BIBLE & LITERATURE MISSIONARY FOUNDATION

2101 Hwy 231 South Shelbyville, TN 37160-6718

(931) 684-0304 • wwwbiblelit.com Email: officeblmf@bellsouth.net

Dr. Robert M. Lemmon, Jr., Co-Founder

• Dr. Shannon Lemmon ,Director

A Ministry of Victory Baptist Church • Shelbyville, TN • Loyd Warren, Pastor

S SEPT 2023 NUMBER 03

2 Million Scriptures Printed in 2023 BY THE SCRIPTURES... MADE KNOWN
TO ALL NATIONS

JUL AUG SEPT 2023

2.2 Million Scriptures Shipped in 2023



VOLUME 57

ANNUAL SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE

DUBLE PORTION

OCTOBER 16-18





Raised in our home Church, Victory Baptist in Shelbyville, TN, I have been blessed to be under solid, doctrinal without compromise preaching my entire life. Growing up, that Biblical standard from the pulpit was reinforced with the same consistency represented in my home. I praise God that the Bobby Lemmon everyone saw at Church and at the print shop was the same Bobby Lemmon his family knew. What a blessing to have never (in my life) second-guessed the accuracy of God's Word! Dad and Grandpa (Bob Lemmon, Sr.) instilled into my being the Bible's purity and power, as well as the priority that It so rightfully should have. I do not take my "goodly heritage" lightly, and I am well aware of the Godgiven gift of "a good name." As Dad has entrusted to me this humbling calling of the Director of BLMF, I want to inform you that the Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation will not change. As the Scripture says, "remove not the ancient landmarks," we will remain faithful to the landmarks set by this ministry's founders fifty-five years ago!

At BLMF, we will continue PRINTING ONLY THE PURE WORD OF GOD. For over half a century, this ministry has printed exclusively the King James Bible in the English language and other languages translated from the same Greek Textus Receptus and Hebrew Masoretic texts. No matter what trends, new translations, or influencers appear; BLMF will ALWAYS be Pure Bible Printers.

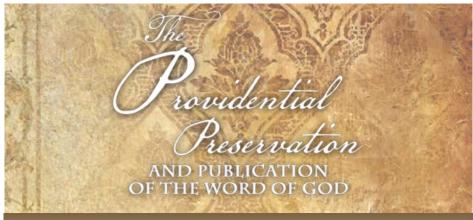
As for BLMF, we will also continue A MINISTRY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH. We

are Biblically a ministry of the Victory Baptist Church, pastored by Brother Loyd Warren. God has been so good; our Church loves this ministry, and our Pastor leads the way! Victory Baptist is an Independent, fundamental Baptist Church, standing for Truth for over sixty years.

And finally, BLMF will continue OPERATING BY FAITH IN THE COMMISSION-GIVER. From day one, my father and grandfather depended on the Lord to make this vision (of producing Scriptures for all in need) come to fruition. More than five decades later, this is still how BLMF operates. Ordering each trailer load of paper, we follow the Lord's guidance and then trust Him to provide, which He always does. You will often hear someone say while at the Bible Barn. "God wants His Word produced even more than we do!" That is incredibly true, for all that has been accomplished here has been nothing short of absolutely miraculous! Oh, that God would increase our faith, so more and more could be done for His

At the Arlington National Cemetery, the "Changing of the Guard" at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier occurs at the top of every hour. At this top of the hour at BLMF, I personally want every Church, Pastor, and friend who supports this Bible-printing ministry to be assured that God's work here will remain the same. The ancient landmarks will always be here, strong and visible, for it was their construction — built by our neverchanging God — that has blessed this ministry thus far.



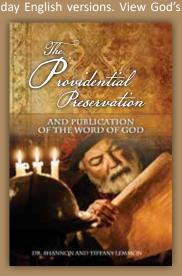


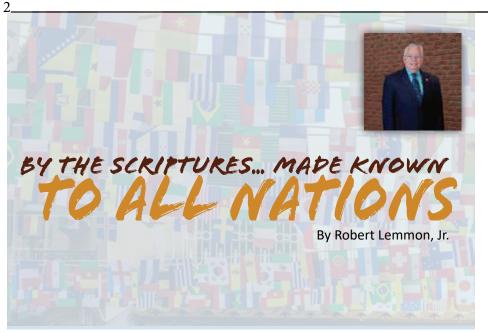
DR. SHANNON AND TIFFANY LEMMON

Many questions surround the topic of our English Bible, for most people desire a basic understanding of Its miraculous history. In The Providential Preservation and Publication of the Word of God, the reader is taken on a journey from the Ancient Texts to modern day English versions. View God's

mighty plan of preservation from Mt. Sinai to Hampton Court. Hear the proclamations of Kings, Queens, and religious rulers that laid the stepping-stones of the path for translation. Be enthralled to see the Providential Hand of God work through every war, throne, vernacular, and season of Christian persecution faithfully to preserve His Word for every generation. A breath of fresh air to the often-shared wonderful time line, this book will increase your faith in our all-knowing, never-changing God who always keeps His promises!

Available to Purchase at Scripture Conference or call (931) 684-0304.





With the help of you partner churches, pastors and Christian friends, this ministry will have been printing the precious written Word of God for 55 years this month (September). We print, produce and distribute God's written Word because God called us to do so. As it is His verbally inspired Word and because it is the responsibility of the church to publish it! We ship these Bibles and Scriptures free of charge to missionaries in foreign countries to give free of charge to those who do not have them because these countries are where the greatest concentration of unreached people are.

Our theme verses for 2023 is Rom. 16:25-26," ...according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the word began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:" It is very interesting, and most likely by divine purpose, that the apostle had already given us the answer as to this "mystery" in chapter one, verses 1-5. "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,". (vs. 2) "Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the Holy Scriptures,". (vs.3). "Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord..." (vs. 5) "By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations for his name:"

In the first five verses of chapter one and again in the last three verses of the last chapter of Romans the apostle Paul tells us we are to "By the scriptures" according to the commandment of the everlasting God, to make the Gospel of Jesus Christ **known to all nations!**" In Acts 18:28, we find him mightily convincing the Jews, "publicly, shewing "by the scriptures" that Jesus was Christ." In Lk. 24: 25 Jesus rebuked two of his disciples saying, "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:..." (vs.32) and their response was, "Did not our heart burn within us while he talked with us by the way and while "he opened to us the scriptures?"

These verses in Romans may not be as familiar as some others such as Matt. 28:19 & 20, Mk. 13;10, 16:15, Lk. 24:47, Jn. 21:21 and Acts 1:8, but the message is the same, the "Great Commission" God's command to the church to go, take, send and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every creature in every nation! Our Scripture here in Romans says

"by the Scriptures to all nations," according to the commandment of the everlasting God! The two tools that the Lord has left us to use to do His work are His written Word "the Scriptures" and the "Holy Spirit" who indwells us as a child of God! It is sad that in this Gospel-hardened country it is difficult to get some people, even Christians, excited about the Word of God people in most foreign countries are searching for the truth and begging for Bibles!

We have shared this report many times before but it bears repeating. There are thousands of people who are being saved in foreign countries where we are distributing these containers of God's written Word. Prior to the Lord leading us into this ministry in 1968, missionaries had very few if any Bibles and Scriptures to give to their people! Now, with your prayers and financial support when we ship a container of Bibles into a foreign country we are able place a copy of Gods' written Word in the hands of 25,000 to 100,000 people depending on the language and what the contents of the container is, whole Bibles, New Testaments or a portion of each.

A container of Scriptures placed in a foreign country makes a tremendous impact, but it comes at a tremendous cost to this ministry. However, what price can we put on the soul of one person much less, 5,000 to 10,000 people coming to know the Lord as a result of one container of Scripture? The cost of the paper and materials to fill a 20ft, with 40,000lbs of Bibles and Scriptures, in the last eighteen months has increased from \$65,000 to \$76,700. Fifty years ago, we could produce a New Testament for \$0.25 and a whole Bible for \$1.00; today it costs \$0.75 per New Testament and \$2.56 per Bible. While those increases are devastating to this ministry because we are completely dependent on the financial support, contributions and love offerings from your churches and Christian friends who support this ministry, they are modest increases in comparisons to the costs of a house, a car, a gallon of gasoline or the costs of groceries in the last fifty years.

To put the current financial needs of this ministry into perspective, in order for us to maintain our current production of 2.5 million a year we need to increase our level of financial support by 30% immediately just to compensate for these increases. We must if we feel any responsibility to supply the 16 more requests that we currently have from missionaries for

containers of Scriptures.

God has provided this ministry with the equipment and personnel sufficient to double our current production of 2.5 million Bibles and Scriptures a year to 5 million but to get there we are going to have to increase our current financial support by a lot more than the 30% price increase that we have experienced in the last year. We do not have any shortages of places to send these Scriptures or missionaries and national pastors' requests for them, only a shortage of Scriptures to send!

There are many ways a church or individual can become involved in the production and distribution of Gods' written Word. Just give us a call or drop us an email to find out how! If you and your church are not presently participating in the production and distribution of the written Word of God, why not? You will not find a more efficient, or productive Bible printing ministry than this one to partner with! To our Christian brothers and sisters, if you want to do something meaningful in this life to leave the gospel behind for those coming along behind us, once we are with the Lord; invest in the written Word now before you leave!

A very special "thank you" to all of you who already partner together with this ministry,



What an honor and privilege it is for this ministry to be enabled by God to be part of the Great Commission through the production and distribution of His Written Word! This ministry has never and will never try to replace the missionary, but our goal is to provide them with the tools they need to do the job God has called them to do. As Dad always says, "You cannot do the work of God without the Word of God." Most missionaries present a three-fold plan for their ministries on the foreign field. First, they will canvas the area and witness to win souls. Secondly, they will also Biblically train disciples. Thirdly, they plan to plant churches.

It has been questioned, "How can a Bible-printing ministry help fulfill those three Biblical commands in missions?" It's obvious to observe the necessity of the Scriptures in sharing the Gospel for salvation and teaching them "to observe all things" in discipleship. Interestingly, the testimonies we have been told by veteran missionaries – concerning the distribution of the Printed Word of God – just happen to include the third part as well. The incorruptible seed, the pure Scripture, is being gloriously planted around the world, assisting missionaries to plant churches.

Missionary Froi Medina serving in the Philippines shares: "While many people will throw down a church tract or invitation, they will not throw down the gift of a Bible. We have used the New Testaments from BLMF to invite people to our grand opening services for our new Church plants. We did this with our Churches planted in La Union, Tarlac, Manila, San Carlos Heights, and Baguio. ALL these are thriving works!"

Missionary Jerrold Myers testifies: "Our Church, Independent Baptist Church, here in Pretoria, South Africa started by passing out John and Romans and New Testaments in a six-mile radius of our Church. We are known as a Church started by and founded on the Word of God. We are the only Church that has and uses the King James Bible in our area! Since our start six years ago, we have had hundreds of visitors as a result of passing out Scriptures door to door and in mail boxes, which is legal here in South Africa."

1 Timothy 3:15 says, "...the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." What is truth? "Thy Word is truth" (John 17:17). The very foundation of the local church is the Word of God. Christ, the Living Word, is the chief cornerstone of the local church (Eph. 2:20-22). You truly cannot separate the Church from God's Word.

Missionaries have also shared how Bibles make it into villages and areas almost impossible to physically enter. It is in these places that Bible studies get started in homes. Those home Bible studies eventually become the local Church. God promises that His Word will accomplish that which He pleases. He certainly desires for more local churches to be started, and we are watching the printed Scriptures do just that!











One night we were driving home and there was a police stop up ahead. As we got closer, the police officer waved us down, needing to ask us questions. We have been stopped many times before, each time with a different question. They will ask for money, find something wrong with your car to get an extra \$5 or \$10. When we rolled down the window, the first question from the officer was "Can you give me another Bible?" I recently gave one to this officer so I asked what happened to that one. He replied "My wife took it." So herein lies the problem, there are not enough Bible to go around, resulting in wives stealing their husband's.

We will delve into the time my wife. I and Rachel, a lady from our church, went to another town called Chegutu. We pulled over at the local market and started passing out Bibles to people walking by. Within fifteen minutes, there was over a hundred people around, my wife and Rachel passing out Bibles by the car load! I thought to take a case of Bibles and start walking through the market to break up the crowd. As I was walking, about ten women started following, grabbing at the Bibles. One woman grabbed a Bible out of the box. I grabbed her hand, another lady saw I only had one hand on the box so she went to grab it, resulting it being knocked out of my arm. The women behind me all jumped on the box, hitting me in the process and falling back into 5 or 6 women. It was rather funny, if only I had a camera. Within seconds, the women had every Bible in that box and were jumping up and down, shouting in joy that they had the Word of God in their hands.

By the grace of God, we are able to go into the public schools and preach the Gospel. We give all the students a New Testament and the teachers a full copy of the Bible. We pass out the Bibles first then we preach a simple salvation message, using the New Testament. We tell the children what page to turn to and actually show them for the first time in their lives what the Bible actually says about how to get saved. There is a great amount of false doctrine here because nobody has a Bible and the ones they do have are false bibles.

When the police officer asked if he could have another Bible, I had to tell him no, I did not have anymore.

Amos 8:11- "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:"

It breaks your heart when you see people that are going to die in their sins and go to hell but it also breaks your heart when you see people who want the Word of God, (You give people here a Bible and they start crying in happiness) and we don't have a Bible to give them.

The Bible says, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." "The entrance of thy wordsgiveth light."

How is anybody going to find the right path without the help of the Word of God?

2Cor. 4:4- "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

The people of Africa are blinded by the darkness, if someone doesn't give them the light of the Word of God, the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ, there is no hope for them. All they have here are the witch doctors. There is a Jehovah witness on every other corner, but what they truly need is the King James AV 1611 Bible.

Amos 8:11-"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD;"

But there is famine in the land, the people of Africa are crying and begging for the Word of God. When king Josiah heard the Word of God which was found in the house of the Lord in 2Chronicles 34 it says:

"Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words..."

Hearing and reading the Word of God convicts of sin, faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Mary in Luke 10:38-42 she sat at Jesus feet, and heard his word and Jesus said, Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. What's the good part? hearing the Word of God but how shall they hear if there is no word? The Word of God changed my Life. And it will changed your life wouldn't it be nice if they could get a Bible and let it change their lives.

I am sorry Officer, but I don't have a Bible to give you.



We always enjoy the time of year when the seasons begin to change. Fall weather truly is in the air. The clean, clear, crispy mornings are very refreshing. Our God Truly is faithful!

In Genesis 8:22 God says, "while the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and heat and cold, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." God in mercy has given to us this promise. We can always prepare for and look forward to the changing seasons because our God is Faithful!

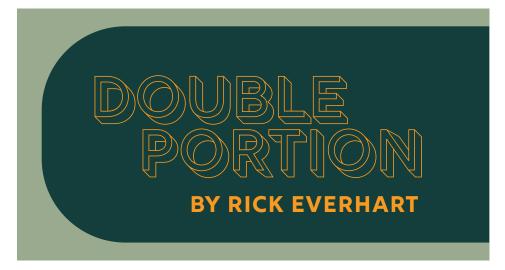
To this we say, "It's that time again." There is another reason why we love to say, "It's that time again," because it's time once again for our annual BLMF Scripture Conference! We are so excited that it is almost here! Our theme this year is taken from II Kings 2:9 where Elisha prayed for a double portion of God's anointing and power.

When I think of this my mind goes back to our very first board meeting after the homegoing of Dr. Lemmon Sr. Brother Bobby Lemmon shared with the Board through tears that His prayer to God was that God would give a "double portion" of this special anointing for this ministry.

God has certainly answered this prayer, thank you LORD! Now "It's that time again!" BLMF has grown so rapidly that we are experiencing "growing pains." We find ourselves once again asking God for a "double portion." Our God is certainly more than able to answer this prayer once again! Now beloved we know and understand that God so often uses "human instrumentality." That is God will use us if we allow Him to so that He may "bless the gift and the giver." Please pray for God to help us reach our amazing goals for the upcoming year. Please Lord, once again give us that "double portion" because it really is "that time again!"

Pastor Rick Everhart

Romans 12:21



I was standing looking down from a mountain

And I saw God's two mighty men.

I saw Elisha standing by Elijah

As he held something in his hand.

He had God's power wrapped up in a mantle

And I saw the waters divide.

Then I saw Elijah taken up from Elisha

And I heard as Elisha cried.

"My father, My Father the chariot of Israel

So strong and yet so meek

"The horsemen thereof, the man of God

A pattern that all men should seek."

Then I saw Elisha standing up on

his feet

As all men of God should stand

He then recovered God's mantle of power

And held it firm within his hand.

He smote the waters and broke forth and cried

Saying, "Where is the God of Elijah?"

Soon he did know that the God of Elijah

Is also the God of Elisha.

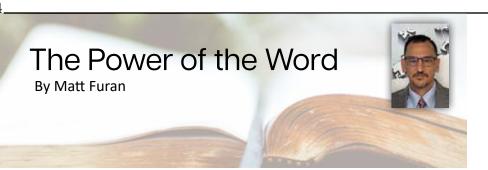
"My Father, My Father the chariot of Israel

So strong and yet so meek."

The horsemen thereof, the Man of God

A pattern that all men should seek.

Rick Everhart



It was Joseph Smith, the founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who said, "The Standard of Truth has been erected; no unhallowed hand can stop the work from progressing; persecutions may rage, mobs may combine, armies may assemble, calumny may defame, but the truth of God will go forth boldly, nobly, and independent, till it has penetrated every continent, visited every clime, swept every country, and sounded in every ear, till the purposes of God shall be accomplished, and the Great Jehovah shall say the work is done." I am not quoting Joseph Smith because I believe him, I am quoting him because what he said is alarming, awakening, and alerting. The Cult of Joseph Smith could not accomplish their goal without the Book of Mormon. They set their hopeful sights with the first printing of 5,000. One hundred and ninety-four years later, well over 150 million have been printed and distributed across the globe with no ceasing in sight. The vision of Joseph Smith is being accomplished, and Satan is rejoicing.

Why do I speak of this? I speak of this because there is power in the word, whether it is spoken or written. The written word conveys and relays thoughts, beliefs, philosophy, and faith. Joseph Smith knew the power of printed word and said, "The Book of Mormon is the most correct of any book on this Earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than any other book." We know this is wrong and contrary to Biblical truth. 2,000 years ago, just before Jesus ascended, he gave the Great Commission to His church. As His disciples, he has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. He did not send His churches without being equipped. The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not. The only thing that will illuminate a darkened mind is the Gospel. God has ordained that this Gospel be published by the preacher and the printed Word.

BLMF has been publishing and printing God's Word since 1968. To date, the vision of reaching the world is still being accomplished but is not finished. We are now 2,000 years after Jesus resurrected, there is still a need for 70% of the world to get the Bible. People are perishing, and the fruit is dying on the vine because the Word never got to them, or it got to

their country too late. It is crucial that we network and teamwork to support the printing of God's Word this year. When I think of this truth, four words come to my mind, "Now, more than ever!"

BLMF has been a part of each of our ministries since 2011. They have helped and assisted us with getting the printed Word delivered and distributed. I will never forget when we were missionaries in Sri Lanka, and they sent us a few cases of Bibles. When the Postmaster opened the box and saw that they were KJV bibles, he rejoiced! He was excited and said, "Oh, this the King James Bible, there is not copyright. So, I will not charge you for the Bibles." What a joy to receive these and see the smiles on people's faces because they have their own copy of God's Word. You see, God's Word is His vision, and without that vision, people will perish. It is impossible for me as a missionary here is Saipan to accomplish my calling without that Word. I remember being deployed to Desert Shield and Desert Storm with the USMC. Our unit was not prepared. We were sent so quickly that we landed wearing green Cammie's and no ammunition for our M-16. We were ill-prepared and somewhat hindered from accomplishing our mission until supplies landed. You say that is horrible and never should have been allowed, I agree. But what does that say when missionaries are being sent to the ends of the earth without Bibles for the people? Let it never be said that our mission has failed because we have failed to properly supply the troops, our missionaries with the Word of God. It is our calling and responsibility to do so. We are our brother' keeper!

My wife and I arrived in Saipan almost 2 years ago, and a container of 55,000 Bibles and New Testaments met us here soon after our arrival. Since that time, we have given out enough Bibles to the 1,800 population of the Island of Tinian. There now is a missionary in Tinian who, for the first time in his over 25 years there has enough Bibles for the island. This could not happen without the support of BLMF and those who support BLMF. We are currently distributing the Word to each home and person here, and I think we have reached close to 7,000-8,000 people so far. Our eyes are set on the island of Rota that has no Baptist church. We will be making a

survey trip there to establish a plan to get the Word of God into the hands of all 1,200 people. Again, we can only do this because of BLMF and those who support them. BLMF needs help! Are they part of your mission's program? If not, I urge you to rise up at such a time as this and sow some seed. Help them to help missionaries shake more salt. The night is coming, and we must be about our Father's business before the trumpet sounds. Let us redeem our time, openour hearts and let the Lord

of the Harvest reap a tremendous harvest that was first planted with much seed. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, and the god of the world is deeply embedded in the battle with lies and deceit. We need the Sword of the Spirit to defeat the enemy, and Bible Lit has been supplying the Lord's mission but could do much more...if we would give more. I will be speaking to our church here in Saipan about increasing our support of this ministry next month. I ask you to consider doing the same.



From 1/3/23 to 9/20/23 this ministry has produced and shipped 2.2 million Scriptures, shipping 23 containers in 18 Languages going into 21 countries. To produce these Bibles and Scriptures we purchased 23 trailer loads of paper at a cost of \$1,078,903.66, spending \$230,000 more for paper than we have received in contributions this year due to the \$10,000 per trailer load price increase in paper! 40,000 pounds of Scriptures per truck or container — 920,000lbs/460 tons!

Number of containers/Tailer— Contents - Country

- 1- French Bibles Haiti
- 3- Spanish Bibles & N.Ts Peru
- 1- English Bibles & N.Ts Philippines
- 1- Arabic Bibles & N.Ts Iraq
- 1- English Bibles & N.Ts South Africa
- 1- Thai J&R Thailand
- 1- Sp. Bibles & N.Ts Honduras
- 4.5.11.1.011.1.0.11.5.1

Mexico

Uganda

1- English Bibles & N.Ts Botswana

1- Sp. Bibles & N.Ts.

- 1- Eng. N.Ts & J&Rs Nigeria
- 1- Pidgin/Eng. N.Ts New Guinea
- 1- Ukrainian N.Ts Ukraine
- 1- Korean Bibles Korea
- 1- Eng./Tag. N.Ts Philippines
- 1- Ukrainian N.Ts Ukraine

1- Eng. Bibles & N.Ts

- 1- Ukrainian N.Ts Ukraine
- Oktamen 14.13
- 1- English Bibles Sierra Leone
- 1- Eng. Bibles & N.Ts. Kenya

- 1- Sp. Bibles & N.Ts. Mexico
- 1- Eng. Bibles & N.Ts. Philippines

With the exception of the three containers going to Peru, all of the other containers, where duplicate countries, the containers have gone to different missionaries! In addition to these 23 we have just completed reprints of Kannada Bibles & New Testaments for India and a run of Tagalog New Testaments for the Philippines with a run of 30,000 English Bibles on our large web press for another container for Kenya! Leaving us with a list of request for 13 more containers! All but the last five are confirmed as having safely arrived at their destinations!

We thank and praise the Lord for all of you dear pastors, churches and folks who pray for, partner with and financially support this ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness! In addition, our special thanks to three ministries who frequently help fund the cost of shipping containers: Pastor Thomas Wilson with "Bibles for Kenya," Pastor Richard Thompson with "Faith Baptist Ministries" and Pastor Russ Hanson with "Bibles to the Nations."

If you or your church are ever interested in sponsoring the shipping of a container please contact us. The amount varies considerably depending on the destination, anywhere from \$6,000 to \$24,000 per container. The greatest and most urgent need of this ministry however, is for us to retire this paper debt and the balance owed on the installation of our second web press, and increase our support level sufficient to purchase four trailer loads of paper a monthly.

Container Highlights



68,000 Scriptures for the Philippines



32,000 Whole Korean Bibles headed to South Korea



50,000 Headed to Kenya