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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Today is Tuesday, May 31, 6:00 AM. After rising at 4:00 AM, reading several chapters in the Bible, and having a time of prayer, I came to the office to get these notes ready for this edition of the Newsletter before the workers come in for a big day in the print shop.

I plan to spend as much time as I can in the shop for the next few days helping with a rush order of English New Testaments going to Zambia, Africa. Not only does time spent in the shop help get more scriptures out, it helps intensify the burden of my heart. There is nothing better than seeing pallets loaded with the printed Word ready to be shipped to a mission field around the world. Jeremiah said it well in Lamentations 3:51, "Mine eye affecteth mine heart..." When we watch the big press take a roll of paper on one end and send it out the other end in the form of printed, folded pages of scripture, we compare it to a big bread machine providing the bread of life for a spiritually hungry world.

Since the last Newsletter I have been to Mexico three times. The first week in April I was back to Monterrey with Brother Sonny Fritz and his family, and as always we had some good meetings with over sixty professions of faith. Brother Don White preached one night out in a village of very poor people, and six adults trusted Christ in the service. Pastor Wesley Enfinger preached the last service in Monterrey, and others were saved, but I didn't get the exact count.

The third week of April, I had the privilege of traveling about eight hours south of the border with Brother Humberto Gomez to preach to the Aztek Indians. Brother Humberto started the first church with the

Azteks seventeen years ago. Since then twenty churches have been built in different Indian villages, some in remote areas with no roads. I preached three nights to a full house with an overflow crowd of about seven hundred on the closing night. I don't know all the results of the meeting, but at invitation time the altar was completely filled.

The last week in April, I was in Progresso with Brother Jose Gomez, Jr.. Pastor John Allen preached two nights, Pastor Paul Nawlin preached Sunday morning, and I preached the last message on Sunday night. There were good results during house to house visitation, and people responded to the invitation in every service, but the most visible results were Sunday morning. Brother Nawlin taught an excellent salvation lesson using some visual aids, and about fifteen people trusted Christ as their Saviour.

Altogether, we have seen over one hundred professions of faith in the last two months. To God be all the glory! I am well aware of the fact that I haven't saved, or even helped the Lord save anybody, but I sure do appreciate Him letting me witness the birth of a few of the newborn babes and giving the report.

The last week of May was our annual Summer Emerald Coast Jubilee here at the home church. It was a good meeting with preaching from: Evangelist Harold Clayton, Pastor Paul Kingsbury, Pastor Doug Fisher, Pastor Hank Thompson, Pastor Bobby Thomas and Evangelist Phil Kidd. The last night (Thursday, May 26) was dedicated to a "surprise" celebration for me for my forty years in the ministry. The big banner over the platform read "celebrating forty years of faithfulness," but I call it forty years of "extended mercy." There were too many friends in the service for me to mention them all, but I do say a special thanks to my former pastor, Brother Bobby Thomas and Evangelist Phil Kidd for coming to preach in that service.

I'm sorry we don't have enough space to report on all the meetings in the states, but I say thank you from the depth of my heart to every pastor that has trusted me with his pulpit. I have been well received, and the meetings have been good everywhere I have been this year.

Most of my time in June will be spent close to the home base, then I will be real busy in meetings for the next three months.

Please continue to pray for us, and may God bless your labor for Him.

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.

"My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: and meddle not with them that are given to change:...For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?"

Proverbs 24:21 & 22



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The past few months we have been busy printing the first 32,000 of 200,000 English New Testaments for a mission project in Zambia, Africa. This will also be the first project that we try out our new (new to us anyway) collator/glue binder/three knife trimmer. As you may recall, we got the machine in the building just two days before hurricane Ivan hit last year. It has been a slow process getting it up and running, partly because it is hard to devote our time to just one thing at a time, and partly because there have been what I call some ghost electrical problems with the three knife trimmer that have been very difficult to trace down. We

have everything operational now, and it looks like it will be a challenge getting used to how it all operates. At the time of this writing we have glue bound about 5,000 New Testaments in two days. We believe that with a little practice we can do even better. The machine is capable of doing at least 2,000/hour, but we know already that we do not yet have the help or space that is needed to get that kind of production. For now we are very grateful for all that God has done for us in getting this piece of equipment up and running to the point that it is now. This week we have had Brothers Glen and Jerry from Seedline International in Indiana helping us load and unload the machine. Brother Steve, our regular third man in the shop, missed the blessing of seeing the first good books come off the machine because he was helping Brother Richburg drive the bus to Mexico.

After we finish binding these English New Testaments, we will begin printing about 32,000 Spanish New Testaments. They are always in demand, but these particular ones have been much awaited for by many people. Brother Humberto Gomez has been working a long time on revising the text, and there are many who want to have it. Thirty-two thousand will not be near enough,

but it is a start. He has also been working on the Old Testament and has asked us to print the first sample copies of that on our laser printer. We have wanted to print an entire Bible for years; now we trust that God will let us do it in the not too distant future.

There are several other projects in the wings and so much more that needs to be done. Please pray that the Lord will provide the paper and other supplies needed to keep us busy publishing God's Word. Also, please pray that God will continue to give us wisdom in running this equipment. Even the press, which we have had for some time now, continues to challenge us from time to time. I also want to thank God for all that He has done in the past for us, not the least of which is keeping us safe as we work in the shop, and all the field reps as they travel on the road. There have been no major injuries in the shop, and as far as I know, no accidents on the road.

Thanks be to God for allowing me to be part of a ministry that I not only enjoy, but one that I know will reap eternal benefits. The time is short. I trust that in these last days you are serving the Lord with all your heart in the area that God wants you.

May God bless you,
Bro. Albert Berg

LET ME GET IT OFF OF MY CHEST

It is an established fact that Victory Baptist Press does *Not Charge For The Scriptures We Print*. They have always been and will continue to be free at our door as the Lord supplies, but does this mean that all printing ministries should operate by the same policies as VBP?

Occasionally, a missionary will tell us of another printing ministry that is charging them for scriptures received. My reply, at least in my mind is, **"SO WHAT."** I personally don't know of one bad scripture printing ministry, and I know that some of them make some very minimal charges for some of what they print. Victory Baptist Press could possibly do more if we did charge, but since we don't, does that make us more dedicated or more spiritual than some other ministry? Absolutely not! We just operate with different policies. Missionary, for the good of all of us and especially for the cause of Christ, please quit critically comparing one printing ministry with another. I really believe that I can say for all the Fundamental Baptist Printing ministries in this country that we are in this together: We are for you, and we want you to have all the scriptures you need to evangelize the field where you serve, so, please keep your criticism to yourself and pray that God will bless all of us. We will do our best to get the printed Word to the masses that have never heard. JF

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MIKE & DEE PICKENS began with Victory Baptist Press in December of 1994. Brother Pickens is a 1965 graduate of Baptist Bible College of Springfield, Missouri. He has pastored churches in Indiana, Alabama, North Carolina and Texas, and was in evangelism for seven years.

Mike and Dee have four married children and nine grandchildren. When they are not on the road in meetings, they make their home in Candler, North Carolina and can be contacted at the home office.



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.

Rick and Melinda have four children, all at home. You can 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.

Bill and Vicki have a married son and a daughter at home. You can contact the Richburgs at P. O. Box 508, Six Mile, South Carolina 29682. Phone (864)868-9988.



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

The Fullers have five children all at home. They do an outstanding job with music as a family, and Brother Fuller is an excellent preacher. If you can use them for a service, contact them at P.O. Box 474, Grovetown, Georgia 30813. Phone (706) 556-8369.

Editor's note: All financial support for a field representative should be sent to Victory Baptist Press, marked clearly for the individual it is intended for.



Ray & Juanita Bowie

***“The Lord reigneth;
let the earth rejoice;
let the multitude of
isles be glad thereof.”***

Psalm 96: 3

Praise the Lord for those who, since our last letter, have been saved by the blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ .

A few months ago we wrote that a few days before our prison service, a prisoner stabbed a guard with a knife twice (in the arm and shoulder). He also cut the guard in front requiring twenty-one stitches. Because of this, this prisoner was moved from Puerto Penasco to Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, about 250 miles away. There he got a knife and killed one man and stabbed two others only a few days ago.

This past Tuesday we went to the Nogales airport. On arrival we saw a nice mall jet. It had just come in from Chicago, Illinois. The pilot said it took about 3 1/2 hours. He had brought one of the officials of the Motorola Company to meet President Fox of Mexico for the dedication of a new factory in Mexico. The new factory will hire 5,000 people when in full production. So when we flew over to Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, we had to circle around the city because the President of Mexico was there. Then we had to hurry because they were going to close the airport until all government people were gone. When we left the prison in Caborca, Sonora, Mexico, we were delayed for over two hours because the president of Mexico was going to Puerto Penasco for some high brass meetings there. As we landed late at Puerto Penasco, Sonora, there were all kinds of special aircraft. The governor of the state of Sonora and other official aircraft from Mexico were there. We were delayed because no aircraft were allowed to fly while the President of Mexico was in the air. During our delay we were able to pass out some Spanish John and Romans and to witness to some Army guards.

Yours for Souls in Mexico,

Ray & Juanita Bowie

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2. Spanish John/Romans and New Testaments.
3. Safety while traveling and in prisons.

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WHY DO WE SELL BOOKS

A good Christian brother said to me just a few days ago, "I just don't understand." Victory Baptist Press is now running a bookstore. What do we do with all that money? VBP has printed scriptures in nine languages and shipped these to thirty-four foreign countries and to every state in the US. The bulk of what we have printed has been John/Romans. This year has been taken up with New Testaments, and we are presently working toward printing the whole Spanish Bible. Literally millions of scripture booklets and New Testaments have been printed and shipped from the VBP shop here in Milton, Florida. This is our burden and calling.

We are constantly looking for new ways to generate income to finance this ministry. Our supporting churches are the life-line of this ministry, and we could not operate without them. They pay for the paper, ink, film, plates, chemicals, shipping supplies, and postage to get the scriptures to the mission field. Thank God for our faithful supporters. I cannot say enough good things about those who help carry the financial burden of this ministry.

However, we need more financial help to keep the big press running. Because of this we have started a book division to generate extra income to put back into the printing ministry. We have created a web page advertising our books on the internet, we offer books for sale in this Newsletter, and we have a bookstore at our home church, but not one individual gets any financial benefit from these sales. Even the books and pamphlets that we have written do not provide any personal income. All of the profit goes toward printing scriptures that, as always in the history of VBP, will be given without charge. It will be a great help to us if you explain to anyone who has been misinformed about our book sales. Please help us get the word out that all books we sell provide no personal income. All book sales add to the regular financial support of the friends of this ministry, making it possible to print and distribute more scriptures without charge.

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Thanks for your help in getting the scriptures to the mission field. JF

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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.
Palm 68:19*

Considering the truth that one day, "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow...and that every tongue should confess," I bless the Lord for the privilege to be involved in the great big work of taking the Gospel to the world.

IT'S A GREAT BIG WORK

*It's a great big work -
The Great Commission.
A commandment given
To a church that will listen.
Go and tell the Good News!*

*It's a great big work -
To take the Gospel story
All around the world
To proclaim God's glory.
Go and tell the Good News!*

*It's a great big work -
To preach it and print it.
Take it to the masses;
Seek the prize and win it.
Go and tell the Good News!*

*It's a great big work -
Some can go, some can give.
We must all do something
So those in darkness may live.
O' Go and tell the Good News!*

*In His service,
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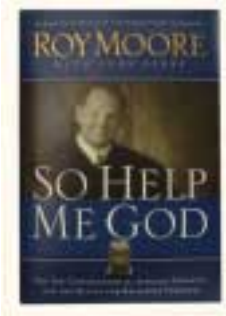
Victory Baptist Press recommends Evangelist Phil Gabbard, an excellent preacher who adds special emphasis to his messages with chalk drawings that he does as he preaches. Brother Phil has eighteen years of pastoral experience and twelve years of experience as an evangelist. He and his wife Bonnie have seven children, six married and one at home, all faithfully serving the Lord.

Brother Gabbard's pastor, Brother Joel Greer of the Branch Hill Baptist Church of Loveland, Ohio says, "I have known Bro. Gabbard for the past twenty-four 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." You may contact Brother Gabbard at: Evangelist Phil Gabbard, 16188 Duck Creek Road, Laurel, IN 46024. Phone: 765-647-2951 513-460-7332. email: drprg55@hotmail.com

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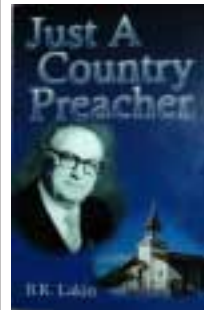
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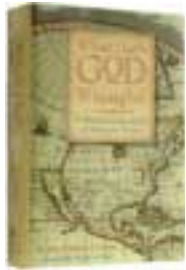
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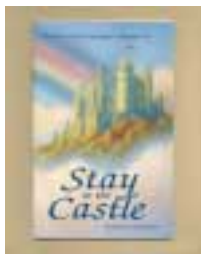
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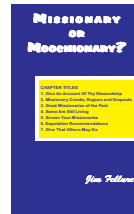
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Pastor Tim Fellure

Pressed In Spirit

Acts 18:1-18

One of the last cities Paul evangelized on his second missionary journey was the licentious city of Corinth. He came here from Athens, and no greater contrast could exist than between these two cities. Athens was known for intellectualism and religion, while Corinth was known for lewd and lascivious behavior. When Paul arrived in the city he was beaten down spiritually and emotionally. *“And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, ...”* (18:5). Later, he wrote back to the Corinthians reflecting on his state of mind when he had come to them – *“And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.”* (I Cor. 2:3).

Paul was at a low point in his ministry, and that sometimes happens to the servant of God. He faced a riot in Philippi after healing a demon-possessed girl and was beaten and thrown into prison. He went through a devastating earthquake and was forced to leave the city. He came to Thessalonica where his ministry was cut short by persecution, causing him to flee to Berea. Trouble followed him there, forcing him to escape for his life and come to Athens. There he gave the most brilliant speech of his ministry on Mars Hill, but it was largely ignored. Now he walks fifty-three miles to Corinth, the sin capital of the world. He is alone without his trusted companions, low in funds, probably suffering from a physical ailment, in a city known around the world for the vilest debauchery possible. *“Paul was pressed in spirit.”*

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with discouragement. It won't be sunshine and roses every day, but you still have to press on and do the work. From what we read in this chapter, there are three ways Paul was encouraged to keep preaching in Corinth.

1.) The Blessing of Friends!

God Gave Him Companionship.

18:1-3) Paul had sent Timothy and Silas to edify the churches in Macedonia and had come to Corinth alone. He walked into a city of 200,000 citizens and 500,000 slaves not knowing a single soul and wondering if he was the only Christian in the place. And the very first thing God did for him was introduce him to Aquila and Priscilla.

It is my thoughts that this couple were already Christians before Paul met them in Corinth. Aquila was a tent-maker, and Paul found employment with him, having learned that trade as a youth in Tarsus. For awhile, Paul lived with this couple and received much strength from their fellowship. They became very close friends with Paul and were a tremendous help to his ministry. Evidently, from a reference in Romans 16, they even risked their lives for him at one time. It is safe to say that Aquila and Priscilla became among Paul's best friends – and he met them in Corinth.

2.) The Blessing of Fruit!

God Gave Him Converts.

18:4-8) Paul really had one method: preach the Gospel. He finds himself among the intellectuals in Athens ... and he preaches to them. He finds himself among the pagans in Corinth ... and he preaches to them. As usual, he started in the synagogue, but the Jews opposed him and his message. Things really got ugly in the synagogue that day – so bad that Paul left of his own accord. Usually, he had to be chased out, but

the rejection was so strong that he walked out on his own.

There is nothing more discouraging to a preacher than the lack of results. When you preach a gospel message and no one gets saved, your first thought is that your preaching wasn't good enough. Paul had an intense burden for the Jews, and it broke his heart to see them reject the Messiah. It wasn't that they had rejected him; it was the fact that they were still denying Christ. They wouldn't believe the Gospel, no matter how he preached it.

Paul had not seen many converts in Athens, and now in Corinth it looked like not many would believe here as well. But the Holy Spirit began to stir and a great multitude of Corinthians came to know the Lord under Paul's preaching. From other scriptures we are introduced to many notable converts Paul won while in Corinth: Justin (18:7), Crispus (18:8), Sosthenes (I Cor. 1:1-3), Gaius (I Cor. 1:14), Stephanus (I Cor. 1:14-16), Tertius (Rom. 16:22), Quartus (Rom. 16:23), Erastus (Rom. 16:23), and a host of others.

3.) The Blessing of Fellowship!

God Gave Him Comfort.

18:9-11) Perhaps the greatest encouragement was the night the Lord appeared to Paul in a vision. There are six recorded visions of Paul in the book of Acts – you probably won't have any. But the important thing is that the God who spoke to Paul is still speaking today through the Holy Spirit and His Word.

Paul got a word from the Lord just when he needed it most. And, instead of packing his bags and walking away, he ended up staying in Corinth for eighteen months building a church. I know the church would have its problems down the road, but it influenced many souls for Christ in the midst of the most perverse culture of the first century.