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word: great was the
company of those
that published it."*

(Psalm 68:11)

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*"Would that God
would make hell so
real to us that
we cannot rest;
heaven so real
that we must have
men there, Christ
so real that our
supreme motive
and aim shall be
to make the Man
of Sorrows the
Man of Joy by the
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of many."*

-J. Hudson Taylor.

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Editor's Notes

*Jim & Mary Fellure*

Since our last Newsletter there have been more good things happen with VBP than we can ever tell in this issue. (You can read about the extra workers in the shop and our record breaking summer in Brother Al Berg's notes on the next page). The move into the new print shop is over, every piece of equipment is in good condition, we have 40,000 lbs. of paper on the floor (paid for and ready for printing), and we have sent the Oliveira family to Goiania, Brazil, to direct the VBP of Latin America. Mike and Leann Mueller went down to Brazil for two weeks in July and helped clean and paint the print shop, getting ready for the presses to be set up. (You can read about their trip on page 6.) As of this date (August 26), the container with all the equipment is still being held in Rio De Janerio by Brazilian customs. Hopefully, it will be released any day now and Brother Miza can start printing.

Though our nation has the most liberal, socialistic president and government in its history (which in my opinion we do), our economy has taken an unprecedented downturn, and American society in general has rejected the Bible, the God of the Bible, and His Son Jesus Christ, I'm glad I can still believe with all my heart that God is everything the Bible says He is.

Just recently a pastor I was getting ready to preach for asked me if I believe that God is in control of everything, great or small. I am so glad that I didn't have to think about the question before giving my unqualified, definite, absolute, "Yes." Believing that God is absolutely sovereign does not make one a fatalist or a hyper-Cal-

vinist. In fact, I believe God, before the foundation of the world, predetermined that I would not be a hyper-Calvinist.

The answer to the problems we face in our society is not in electing conservative politicians (which I wish we could do) nor in opposing the present batch of liberals that run this country (which I do). The problem with each society in every generation is the same. The human heart is depraved, and according to Ephesians 2:3, it can only fulfill the desires of the flesh and of the mind.

Let's face it! The world will never get any better, and the only thing an unsaved man adds to his community is one more sinner. However, the Bible promises that we who have been born again can "shine as lights in the world,...without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation. (Philippians 2:15).

Our objective at VBP is not to make the world a better place to live. Our objective is to obey our Commander and Chief, Jesus Christ, and preach the Gospel to every creature. We believe with all of our heart that if any man or woman, boy or girl, anywhere and at any time, will repent of their sins and trust the shed blood of Jesus Christ they will be born again, will become a child of God, and will be ready to get out of this present, evil world when Jesus comes for His own. Galatians 1:4 says, Jesus "...gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:"

We believe that our sovereign God can, and will, in the face of all the weaknesses we face in our nation, continue to meet the needs of VBP.

Thank you for your prayers and support to Victory Baptist Press and to me personally. I have a full schedule of meetings this fall, but without the hand of the Lord on my preaching it will be worth less than nothing. With your help and God's blessings on our lives, we continue to serve Him who is worthy.

Jim Fellure

MEMORIALS

Victory Baptist Press recently received a memorial gift from **Mr. & Mrs. Danny Webb**

In memory of

Joshua Ryan Brann

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

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.

The Print Shop



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This past summer has certainly been a busy and fruitful one for Victory Baptist Press. We have had more help in the shop in the past three months than we have ever had on a consistent basis. My daughter, Sarah, who is returning for her third year of Bible college this fall, was one of our helpers. Kaleigh Yorey (the daughter of Bro. Mark who prints all our non-bible books), who will be a freshman in Bible college this fall, also helped. My third helper, Sarah Peeler, is a homeschooled, high school senior this fall. Since both of the Sarahs also have the same middle name, we could not distinguish them by that so, to tell them apart, we had some fun with their last names.

We started out the summer with glue binding the first whole Bibles we have ever printed. That was a learning experience for all of us. By the time we were done, we were making some great looking books. I mailed one to a man whose business is buying, servicing, and selling Muller Martini binders, and he said he was surprised that we had done as good a job as we did. There are a few more tricks that

I learned after we finished that I hope to try on our next run.

While we were glue binding and trimming Spanish Bibles, we received two new truckloads of paper. This paper had to sit a few weeks before we could get to the printing, but once we did, we cranked it up. After getting a few kinks worked out from when we moved the press from one building to another, we had two record breaking days in a row. We could not have done that without these girls' help. We ran the press faster than we normally do, and we were able to work shifts through lunch to keep the press rolling. Everybody was tired after those two days, but over 75,000 John/Romans booklets were printed. By the time you read this, we should be finished printing the first truckload of paper.

Several ministries have offered to help us collate these, and we are grateful for that help. We have not collated very many John/Romans lately because we have been concentrating on printing, but there are over 250,000 John/Romans in English and Spanish that are ready to collate once we get the covers printed. The second truckload of paper will be a combination of New Testaments and Bibles. I am not sure at this time how we will split it up and what languages we will do. There is a tremendous need in many areas, so we need God's direction in that matter.

As the girls go back to school, things will slow down considerably in the shop. Please pray that God will supply the needs for Victory Baptist Press to keep growing. It seems that money is always a struggle, but I was reminiscing the other day about what we started with. I remember buying rolls of paper, cutting them with a chain

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Sarah

Kaleigh

Sarah

saw, and then cutting that down to 8.5x11 sheets to print on a sheet fed press. That was a mess, but John/Romans were printed and sent out, and souls were saved. Thank God for what He has done! If going back to that is the only alternative, I would be willing, but our desire is to keep doing more. The only way to do that is to keep some help in the shop, upgrade our equipment, and keep buying paper and ink. All of that translates into more money. I have the feeling that if we could double or triple our production, money would still be tight because the need is so great. Please pray and ask God what He would have you do to help us in the matter of getting the printed word of God to the masses.

May God bless you,

Bro. Albert Berg

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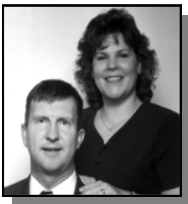
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The Richburgs left a full-time ministry in South Carolina and became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in 1999. Brother Richburg now serves as our general field director.



MARTIN and ANNE FULLER

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The Fullers became field representatives for Victory Baptist Press in 2002. Before that Brother Fuller attended Tabernacle Baptist College of Greenville, SC, and was on staff there under Dr. Harold Sightler. He also served as an assistant pastor and youth director, and pastored for 12 years.

Be A Part Of The Container For Chile Project

To ship 25,000 Bibles to a South American country, one case at a time would cost approximately \$150,000 just for the shipping. VBP can print and ship a container with 25,000 Spanish Bibles to Chile for \$50,000 (only \$2.00 per Bible). From Chile the Bibles could be distributed to eight other Spanish speaking, South American countries. To find out how you can get in on this worthy project, contact Brother Bill Richburg at 864.506.2380.



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The Bowies

**Independent Baptist
Missionaries to Prison
in Mexico**

September News in Mexico:

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Praise the Lord for the many who have been saved in the prison in Mexico since our last letter.

Praise the Lord for the door He opened so we could take six pallets of John/Romans & illustrated books of Romans into Mexico on a Mexican freight truck. (That was 300 boxes at once or a total of 90,000.)

Last week we were able to ship a container with eighteen pallets of John/Romans in Spanish to Mexico. (That was almost 400,000 at once). That brings our total this year to 822,979. We expect to go over one million scriptures soon. How we praise the Lord for all the people and churches who have made it possible.

On July 16, we went to bed around 9:30 p.m., but at 9:45 p.m. a man started ringing our doorbell and wouldn't stop. I got up and walked into the front room. In the dark I hollered through the front door, "Who is it?" A man on the other side of the door hollered back in English, "Call 911. There's a dead man lying at your front door!"

I called 911, and the dispatcher told me to stay on the phone. In two minutes, a deputy sheriff arrived, and in a few more minutes we had eight deputies. They saw the man was breathing so they called an ambulance, and two fire trucks also came. We also had an unmarked police car and an unmarked pickup truck going around the area looking for other people. They said one had gotten away. They put this young Mexican in the ambulance, and he was still unconscious when they left to take him to the hospital. This illegal young man had an empty wallet, a folded up birth certificate, and an image picture in his pocket.

- Prayer needs:
1. Safety in Mexico and while traveling.
 2. People to be saved.
 3. More missionaries.

Yours for souls in Mexico,
Ray & Juanita



Blessings & Benefits Mrs. Pam Leake

"...Praise the Lord, call upon His name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted....Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth" (Isaiah 12:4&5)

Just recently my daughter, Carla, and her family were with us for a few days. My son-in-law has been out of work for several months, and though it has been a challenge, it has also been a faith-growing time. In a testimony at our church, Carla told how once again the Lord met a specific need, and she recorded it for some friends, and I include an excerpt below:

God has been so good to us by providing our every need, and just in the right time.

We have been going super cheap on all cleaning supplies and toiletries, but, with children with allergies, I do have to be particular about laundry detergent. Tide is my clothes detergent of choice, and with all the laundry I do, I can go through a lot. I have been using the same large bottle of Tide for a long time. I knew it was running out a couple of weeks ago, so I have been combining as many loads of clothes as possible. I had about an inch or two of liquid left in the bottle and I have been using it, and using it, and using it! And I still haven't run out! It reminds me of the widow woman and the cruse of oil that never ran out when she fed Elijah in 1 Kings 17.

While at my parents' home this weekend, I was sharing about my "cruse of Tide" and rejoicing in the provisions of God. After dinner, my twin boys were playing at the neighbor's house, and Mom accompanied them. As she was chatting with "Dear Neighbor," in general conversation, the subject of my long-lasting Tide came up. Suddenly, "Dear Neighbor" shared that since she had recently purchased a new high-efficiency washer which uses a specific type of detergent, she still had two new large bottles of previously purchased Tide and was wondering what to do with them! She was more than willing to give them to me, and the boys returned to the house, each with a new bottle of detergent in his hands, excited to share the news with me. Needless to say, as I heard the story, I started to cry and praise the Lord for His goodness to us. God supplied a specific need that I hadn't asked for, and it was the exact kind I use, scent and all!

Does the Lord care about something as insignificant as detergent? He surely does, and it is such a blessing to experience His love in large and small ways. Help me, Lord, to always give you the praise and thanksgiving!

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

BORROWED ILLUSTRATIONS

During the presidency of Andrew Jackson, George Wilson, a postal clerk, robbed a federal payroll from a train and in the process killed a guard. The court convicted him and sentenced him to hang. Because of public sentiment against capital punishment, however, a movement began to secure a presidential pardon for Wilson (first offense), and eventually Jackson intervened with a pardon. Amazingly, Wilson refused it.

Since this had never happened before, the Supreme Court was asked to rule on whether someone could indeed refuse a presidential pardon. Chief Justice John Marshall handed down the court's decision: "A pardon is a parchment whose only value must be determined by the receiver of the pardon. It has no value apart from that which the receiver gives to it. George Wilson has refused to accept the pardon. We cannot conceive why he would do so, but he has. Therefore, George Wilson must die." George Wilson, as punishment for his crime, was hanged. Pardon, declared the Supreme Court, must not only be granted, it must be accepted.

A discussion arose between some members of a Bible class in reference to the first Christian exercise of the converted soul. One contended that it was penitence or sorrow; another that it was fear, another love, another hope, another faith, for how could one fear or repent without belief? An elder, overhearing the discussion, relieved the minds of the disputants with this remark, "Can you tell which spoke of the wheel moves first? You may be looking at one spoke, and think that it moves first, but they all start together. Thus, when the Spirit of God operates on the human heart, all the graces begin to affect the penitent soul, though the individual may be more conscious of one than another."

John Newton is remembered for his hymn "Amazing Grace." In his later years, he often lost his memory in the pulpit and had to be reminded of the subject about which he had been preaching. He said, "My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: that I am a great sinner and that Jesus is a great Savior."

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VBP of Latin America

The metropolitan area of Goiania, Brazil, has a total population of 2,063,744 people with only a handful of gospel preaching churches. The Victory Baptist Press of Latin America, under the direction of Miza Oliveira, is now located right in the heart of that city. During the month of July, Mike and Leann Mueller spent two weeks with the Oliveira family, helping get the building ready for the printing equipment. Leann had this to say about the trip to Brazil.

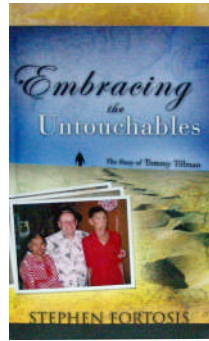


We had a wonderful trip visiting the Oliveira family and their church family there in Brazil. The friends we met were very generous and gracious to us. They will forever be in our hearts. It is amazing how the Lord can knit hearts together even with the language barrier. Bro. Miza was able to rent

a building to house the printing equipment before we went, but the container did not arrive before we left, so we were unable to set the presses up during our visit. The new print shop is on the same block as the church, which will be a big blessing for the people to be able to help, since many walk to church or get rides from other church members. We spent a couple of days preparing to paint, then painting and cleaning the shop. It is now ready for them to move the printing equipment in as soon as the container gets there. The church family there was very helpful and supportive of the Oliveira's. They were especially willing to help and give their free time to work with the ministry.

We were able to see a good bit of the area, meet some missionaries and see their works, rest a couple of days in a town nearby, and learn a few Portuguese words, although I'm sure the accent was not correct. The people we met were such blessings to us, and it was an encouragement to see that the Word of God will be spread more effectively through the printing ministry there. Your prayers are coveted for the work there and if the Lord should burden you to help financially with VBPLA, I am certain it would be a worthy investment.

*Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you,
Leann Mueller
Bookstore Manager*



Embracing the Untouchables: The Story of Tommy Tillman

by Stephen Fortosis.

Communist seamen were docked at U.S. ports, but no one was reaching them with the gospel. An Indian tribe in Central America was being taught that salvation came through the church and their good deeds. Thousands in leper colonies in Thailand were not only losing their limbs, but losing all hope, because no one seemed to care. Thai children of lepers slept in sewers, and Thai orphans were often sold as sex slaves. Thousands in pro-Communist Mongolia had never heard that Jesus died for them too. One man emerged to bring these people hope through demonstrating Christ's compassion and presenting to them the Gospel. This man was Tommy Tillman, and you simply must read his story.

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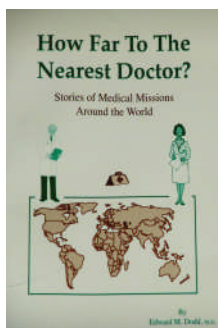


Missionary Short Stories For Children of All Ages

compiled by Missionary Tim Urling.

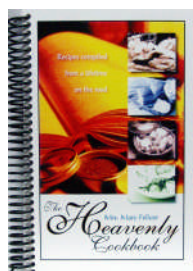
If you want your children, grandchildren, Sunday school students, bus kids, or Christians of any age to use their lives to serve the Lord, there are few things that could spark their interest more than an exciting missionary story.

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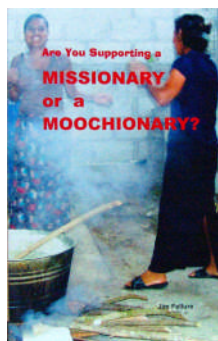
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**The Heavenly Cookbook**

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This great cookbook will be a great asset to your kitchen or as a gift for a friend. It contains 469 recipes that Mrs. Mary has gathered from many pastors' wives during her travels with her husband all across America.

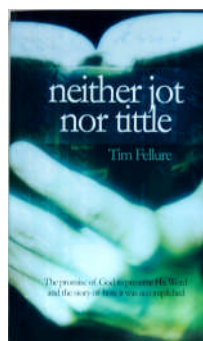
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**Are You Supporting a Missionary or a Moochionary?**

by Jim Fellure.

This a straight-forward shot at sham missionaries that are bleeding off mission money that should go for more productive causes. The problem and the cure are both dealt with in a very convicting and instructive manner.

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**neither jot nor tittle**

by Tim Fellure.

Now more than ever, there is a need for fundamentalists to arise and defend the authority and integrity of the Scriptures. The issue must be kept in the forefront, the facts must be presented clearly and forcefully, the heresy of modern versions must be exposed, and the critic must be silenced. The battle for the Bible rages on. *neither jot nor tittle* is the promise of God to preserve His Word and how it was accomplished.

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Pastor Tim Fellure

Benefits of Being a Saint

I Corinthians 1:4-9

The troubles of the church at Corinth have been well-documented: they were divided over personalities, tolerated immorality, abused Christian liberty, were suing one another in civil court, perverted the Lord's Table, misunderstood the gifts of the Spirit, and were confused over such a foundational doctrine as the resurrection. Yet, despite their carnality Paul addressed them as "...sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints." Paul was not ignoring their spiritual condition but was speaking of their position in Christ. We are saints not because of our work for God but because of God's work in us. Though their lifestyle was not becoming of a saint, they were saints nonetheless.

And Paul had a purpose for reminding them of their position in Christ. He established their identity in Christ as the basis for the exhortation that is coming. He told them they needed to start acting like saints, but that is not possible unless you already are a saint. So many people are trying to live the saintly life without having the sanctification of the Holy Spirit. They try to be what they are not, but the Corinthians were not being what they were. To drive the point home, Paul took a few lines to emphasize the benefits of being a saint. Just exactly what is involved in being a saint? Is it just a title or are there actual benefits of being a saint? In these verses the apostle outlined three aspects of being a saint.

1) Grace ... for the Past!

"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;"

Saints are not people who have lived holier than everyone else or who have done

so many good deeds in their lifetime. Saints are simply people who have received the grace of God. Grace is one of the greatest concepts of heaven, one which many people have a difficult time grasping. Grace is not hard to understand, but it is hard to believe.

Grace Cannot Coexist With Human Guilt. Grace and guilt cannot live together. Only the guilty need grace, for grace removes the guilt. *Grace Cannot Coexist With Human Obligation.* Grace is a free gift of God that you cannot pay back, nor are you expected to. You can repay a loan, but you cannot repay a gift. *Grace Cannot Coexist With Human Merit.* Grace is not just for good people; grace is for the worst of us. Saints are not good people who God decided were worthy of His grace. Saints are just sinners that have been shown undeserved grace.

So when Paul thanked God for the grace of God which was given to the saints in Corinth, he was speaking of something God had done for them, not something they had done for God. Most commentators read this as Paul commending them for something good in them, but grace was their gift, not their work. When we testify of our salvation and the grace of God in our daily lives, we are extolling the goodness of God, not our own goodness. Grace glorifies God.

2) Gifts ... for the Present!

"That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;"

Rich in everything! *"Now ye are full, now ye are rich"* (1 Corinthians 4:8). Now everything is a qualified everything. It doesn't mean you literally have everything in the world you can dream of. It means you have everything you need for the Christian life. What the statement does is strip the Corinthians (and us) of the excuse that we can't live saintly lives because of some spiritual deficiency. The most carnal Christian has been endued with gifts that enable him to live the life he has been called into. The Ephesian Christians had no more salvation than the Corinthians, meaning the Corinthians could live just like their brothers in other churches.

"So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." The Corinthians were the most carnal and corrupt church in the first century, but Paul says they had everything

they needed and came behind in no gift. They lacked nothing! Later in the book we will find that they were confused and misusing their spiritual gifts, but they didn't lack any of the gifts of the Spirit. *"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant" (12:1).* Paul did not pray that God would give them spiritual gifts, but that they would not be ignorant of the ones they already had been given. Every Christian is a gifted Christian!

3) Guarantee ... for the Future!

"...waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The blessed hope of the believer is that Jesus is coming again. We do not sit idly by, but with eager anticipation we watch for the day in which He will be revealed. We have hope for the future. The times in which we live in are bleak and the immediate future doesn't hold much hope. But we are able to look beyond this world and see another world that is waiting for us. It is hope of a better day that motivates us to holiness and service.

When Jesus comes, He will be exalted...and He deserves it! When Jesus comes, Satan will be defeated...and He deserves it! When Jesus comes, the martyrs will be vindicated...and they deserve it! When Jesus comes, the sinners will be sentenced...and they deserve it! When Jesus comes, the believer gets heaven...and we don't deserve it! I don't deserve what I have down here, and I don't deserve what is reserved for me in glory. Crowns for service, conformity to the image of Christ, in the presence of God, mansions beyond description, fellowship of the saints – oh, what glory awaits us!

Now, the guarantee is that we will be confirmed blameless at the coming of Christ. *"Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."* But how can we be sure of this? What if we fail? The answer comes in the next verse - *"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."* What a relief that we are not counting on your faithfulness or mine. It's going to happen because God promised it, and He is faithful to perform what He has promised.

Tim Fellure