainly say God has been mighty good to BLMF. How true that statement is; however, from my perspective growing up inside this ministry, may I testify that God has been GREAT and worked miracle after miracle for the Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation? There are so many wonderful reasons for which to give our Lord thanks in His work here, but I'd like to highlight just a few very special ones in celebration of BLMF's 50 Years of printing God's Holy Word.

First, I praise Him for the incredible legacy and godly heritage the Lord has given this ministry and me. Beginning with a vision and built on faith plus 5 decades of hard work and sacrifice, BLMF has a rich history worthy of thanksgiving. A foundation has been laid that did not occur overnight without much dedication and determination on the part of all involved to see the work continue for God's glory.

Secondly, I thank the Lord for every church and individual who has ever invested in this Bible-printing ministry. Without your generosity through the years, multiplied millions of lost souls may never have received the Word of Life, resulting in the saving of their souls and changing of their eternities! Little is much when God is in it, and every single penny that has been given is on record with our Heavenly Father who views the widow's mite as precious.

Along with our dear supporting churches, I thank and praise God for the incredible Pastors who have become such encouraging friends to our family and ministry. Many Pastors so graciously allowed me to come to their churches when the Lord first called me to preach and present BLMF in 2008, which was truly a blessing to our hearts and granted us the strength and zeal to strive to do more to raise funds for this work. Some of our Pastor friends now help us get into other churches to share BLMF, and we contribute much of this ministry's growth in the past couple years to their involvement! You are brought before the Throne daily, along with your church people, for God's blessing and grace!

Next, I am thankful for the heroes on the foreign soil who distribute these printed Scriptures, the missionaries. Just this year, BLMF has been able to send large shipments of God's Word to the mission field through missionaries in Ghana, the Philippines, Honduras, Kenya, Mexico, and Hungary, along with many other skids of Scriptures to other countries. Some of the Bibles that have been distributed in the past 50 years have been delivered through great difficulty and possible persecution in the hand of the brave missionary families who are doing what God has called them to do. Our goal is to provide what these wonderful people need to have a fruitful and blessed ministry in other lands. We also pray for our missionaries and ask the Lord to guide us as we attempt to meet their many requests for Bibles.

Finally, I give thanks to the Lord for the future of BLMF. I am so grateful we serve a God who believes in growth, a God who desires to "enlarge our coasts" and who is able to do "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think." The world's population will soon be at 8 billion souls, and they will need His Holy Word more than ever in this generation and in the next. I am truly humbled and astounded when I see the statistics claiming that the churches of America are dying or closing, and yet this ministry is flourishing and growing! This is only due to the miraculous Hand of God, and it clearly reveals the merciful heart of God and how He wants His Word to be printed for the entire world even more than we do. The future of BLMF will be built on the same foundation as on which it began: faith. We trust the Lord to take care of this ministry because it's His work – not ours. He has proven to be more than faithful, and we look forward to all the miracles He will perform in the future for which we will again give many, many thanks.