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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

I was on the road in meetings for six straight weeks during September and October, but last week and this week I have enjoyed being in the office and around the printshop, in addition to sleeping in my own bed for a few nights. I have three more days in town before catching a flight to Philadelphia for two weeks of meetings in that area.

The last week in October is always a special time for me. It's the time of our home church's annual Faith Promise Mission Conference and a time for all of the VBP field representatives to get together all at one time. This year was by far the greatest conference in the history of the church. Brother Wendell Runion from Asheville, North Carolina, was here for the entire meeting (Wednesday through Sunday) and Missionary Adam Thompson was here Wednesday through Friday. All the preaching was tremendous, but Brother Runion and the pastor both agreed that Brother Thompson's message Thursday night on *As a king, give to a king* was the greatest mission message they had ever heard.

That Sunday morning the building was packed to capacity, people were saved, and some joined the church. On Sunday night the crowd looked like a repeat of Sunday morning. Four people were baptized, the

church ordained Mike Wilps, missionary to Paraguay, South America, added missionary printer Meza Oliveira to the mission program and the pastor announced the new Faith Promise commitment. There was that wonderful sound of "Amen!" and "Praise the Lord!" all over the auditorium when the pastor announced the largest increase in mission giving the church has ever experienced. I believe the Lord is well-pleased when His people give to Him, through His church and shout about it. Is that not what is meant by "...for God loveth a cheerful giver" in 2 Corinthians 9:7?

We had our annual Field Rep. meeting that Saturday afternoon and gave our income and production report for the past year. I was a little surprised myself when I saw that we had printed and shipped just about as many scriptures as we usually do each year, even with the problems and down time caused by four major hurricanes hitting Florida in the past year and Brother Bill Roberts being out of the shop for several weeks following colon cancer surgery.

Another blessing of the meeting was the Saturday night viewing of the new fifteen minute DVD showing live footage of the actual operation of the print shop. All the reps. now have new, high quality video projectors and will be showing the video in their presentations featuring the great need for the printed Word around the world. This could very well be the best tool we have ever had to show the churches what Victory Baptist Press is all about.

After the closing service on Sunday night, all the reps. and their families enjoyed a meal and some last minute fellowship at a local restaurant before hitting the road for another year.

It's a blessing and an honor for me to serve with such a dedicated group of workers. Please pray for all of us at VBP as we endeavor to serve our wonderful Lord together.

In Christ,

Jim Fellure

STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE ACCEPT the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice.

WE BELIEVE in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

WE BELIEVE in the deity of Christ - His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

WE BELIEVE all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour.

WE BELIEVE that men are born again through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

WE BELIEVE in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world.



Victory Baptist Press recommends Evangelist Phil Gabbard, an excellent preacher that adds emphasis to his messages with chalk drawings that he draws while he preaches.

Brother Gabbard's pastor says, "I have known Bro. Gabbard for the past 24 years. I have known him to be a great Bible teacher and preacher who has personally been a benefit to my ministry. I suppose the greatest statement I could make of him is, 'He lives out in his life what he preaches behind the pulpit; If you are looking for an evangelist that has the spirit of the Old Revivalist, I'm sure you would not be disappointed with Bro. Gabbard. He would help your people, and he would help your church.'" Pastor Joel Greer

You may contact Brother Gabbard at 16188 Duck Creek Road, Laurel, IN 46024. Ph: 765-647-2951/ 513-460-7332. email: drprg55@hotmail.com



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

There is a reoccurring theme that I dream about quite often. The circumstances and places are always different, but whatever is happening, I can never seem to get done what I am trying to do. It seems as if that is the way it has been with this new edition of the Spanish New Testament. It has been a long time getting ready, with delays for several reasons, some my fault, others

that could not be helped, but we finally have 24,000 printed and will be binding them soon. (If all goes well they should be all bound by the time you read this.) There has been a lot of controversy about this over the years, and it is not our desire to add to it, but it is our opinion that this is the best Spanish revision we have seen so far. It is our prayer that not only our ministry can print many more in time to come, but that others will join us and get it to all the Spanish-speaking people of the world.

The Telegu John/Romans is another project we are working on right now. There are over seventy million that speak this language in India. Right now we are dealing with a Brother over there who is getting the type set. Please pray that everything goes well with that, since we have no way to proof-read what we are printing. They do not even use a Roman alphabet. Their's looks about as bad as my cursive handwriting. Printing this is an act of faith in more ways than one. Bro. Keith Davidson is working on getting a

truckload of paper to print this project, along with some English John/Romans.

Your prayers for Bro. Bill Roberts are still greatly needed and appreciated. So far, he has done fairly well with his chemotherapy, feeling just a little nauseous and loosing a few eyelashes. His treatments will last through February, 2006, then he will undergo a regimen of radiation for 5 days a week for about a month. If he gets a clean bill of health after all that, he is still an old man (65 years old) in need of your prayers!

Your prayers for all of us in the print shop are greatly appreciated. Most commercial print shops have different crews for each aspect of the printing process. Three of us do everything from prepress to boxing the scripture. Sometimes we get a little brain overload and forget things, but God is good to let us do as much as we do, and we are thankful for the ability He has given us, and we plan to use it for His glory as long as we are able.

May God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg

“Dare we suggest the course of action that must be followed by the church of our time? We must have Christian thinkers who consider deeply and then write well the truth for others to read. The Christian tract, the booklet, the book, the treatise, the magazine, and the newspaper, written well and distributed wisely, are among the best instruments God has on earth to propagate His truth. The word spoken today will put a blip on the screen of the receptive mind, and then it will be gone. The word written today will print itself upon the mind behind that screen and never be forgotten.” -Dave Breece

**The Olivira Family
Scripture Printing Missionaries to Brazil**



Bro. Miza Oliveira has been a real blessing to have in the print shop the last several months. He came to the States from Brazil in 1997 to court a girl that had previously made a short term mission trip to Brazil. They got married in 1998, have three young children and one in the oven.

He first got the burden for scripture

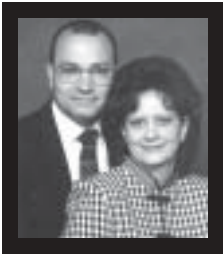
printing in 2003 while translating some letters from Brazil to another printing ministry, requesting literature. Brazil is not one of the easiest countries to ship large quantities of literature to, so it is often sent in M-bags through the post office. There is a weight limit of about 50 pounds per bag and costs about \$30.00 to mail. Bro. Miza caught the burden and wants to do something about it. Since he is a native Brazilian, he can go back, and even bring an entire container with him one time.

After praying about it for a short time, our director, Bro. Jim Fellure, preached a meeting at his church in Maryland presenting VBP. Bro. Miza talked with him about it, and a short time later decided to move his family to Milton, Florida, so he could hang around the print shop here as much as possible to learn this ministry of printing God's Word. Hurricane Ivan delayed his plans for a few months, but they finally got here in March of this year.

Since he has been here, the Lord has provided a small sheet-fed press, a plate-maker and a booklet maker. The only other thing he needs to have a small complete print shop, is a paper cutter. Besides all this, someone has promised to help him buy a much larger press once he gets back to Brazil.

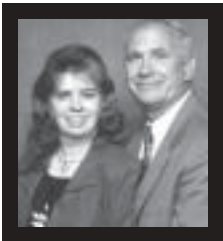
Bro. Miza has learned a lot in the short time he has been here and has a real burden to get the word of God, not only to the Brazilian people, but to all of South and Central America. By the grace of God, I have been allowed to print millions of scripture portions over the years. By the same grace of God, Bro. Miza will be able to do the same thing in Brazil. He plans on starting deputation for the ministry around the first of the year. He is not even trying to raise personal support, since God has already met that need, but just for the ministry itself. If you would consider having him in your church to present the work and the burden he has for Brazil, you can call him at 443-480-2730-AB

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE VICTORY
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RICK & MELINDA REED have been field representatives for Victory Baptist Press since October of 1996. Brother Reed gave up a very comfortable and secure employment position in order to help send the Gospel of Christ around the world through this ministry.

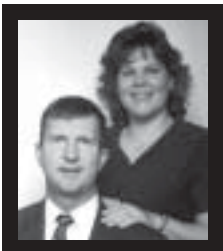
Contact the Reeds at 12207 Buckhorn Cemetery Rd., Moody, Texas 76557. Phone (254)853.9353.



BILL AND VICKI RICHBURG left a full-time ministry in South Carolina and became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in January of 1999. Brother Richburg has pastored churches in West Virginia, Virginia, and South Carolina.

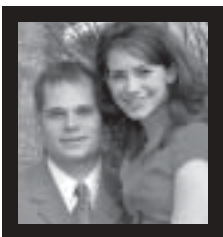
Contact the Richburgs at P. O. Box 508, Six Mile, South Carolina 29682. Phone

(864)868.9988.



MARTIN AND ANNE FULLER became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in January, 2002. Brother Fuller attended Tabernacle Baptist College of Greenville, South Carolina, and was on staff under Dr. Harold Sightler. He also served as assistant pastor and youth director and pastored for twelve years in Texas.

Contact them at P.O. Box 474, Grovetown, Georgia 30813. Phone (706)556.8369.



Paul and Rachael Edes met While attending Oklahoma Baptist College in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. After graduation in May of 2005, they were married and started their service for the Lord together. We are glad to have this fine dedicated couple as field representatives.

Contact them at P. O. Box 766, Milton, Florida 32572. Phone (850)384.1564.

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Ray & Juanita Bowie

“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

I Thessalonians. 5:18

Praise the Lord for those who have been saved in Mexico since our last prayer letter. Monica Guzman was saved in Caborca, Sonora, Mexico. (Her husband got saved first.) Max and Monica have both been doing Bible lessons in our correspondence school. Max is now helping in our prison services. His wife is locked up in a different part of the prison, so she is unable to attend the all-men services.

Recently, in front of the pharmacy in Mexico while talking to the proprietor, I had the privilege of leading him to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. His name is Hiram Pena of Nogales, Sonora, Mexico.

I have felt the need of wearing a knife-proof vest in the prisons for a long time. We have many stabbings of guards and fellow inmates. Recently, a brother in Indiana got a vest for me from Germany. I feel much better and safer wearing it.

Prayer Needs :

1. More missionaries in Mexico.
2. U.I.M. Aviation. Our pilot, Mark, is unable to fly now due to an ear infection.
3. All of our suppliers of Bibles, New Testaments, tracts, etc. since everything is given to us free.
4. Pray for the trucking companies also, that help us at no cost.

Yours for Souls in Mexico,
Ray & Juanita Bowie

The motto of every missionary, whether preacher, printer, or schoolmaster, ought to be “Devoted for life.”

-- Adoniram Judson

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"Blessed are the dead in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

From the Quotable Spurgeon

Ruskin, a most accurate observer, said, "Break off an elm bough three feet long, in full leaf, and lay it on the table before you, and try to draw it, leaf for leaf. It is ten to one if in the whole bough you find one leaf exactly like another. Perhaps you will not even have one complete. Every leaf will be oblique, or foreshortened, or curled, or crossed by another, or have something the matter with it. And though the whole bough will look graceful and symmetrical, you will scarcely be able to tell how or why it does, since there is not one line of it like another."

If such an infinite variety prevails in creation, we may reasonably expect to find the same in the experience of the saints. Uniformity is no rule of spiritual life. We must not judge others because their feelings have not been precisely similar to ours. All the saints are led in a right way, but no two of them precisely in the same way. Far be it from us to set up a standard and expect all to be conformed to it. If we reject all believers who labor under infirmities, or are marred with faults, our fellowship will be quite limited.

-- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH IN LAS VEGAS GETTING THE JOB DONE COULD USE SOME HOME MISSION SUPPORT

The following letter from Brother Scott Postma was dated September 28, 2005.

Dear Brother Fellure,

Thank you for the opportunity to publish our need in your newsletter.

Currently, we are waiting on a permit to finish construction on a 4,400 sq. ft. facility that we have recently leased. We have outgrown our Community Center where we've set up and broke down for nearly 4 years. The max capacity of the little building is 89, but we have been consistently exceeding that and the city has begun to express concern, and it is imperative that we move soon.

Due to the current real estate market in Las Vegas, we could not afford to purchase land, but have taken a giant step of Faith and leased a 4,400 sq. ft. building and have drawn plans for a 200-seat auditorium, six classrooms and two offices. Our lease is approx. \$7,700.00 per month and our cost to furnish and move in are in the range of \$38,000.00 of which our church has sacrificially raised more than \$16,000! We have received a little more than \$8,000.00 in other help. We still need to raise \$14,000.00 in the next 30 days to complete this step.

Please pray with us about this matter as this Church has made a tremendous impact already and we still have more work than one man can imagine doing in this city. If we could purchase an acre of land and build a 500-seat auditorium in this area of the city it would cost more than 6 million dollars to buy and build today.

*By His Grace and For His Glory,
Scott Postma*

Editors note: I have been in the Mountain View Baptist Church in Las Vegas on two occasions and have seen first hand what they are doing. These are not fly-by-night flunkies looking for the line of least resistance. Brother Postma started the church and has done a fabulous job, but as you can see they could use some home mission support to help get into the new building. I highly recommend them! -JF

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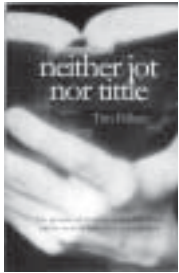
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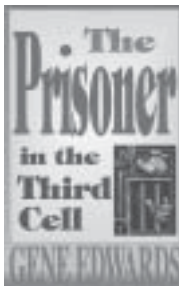
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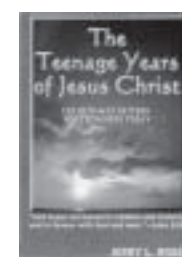
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Pastor Tim Fellure

Spiritual Authority

Romans 13:1-3

We are facing an authority crisis in our nation. "Question authority" has become more than a bumper sticker for hippies; it has become the battle cry of our age. If our society can be defined with one overriding characteristic it has to be rebellion against authority. The moral crisis swallowing our nation is the fruit of the authority crisis. As a result of one generation throwing off the shackles of authority, the next generation must reap the whirlwind of such anarchy.

The twenty-first century was welcomed by a generation of rebels who, believing that true freedom comes from escaping authority, challenged any claims to authority over their lives. They were not taught respect to authority in the home, were not made to obey the authority in the school, were influenced by a rock culture to defy the authority of law and government, and will die without recognizing, in the least regard, the ultimate authority which belongs to God. This is the authority crisis we are facing!

The question of authority is the most fundamental issue of life. The #1 question of the universe is, "Who's going to be in charge?" In all arenas of life there must be an authority: the state, church, home, school, and the workplace. The absence of authority brings about anarchy: every man becomes his own authority and does what he alone determines is right.

What Is Authority?

Authority is the power or right to give commands, enforce obedience, take action, or make final decisions." Authority gives one the right to impose his will upon others. It places the person possessing authority in a position over others and gives him the final

say in all matters pertaining to his area of authority. Simply stated, the one with authority is in charge.

This is the most fundamental principle of order in our society. Someone must have the final say in judicial concerns, legislative matters, economic decisions, etc. No institution – school, home, church, business, or government – can exist or function properly without a duly recognized authority. That authority may be an individual or a group (such as the Congress), but someone must exercise authority.

In regarding authority, the distinction between authority and power must be recognized. Authority and power work together, but they are not the same principle. Authority is the right to command; power is the strength with which to enforce those commands. The only one who has absolute power and authority is God. He alone has the right to demand His will upon all men and the power to enforce that will upon whomsoever He decides.

Where Does Authority Come From?

All primary authority comes from God. He derives His authority from no one; it is His by virtue of Him being the Creator and Supreme Being of the Universe. All authority is God's authority. Take all earthly authority back to its source and you end up at the throne of God. The only authority anyone possesses is given to him by God (Dan. 4:17; 12:1; John 19:10-11).

When you understand this then you will know why the world hates God. Man is a rebel at heart and, in his natural state, resents all restraints and demands on his life. Man's war against God is war against God's authority. God demands to have the final say so all attempts to expunge God from life is an attempt to get away from God's authority. When you get rid of God as the authority you are left to conclude that man (you) is the ultimate authority.

Now, if all authority is God's authority, then all rebellion against authority is rebellion against God. The origin of sin was when Lucifer rebelled against the throne (authority) of God. All sin is ultimately a rebellion against the authority of God. Anytime you rebel against a legitimate authority above you, you play the devil. All sin is a sin of rebellion.

When God created Adam and placed him in the Garden of Eden, He established His authority over man by giving him one command. By forbidding Adam to eat of the

tree of knowledge of good and evil He was setting Himself as the authority over Adam. He created both the tree and the man; thus, it was His right to exercise that authority. When Adam sinned, he sinned against God's authority. He rebelled at the command of God – this is the essence of all sin. (*Space does not permit us to address the area of delegated authority.*)

What Is My Responsibility To Authority?

Obedience. It goes without saying that God demands obedience to His Word, but He also commands us to obey the earthly powers that are over us. Whether in government, the place of employment, the home, or the church we are to obey God-delegated authorities. As all authority is God's authority, to rebel against the delegated authorities over us is to rebel against God.

To temper this principle it should be noted that obedience to authority is expected only in the area of authority that has been given. The pastor oversteps his bounds when he tries to dictate to the personal lives of the church members. Only God has absolute authority; all delegated authority is limited. Then it must be stated that obedience to delegated authority should never cause one to violate the laws of God. No authority has the right to usurp itself above God.

Submission. Submission goes deeper than authority in that it touches the heart. Obedience is an action; submission is an attitude. One can obey without submitting, but he cannot submit without obeying. The duty of all those under authority is to submit. It is not enough to obey the orders of authority over you; you are to submit to the will and direction of that authority. Rebellion is the opposite of submission – you are either submissive or rebellious. God looks on the heart and expects to see humility and submission.

Obedience is toward a command; submission is to a will. I must obey the laws of God and submit to the will of God. If you argue with authority, you have never learned submission. If authority offends you and you resent someone telling you what to do, you have never learned submission. If you are defensive and sensitive and overly protective, you have never learned submission. If you bow up at reproof and rebuke, you have never learned submission. You have plenty of excuses and arguments, but what you don't have is a submitted heart. And if that authority has been delegated by God, you place yourself in rebellion against Him.