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2006 WAS A GREAT YEAR FOR **VICTORY BAPTIST PRESS!**

"So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase...Now **he that planteth and he that watereth are one**: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour....**For we are labourers together with God:**" (1 Cor. 3:7-9)

THANK YOU to all of those who have a vital part in the VBP ministry that is literally reaching around the world with the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the past year hundreds of thousands of Bibles, New Testaments, or Bible portions were printed and shipped to the mission fields without charge.

If you had one of the VBP field representatives in your church this past year; if you gave a special offering to our paper fund; if you gave an offering to support a day of operation of the printshop; if you included Victory Baptist Press in your regular mission budget; if you sent a gift in memory of a deceased loved one; if you purchased a book from the VBP online bookstore; if you prayed for the safety and success of this ministry, then we say, "THANK YOU FOR HELPING US HELP OTHERS."

Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

By God's good grace I will make social security age (65) this year, and Mary and I both have excellent health. Neither of us take any medications, and so far we have not even got into the "wind down syndrome." It's amazing that such an unworthy sinner like me could have such a wonderful life and ministry. Every member of my immediate family is faithfully serving the Lord. They all have good health and have more of the material things of this world than they really need.

Last year I had the privilege of going in and out of Mexico with the Gospel several times, preaching meetings all over the eastern half of the United States, and working in the office and around the printshop when I was home in Florida.

I have heard many preachers say that "the figures don't match," meaning that they didn't have enough money to do what was needed, but God had blessed their meager supply and let it be more than enough. I am now a living testimony to that truth. For some unknown reason our personal support level was down in 2006, but at the time of this writing, I can honestly say with the great apostle Paul, "But I have all, and abound: I am full,..." In fact, the good Lord allowed me to give more money to missions in 2006 than any other year in my life. The bills are all paid, and I have need of nothing. **To God be the glory!**

Victory Baptist Press has now printed scriptures in ten languages, but Spanish continues to be the one most requested. In our last Newsletter I mentioned the project we

are doing for Missionary Adam Thompson in Pachuca, Mexico. Our home church also supports several other missionaries in Mexico, and we will continue to do all we can to help them because they are good, godly brethren, doing a great work for our Lord. However, if we are not careful and stay on top of the situation, we will let the Hispanic population of our own country perish.

Patrick Buchanan says in his book, *State of Emergency*, that by the year 2050 the United States will be a third world country. His reasoning is that the illegal immigrants are breaking our back financially. He cites cases in California where the illegals are using the hospital emergency rooms as clinics without paying, forcing more than eighty hospitals in that state to close their doors.

Poverty in third world countries is the curse of God because of idol worship, and since the largest minority group in our country is idol worshipping, Catholic Hispanics, we should do our best to win them to Christ, start Spanish speaking churches, and make Spanish Bibles available for them. We will never be able to supply all the Spanish scriptures we get requests for, but by the grace of God we plan to print and distribute many more Spanish Bibles and Bible portions in 2007 than in any previous year.

If the meetings in 2007 are as good as the ones last year, then I am in for a very fruitful year. I have several meetings already booked and have no doubt that God will keep me as busy as I can possibly be.

If any of you pastors feel that I could be of help to you in a special meeting in 2007, give me a call. If the dates are open, I will be glad to come regardless of the size of your church. I make no financial demands at all, I only ask for the liberty to emphasize the need for world-wide evangelism and to present the ministry of Victory Baptist Press sometime during the meeting.

Thank you for your prayers and personal support, and if the Lord Jesus Christ does not come this year, may God bless you with the greatest year of service to Him you have ever had.

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.

"In the church of God
two opposite dangers are
to be recognized and
avoided: they are a cold
heart and a hot head."

-A. W. Tozer



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The year 2006 has been a good year in many respects, but it has also been a hard year in others. The latest project to be completed was 60,000 English John/Romans going to a missionary in South Africa. Our next big project, currently in progress, is 50,000 Spanish John/Romans to go to the

city of Pachuca, Mexico. These will be passed out there during Mexico's independence day celebrations, by the church Missionary Adam Thompson started. Please pray that many souls will be saved from the Bible portions that will be passed out in these two countries.

During this past year, our family has lost two dogs and a cat. While we were saddened by each one, I am reminded that they do not have an eternal soul, and that we should be more burdened for the lost than we are many times. This last year we have also seen a sister-in-law, Jeannie Mach, pass into eternity, as well as an old friend, Ralph Cedeño. Jeannie was wheel chair bound from the age of 10, and there were many things she could not do, but it did not stop her from serving her Saviour. Many friends and relatives at her funeral testified how she had been a blessing to them. Bro. Ralph was a simple man, of my age that loved God. Neither of these ever made headlines down here, but by the numbers of people that showed up for their funerals, it was evident that they had both touched many lives in one way or

another. Both of them loved the Word of God, and I am sure that this fact played no small part in the blessing that they were to others. I get great comfort from God's Word that they are in heaven rejoicing today, and it is my desire that as many people as possible learn about God's love for them, by reading it for themselves in God's own book. It is a powerful book, and coupled with a God-called preacher, there is no telling how much good has been done in the world over the years, and how much more still can be done. Will you please send missionaries that will preach the Book to the billions of hurting people around the globe, and will you please help us provide them with the most powerful message in all the world?

I hope that 2007 is a blessed year for all who read this, and I know it will be if you earnestly seek and follow God's will and direction for your lives this year.

May God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE VICTORY
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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/(864)506.2380.



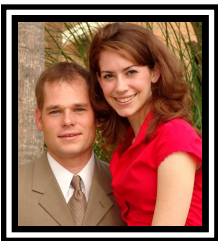
RICK & MELINDA REED have been field representatives for Victory Baptist Press since October of 1996. Brother Reed gave up a very comfortable and secure employment position in order to help send the glorious Gospel of Christ around the world through this ministry.

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



MARTIN AND ANNE FULLER left a full-time ministry and 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 an assistant pastor and youth director, and pastored for twelve years in Texas.

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



Paul and Rachael Edes: Paul has been in Victory Baptist Church for the past fifteen years. While attending Oklahoma Baptist College in Oklahoma City, he met Rachael, and 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 young couple as field representatives. Contact the Edes at P. O. Box 766, Milton, FL 32577. Phone (850)384.1564.

"It is scarcely possible in most places to get anyone to attend a meeting where the only attraction is God. One can only conclude that God's professed children are bored with Him, for they must be wooed to meeting with a stick of striped candy in the form of religious movies, games, and refreshments."

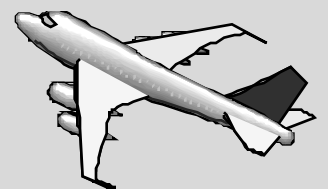
-A. W. Tozer

FOR HIM OR AGAINST HIM?

From Field Representative Martin Fuller's July/August, 2006 prayer letter:

Pastor Mike Toft, of Island City Baptist Church, shared this inspiring story of how the Bible radically changed his life, and I would like to share it with you. As a college student majoring in journalism, he was playing basketball, and badly injured his ankle. Laid up with some rare "down" time, he began to read his Bible. His parents had just given him his first King James Version, a Ryrie Study Bible. That week he read through the entire New Testament, and every week after that for the next five months. Even though he was raised in church and heard many sermons,...he said, "Reading my Bible challenged me to come to a place of decision." He saw that in the teachings of Jesus, you were either for Him or against Him. No "in-between" for this dedicated young man. God placed such a heavy burden for souls on his heart, that he had no other choice but to be for Christ all the way. He and a few buddies proceeded to knock on **EVERY** door on his campus where over 8,000 students and faculty resided. He led most of his dorm to the Lord; and where once drugs and anger reigned, peace prevailed to such an extent that the dorm supervisor noticed the change. They also went to the popular student hangouts and witnessed there. What made the difference? How did a nominal young Christian awaken to the needs of others and become used of God to win souls on his secular campus? Simple; he had a Bible, and he immersed himself with the Scriptures, over fifty pages a day. He read it with an open heart, and God kindled a desire to be used to bring souls to Himself. Brother Toft was later called to the ministry and started a thriving work in Winona, Minnesota. God has shown His Word powerful. We have this power in our hands. After hearing Pastor Toft's testimony, God renewed our determination to see the Bible printed in every language, and given to every people, so that national pastors will be able to preach, not just out of a gospel tract, but with power from the Word of God. -MF

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Blessings & Benefits

by Mrs. Pam Leake

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. (Ps. 68:19)

"What can I get him for Christmas?"

"I want to get the perfect gift, but I just have no idea!"

"What if they don't like what we gave them?"

"I'm just exhausted from the stress of it all!"

These are some of what we all may have heard, having just come through the gift-giving holidays. Maybe you, as I, were a little stressed by all the activities and things to be done during the Christmas season. However, the Lord saw my condition and gently and graciously helped me refocus my attention on what was most important. His gentle squeeze of my heart and His still small voice through His Word said, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). He reminded me of all the wonderful gifts He has given me that I momentarily lost sight of and failed to thank Him for. What a gracious Giver, and how perfect are His gifts!

He gives gifts that are available to all who will receive them: salvation through Jesus Christ, His only Son whom He gave; a place He's prepared in heaven for us for all of eternity; crowns for a faithful walk with Christ; and the gift of His perfect peace. On and on His Word, an immeasurable blessing in itself, reveals His gifts. But beyond that, He knows how to give unique, individualized gifts to His children, because He knows us intimately. How I thank Him for the beauty of a brilliant red cardinal visiting my birdfeeder each day, because the Lord knows I love birds. What a blessing to watch the young children at church present the Nativity as only children can, and God knows how much seeing children grow in the Lord means to me and what a special place they have in my heart. And, oh, what a gift He gave this "Nana" in my twin grandsons! He knows how I enjoy hearing their voices on the phone saying, "I love you Nana" when I can't see them in person. And He even gives me grace when I fail in so many areas, or when those "senior moments" happen all too frequently. God gives such perfect gifts!

It's hard to comprehend how the Creator of the universe can know me intimately and love me enough to give me every good and perfect gift that blesses so. Lord forgive me for taking my eyes off of the One who is the ultimate Gift-Giver! -PL



Ray & Juanita Bowie

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

MISSIONARY NEWS CLOSING THE YEAR OF 2006

Praise the Lord for the many in our prison services who called upon the Lord to be saved, repenting of sin and putting their faith in our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord for all of our suppliers. In 2006 we received over 600,000 John and Romans, 37,820 New Testaments in Spanish, several million tracts, lots of boxes of "Born of God" in Spanish, and boxes of goodies to give to prisoners' children for Christmas.

Praise the Lord for all those helping us to keep flying to our prison work.

This year has been rather quiet. We have not had any fights, stabbings, riots, or killings in the prisons.

We have had some bad turbulence in the airplane. On one of our trips, we went around a few storms. On another flight, we were flying along and suddenly dropped a little - my head hit the ceiling twice and the plane did the "jitterbug." That planeride, and a few others, were all the hair raising experiences of the year. But it is worth a few bad, questionable experiences to see lives changed.

A special, "Thank You," to everyone for praying and giving so we can labor in Mexico and help other missionaries.

Prayer needs:

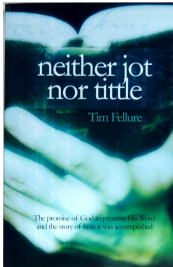
1. All of our suppliers
2. Everyone helping us.
3. Continued health and safety.

Yours for souls in Mexico,
Ray & Juanita Bowie

ANSWERS TO BIBLE PUZZLE: This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john-boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vicks mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot...that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The truth is, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help! Books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph.

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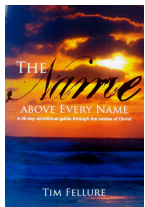
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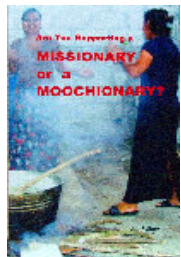
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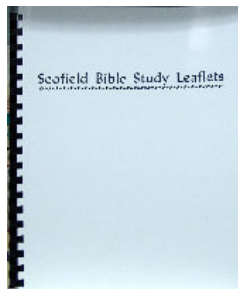
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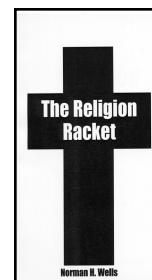
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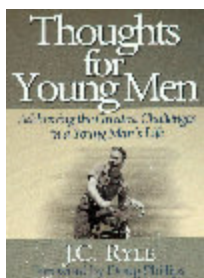
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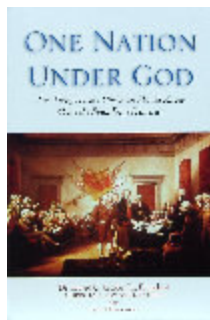
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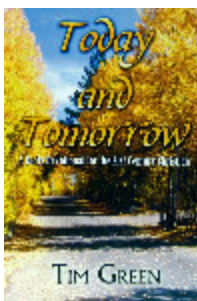
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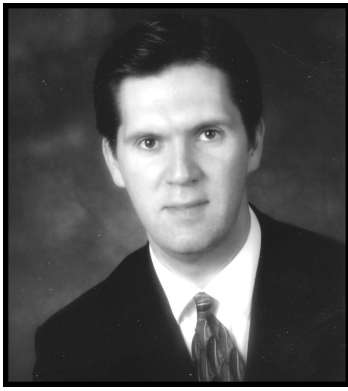
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Pastor Tim Fellure

Why The Promises of God are Precious

2 Peter 1:4 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

Several attempts have been made to count all the promises of God in the Bible, but I am not sure that any of the calculations are exact. I can't say with any confidence how many promises there are, but I know there are a great number of them. God has made great and exceeding **promises** to His children. I am the **promisee**, in that I claim those promises and have before me a **promissory note** in which God has written the promises down. I do not worry that there will ever be a **breach of promise**, for God has never failed to come through one time. *"Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise ..."* (1 Kings 8:56)

A mere mental decision to bestow a benefit is not a promise. The decision must be declared, either by speaking it or writing it down, for it to constitute a promise. I may have decided in my mind that I am going to do a thing for you, but I am not bound to do it because I have not said I would. It is when I speak to you and tell you that I am going to do this thing on your behalf, then I have made a promise. It is essential that the promise be made because that is what binds the person making the promise. When I speak it, it then becomes binding. I have bound myself according to my word. Likewise, God has bound Himself to His

Word. He has made some promises – not just a mental decision to bless – but a promise. The promise has been spoken and written, and God must do according as He has promised.

1.) Precious Because of the Source of the Promises!

A promise is only as good as the person making it. It is regrettable that we live in a day when a man's word doesn't carry much weight. The man on the street would lie to you just as soon as he would tell you the truth. I don't think there is anyone reading this who wants a reputation as a liar. Do you think then that God cares for His reputation? Do you think God wants to be thought of as One who won't keep His promises? *"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"* (Num. 23:19).

I am a skeptical man. I have come to the place where I don't believe a fraction of what I hear. I have learned that men will lie to you, and even Christians will burn you. We have been conditioned to be skeptical, watch our back, and take everything we hear with reservation. But so often we take the promises of God the same way. We have to say we believe them, but deep in our hearts we doubt that God would ever come through for us. But God never over-promises, and He never under-delivers. He does everything He said He would do and so much more.

2.) Precious Because of the Scope of the Promises!

There are promises for every person and promises for every problem. You have yet to have a situation that God does not have a word for. Every pastor has people coming to him for help on a weekly basis, and it seems that common problems are becoming so much more complex today. But you are not in such desperate and hopeless straits that God doesn't have a promise for you.

Does fear grip your soul? God has a promise for that (Pro. 3:24; Ps. 91:1-10). Does worry cloud your mind? God has a

promise for that (Ps. 29:11). Do you need help with your finances? God has a promise for that (Ps. 1:3; Pro. 37:5). Do you want your children to grow up and be blessed? God has a promise for that (Pro. 11:21; 20:7; 3:33). Do you need protection from trouble? God has a promise for that (Ps. 31:23; 91:10). Are you already in trouble and need deliverance? God has a promise for that (Ps. 34:19; Jer. 29:11;). Do you need forgiveness and cleansing from sin? God has a promise for that (Isa. 43:25; 44:22).

3.) Precious Because of the Surety of the Promise!

Have you ever had someone make you a promise and you really didn't expect it to come through? You didn't get too excited because this person had made promises before, but he always had an excuse when it didn't happen. Well, you can get excited when you read the promises of God, because He always performs what He promises. Now it may be that the fulfillment of the promise is delayed. Abraham and Sarah were promised a child, but the fulfillment didn't happen until years later, and when they thought it was impossible. But God is never late. All of God's promises are dated in heaven, and none will ever come past due. The promises of God are backed by His **love**. Behind all God's promises is the love of a Father's heart who wants only the best for His children. The promises of God are backed by His **faithfulness**. A promise is of little account if you have no confidence in the person making the promise; your suspicion of that person's trustworthiness decreases the value of their promise. In that God has never failed one of His promises yet, you have no reason to doubt Him now. The promises of God are backed by His **power**. We have all made promises beyond our ability. We even had good intentions when we made the promise, but circumstances hindered us from making good on our word. We didn't lie; we just promised beyond our power. But God has never done that! His omnipotence ensures that He can accomplish all that He has promised. He cannot promise something He cannot perform. -TF