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Victory Baptist Press of Latin America

VBP is extending the scripture printing ministry into the country of Brazil with Brother Mizael Oliveira and his wife Darlene directing the operation.

Read the details in the Editor's notes on page two.

Brazil:

Fifth largest country in the world Largest country in Latin America

Population:

188,078.227 (July 2006 est)

Languages:

Portuguese (official), Spanish, English, French

Age structure:

0-14 years: 25.8% 15-64 years: 68.1% 65 years and over: 6.1%

Life expectancy:

63 years

Literacy rate:

83%

Religion:

74% Roman Catholic

About ninety percent of Brazilians declare some sort of religious affiliation.

Oliveira Family



Daniel, Darlene, Andrew, Timothy, Mizael, Michael

Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Dear Friends,

I closed my personal notes in the last issue of the Newsletter with these words, "I have a doctor's appointment tomorrow afternoon, and I expect him to tell me I don't need his services any longer." Thank God, the doctor said what I expected. I now have a clean bill of health and no doctors' appointments. To quote myself again, "It's wonderful to have plenty of work to do, and it is a blessing to have good health to do it with."

VBP IS GOING TO BRAZIL

In 1995, a teen-age girl named Darlene, from the Eastern Shore Bible Baptist Church of Galena, Maryland, spent five months in Brazil. Little did she know how drastically and wonderfully the Lord would change her life as a result of that short term mission trip. While she was in Brazil, she met a young Brazilian named Mizael (Miza) Oliveira who had been saved under the ministry of missionary Jimmy Rose. Miza and Darlene struck up a courtship, and he soon came to the US to marry Darlene and start a family. They now have four children and are members of our home church here in Milton, Florida.

Brother Miza has a great burden for his own people and has dedicated himself to reaching the Latin American countries. He spent one year in the VBP shop learning to set up and run the printing equipment. Just as soon as we can raise the funds needed for shipping and Miza does his deputation for personal support, he and his family will be returning to Brazil to establish and direct the

Victory Baptist Press of Latin America.

Within the last two years, land has been purchased in Brazil, a building is partially constructed, and all the necessary equipment to set up a complete print shop, including a camera, platemaker, and two presses, has been loaded into a container ready to be shipped. To ship the container and get it through Brazilian customs will cost approximately \$10,000. It will cost another \$10,000 to finish the building that will house the print shop. If you would like to be a part of setting up shop in Brazil, send your offering to Victory Baptist Press marked for Brazil. If you would like to have Brother Miza for a meeting, call his cell phone at 850-797-5329 or call our home office.

Thomas F. Woodward Endowment Fund

In 1984, Brother Tom Woodward started Victory Baptist Press for the express purpose of printing and providing scriptures, at no cost, for missionaries and churches. Brother Woodward passed away in 1994, but the ministry has continued to grow and operate with the same policy of not charging for the scriptures we print. Any book that we sell or print for others, provides money for free scripture printing, but most of the expense for operating the press is met by support from our friends and churches who believe in what we are doing. We have now established the Thomas F. Woodward Endowment Fund that, the Lord willing (in addition to the regular mission support) will generate a continuous supply of support for VBP. Within the next few weeks, there will be a brochure and cover letter mailed out explaining how the program works. If you wish, you may go to our bookstore website, www.victorybaptistpress.com and click on the Endowment Fund link to read a brief description of the program and to donate online.

The Printing Of The Whole Spanish Bible Is On Hold

Brother Berg has spent a lot of time getting all the layout and platemaking done for the printing of the RVG Spanish Bible. If we ordered paper today, we would be ready to print by the time it got to us. However, the load of paper is going to cost at least

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.

\$25,000, and we only have about \$9,000 in the paper fund. We have a lot of requests for the Spanish Bible, and it is hard to say "no," but until the money is in hand, we won't order the paper. Please pray with us that this need will be met soon.

Please continue to pray for VBP, Jim Fellure



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since our last Newsletter, the shell of the new building is completed. Stucko will now go on two sides of the building, and the electrical, heat, and air will be installed. After the floors are painted and a few inside walls framed, it will be time to move all the equipment. That is the part I am looking forward to least of all. Maybe I will take a vacation that week!

Other than the building and moving the equipment, our next big project is still the whole Spanish Bible. We have not actively started looking for paper prices, but one company sent me a sample and the price was about .69/pound. That is nearly .30 more than we are used to paying, putting a truckload at about \$27,600. Pray that God will either provide the money or bring the price down. On the positive side, this is thinner paper than we usually get, so the yield should be greater.

On a personal note, my son Albert Timothy will be getting married this June. We have a prayer card for my family on the bulletin board here in the shop when we first started in the ministry, and he is just a toddler in the picture, and my daughter (who has just finished her first year at Crown College in Powell, TN) is not even in it. God certainly has been good to this old sinner.

Please pray that God will continue to bless Victory Baptist Press as we endeavor to provide scripture portions to missionaries and individuals around the world.

May God bless you, Bro. Albert Berg

Victory Baptist Press Recommends Missionary John Allen

Our good friends, Brother John Allen and his wife, Salina, left Los Angeles on Friday, March 7, 2008, and arrived in Papua, New Guinea, two days later and immediately started their ministry in that country. Just today (April 26) I received the following letter via email. You can tell this is a personal letter by the "Hey, Preacher."

Hey, Preacher,

Thinking about you a lot. Just dropping you a line to let you know that we pray for you, your wife, your health and ministry, and for Bro. Tim, his family, and the church and printing ministry.

We are doing great and staying busy. Logistic difficulties take a lot of time, like just getting your food up into the mountains. Going grocery shopping to last eight weeks at a time, then packing it all into boxes and taking it to the airport to arrange flying it all in, sure makes you appreciate driving to Kroger three times a week! Matt's bobcat breaks down, and it takes a couple weeks to get parts into PNG, then even longer to get a flight to bring them up to the bush...while the bobcat sits still, not working on the airstrip. But, hey, we've seen several saved in the last two weeks.

My wife has begun seeing patients on Matt's front porch (we haven't even started building our own house yet...that will take a few more months to cut down the trees and saw the lumber). She saw about 275 people in just the last two weeks. We are both learning Pidgin and Kamea. Pidgin is written, and they even have a KJV New Testament version. Kamea is the language we are going to be working on writing down and translating. Lots of work, but I love it. One day we really pray that God will give us the ability to speak their language like they do, to teach them to read and write, and to give them God's word in their own language. Not many of our people speak anything other than Kamea, let alone read or write.

We've got lots of new pictures from over here up on the website (www.TheRegionsBeyond.com). Bro Heckaman put them on for us and he did a great job. We have sent some more but are not sure if and when they will get put up.

Greetings to your wife and the folks at Victory. Thanks for your friendship and for being a blessing to this young preacher and his family. Know of our prayers for you.

Bro. John

For Just \$684.96 You Can Sponsor a Complete Day of Operation of the Victory Baptist Press Print Shop.

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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.



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 there 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 317 Chick Springs Rd., Greenville, South Carolina 29609 Phone (706)294.5832.



Paul and Rachael Edes: Paul has been in Victory Baptist Church since 1991. 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 32572. Phone (850)384.1564.

How Do You Measure Up?

If one inch represented ten-million souls, the three-billion that have never had the scriptures translated into their language, would measure twenty-five feet.

VBP IS LOSING TWO FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

Brother Rick Reed has accepted a call to pastor Calvary Baptist Church in Temple, Texas, and Brother Paul Edes is going to be an assistant pastor to Brother Ken Shaver (his father-in-law) in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Brother Edes will continue traveling for VBP until December; then he will move to Kentucky.

The need is great, and the loss of field reps. never makes the work that God has called us to any easier. Both of these men realize the need for the printing and distribution of the scriptures, and we deeply appreciate them recommending that their supporting churches transfer their personal support to Victory Baptist Press.

Please pray for God to bless these men in their new ministries.

In His service,

Bill Richburg

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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)

The day had been especially trying and physically draining for me. I had spent a number of hours sitting in physicians' waiting rooms, having taken a friend to an appointment in the morning and then my mother to an appointment in the afternoon. I had accomplished little at work and knew I'd have to play "catch up" tomorrow. However, the following day found my elderly mother experiencing severe abdominal pain, necessitating a trip to the emergency room - a seven hour stay there - and subsequent admission to the hospital. These events were at the close of a busy week of regular daily tasks and preparation for our church's annual mission conference. My selfish thought was to go home, crawl in bed, and not come out for days!

I relate these experiences, not to complain, but rather to illustrate the condition that overtook me and the ease with which I slipped into a spiritual needy state. I had missed my early morning time with the Lord for a couple of days and found myself struggling to fit it in at another time. I was suffering from a lack of spiritual food to strengthen me and I knew it. But, the Lord is such a faithful Friend, and He was patiently waiting and ever-present when I finally sought Him.

The scriptures tell me that the Lord inhabits praise, and oh, I needed to be where He was! When I made the time for Him and feasted on the praise and thanksgiving of the Psalms, offering my praise and worship to Him...I found Him there ready to lift me up and encourage me! Whenever I bless His name and reflect on His greatness, when I rehearse in my own heart His grace and goodness and His tender mercies over all His works, it is a spiritual "medicine" for my ailing soul. Praise for my Lord brings Him near so that He can refresh and revive me. Then I am able to petition Him freely with my requests and, as the psalmist writes, "He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them." (Ps. 145:19)

There is great power in praising the Lord. Circumstances may overwhelm you and the pressures of life may rob you of your joy and your spiritual health - but STOP for just a few minutes and PRAISE Him: He will be there; WORSHIP Him: He will bless and uphold you!

Pam Leake

NOTE: Pam is the wife of Ed Leake, pastor of Colonial Baptist Church and director of Colonial Press of Charlottesville, Virginia. You may email her at: pamleake@colonialbaptist-cville.org.

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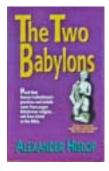


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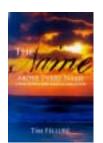
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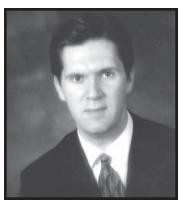
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Pastor Tim Fellure

God Is Faithful

2 Timothy 2:11-13

"If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful." What a word for troubled souls! Even when we are weak and our faith fails in the face of trials and testing, you can know that God is faithful. Paul is writing to believers, but he says it is possible to be an "unbelieving" believer. That is, someone who has believed in Christ for the saving of his soul, but that is where his believing stopped. They haven't believed Him for life. They believe God will accept them into heaven when they die, but they don't believe that God will take care of them on the earth.

I will concede that there are times when it is difficult to believe God. Sometimes our circumstances make it so hard to hold on to such outlandish promises that God has given us. But when we doubt, here is a faithful saying - "If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful."

1) God is Faithful to His Creation!

"Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful <u>Creator</u>" (1 Pet. 4:19). Every few years mankind creates a new crisis to worry about. A few years ago the world was stressed out over Y2K. For a couple of years leading up to the new millennium, experts predicted that the world would come to a halt when the clock struck 2000.

The crisis the world is wringing its hands over now is global warming. Dire predictions have been made that we are destroying the planet with our pollution and that we must make changes to protect the earth. We are being told that the ocean is going to rise, islands will disappear, and

Antarctic is going to melt away. We have to save the oceans, we have to save the earth, we have to save the spotted owl, we have to save the manatee, etc. But I am not worried about protecting the earth because God is taking care of it. Our planet is just one tiny planet amidst millions of other planets. Someone has said there are more stars in the sky than there are grains of sand in the oceans, and these stars are in a constant rotation pattern: a pattern that God set for them way back in Genesis 1 when He created them. And for all these thousands of years, God has been doing just fine sustaining His creation - long before Al Gore got involved. God is faithful to His creation!

2) God is Faithful to His Covenant!

"Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;" (Deut. 7:9). A covenant is simply an agreement made between two or more persons. The covenants of God are the promises of God, and if God ever broke a covenant He would cease to be God. This is an essential attribute of God - if God is not faithful and trustworthy, then God would not be God. One of the covenants that God made with man is called the Noahic Covenant. You remember that after God destroyed the earth with a flood, God made a covenant with Noah and then painted a rainbow in the sky as a reminder to all the earth that He is a covenant God (Gen. 9:12-17). Have you ever made a promise you wished you could forget? Have you ever made a promise you wished others would forget? God doesn't want us to forget His promises, so He hangs the rainbow after the storm to remind us that He remembers His covenant.

3) God is Faithful to His Calling!

"God is faithful, by whom ye were <u>called</u> unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9). What is the call of God? I would say that the call of God is the sum total of the blessings of the gospel. It includes everything that is involved in calling a sinner out of the darkness of sin and into the glorious light of the gospel.

Romans 8:28-30 gives us five pillars of salvation: foreknowledge, predestination, calling, justification, and glorification. Put them all together and you have a very secure

salvation. Most Christians would say that they have been justified, but are waiting on their glorification; however, even our glorification is listed in the past tense. All five actions are written in the past tense because it is so sure of taking place that it is written as though it had already happened. The passage is written from God's point of view – and from where He sits He is so sure that He will complete your salvation that He goes ahead and counts it as already done.

4) God is Faithful to His Commandments!

"All thy <u>commandments</u> are faithful:" (Ps. 119:86). All the sayings of God are true! "Thy word is <u>true</u> from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever" (Ps. 119:160). We call this the inerrancy of the scriptures – there are no errors in the Word of God. It doesn't need to be corrected or changed because its words are true.

All the sayings of God are faithful. "Thy testimonies that thou hast commanded are righteous and very faithful" (Ps. 119:138). To say that God's words are true is inerrancy, and to say that they are faithful or that they will never fail is infallibility. God never forgets, never fails, never falters, and never forfeits His Word. He has always stayed true to every promise He has made.

5) God is Faithful in His Cleansing!

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). We use this verse sometimes in witnessing to lost people, but the verse was actually written to someone who was already saved. We know that God will forgive the sinner of his sins and save him, but this verse is talking about God forgiving those who already are saved. And He's faithful to do it! That does not grant you a license to go out and sin and then later make penance. If you understand the grace of God, it will make you abhor sin, not indulge in it. But when you do sin, there is a loving Father who watches over you, who will forgive you when you confess.

God is faithful! You can trust Him for what your soul needs. You can rely on His Word. You can lean on His promises. You can claim His promises as an anchor for your soul.