



THE NEWSLETTER

“The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published *it*” (Psalm 68:11).

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This simple format for *the Newsletter* is for this edition only. Our field reps will have them on hand to give to pastors and individuals in their meetings, and we will provide copies to those who request them; however, this edition will not be mailed in hard copy through the USPS to our entire subscriber list. Also, after considering ways to reduce the cost to publish each issue without losing contact with friends and supporters, with the next issue (April–June) we will begin mailing quarterly rather than bimonthly, which will save approximately \$4,000 annually—that’s enough savings to put an additional 1,300 whole Bibles, 8,000 New Testaments or 16,000 John/Romans on the mission field.

Editor’s Notes

Greetings in the wonderful and worthy name of Jesus Christ our Lord:



Jim & Mary Fellure

May the reader understand that in the following report we are not trying to kiss our own hand; we are just trying in our feeble way let you know that God has once again been true to His Word and in His great faithfulness supplied our every need.

A Normal Day in the Printshop

Al Berg, Jacob Fellure, and Joseph Bertram begin their eight-hour work day at 7 a.m. and work hard every day (in perfect harmony) in some phase of the actual printing and shipping of the Scriptures, usually in some foreign language.

At 9 a.m. the two office girls, Sarah Berg and Grace Kendrick, come in and the men take a break for a time of daily devotions. Each morning a different one takes their turn in reading a chapter in the Bible and praying. When I have been in those prayer meetings, I have noticed that the prayers, regardless of who is praying, are always for the success of special meetings going on around the country in other churches, the safety of each worker, our field reps that are out on the road keeping VBP before the churches, and for the financial needs to be met, among several other special requests.

Does God Answer Prayer?

Since the beginning of VBP in 1984 we have had very few work related injuries, and none with permanent damage. This past year we only had one, and the severity would depend on who is telling the story. Joseph Bertram, while cleaning a press, got his finger caught between two rollers. One trip to the emergency room showed the finger smashed and very badly bruised, but no broken bones or permanent damage. It seemed to me that he could have returned to work that same day, but Joseph still lives at home and just happens to have wonderful Christian parents who love him very much and made sure their son was okay before going near that big machine again—with his parents’ approval and answered prayer, he was back to work within a few days.

How VBP Handles the Financial Support from Other Churches and Individuals

The handling of the support that comes from churches and a few individuals that include VBP in their mission giving has been the job of possibly the most honest and conscientious Christian lady born since 1941. My beautiful wife, Mary, has been the finance manager for more than twenty-five years, and at seventy-eight years of age it’s only reasonable that she be of the old-school and never do any online banking. Each month, she reconciles the bank statement with her books to the penny, makes hard copies of the paperwork, and files them away by date. Occasionally, some young highly educated computer geek (Greek for nut) will try to tell her how much easier it would be to upgrade her old accounting computer program that she has used for more than twenty years and do all of the banking and bill paying through some kind of automatic withdrawal system. So far she has refused all geeks’ recommendations and continues in the old-fashioned way to make sure that every bill is paid on time. All the workers get their pay, the field reps get their support, and all the financial support is receipted within a couple of days of receiving it. She also uses the same bank for the ministry and for our personal use that she started with twenty-five years ago. She makes at least three trips per week to the bank, and regardless of which teller she gets, or even at a drive-through lane, she is always greeted with “Good morning Mrs. Mary.” It’s a good thing for the bank personnel to know you on a first name basis. Even though she has no plans to be a bishop, she meets the qualification of having a good report of them that are without.

Pay As We Go

It has always been our policy to operate on a pay as you go basis; therefore, all of the equipment in the shop is paid for, and we never order supplies, including the big \$35,000, eighteen-wheeler loads of paper, until the money is on hand. The loads of paper are always billed payable within thirty days after delivery, but we always pay within ten days and get a 1% (\$350) discount—enough to put at least another one hundred Bibles on the mission field.

We do use credit cards when ordering supplies, but the cards are paid off each month before any interest accrues, and the cards accumulate bonus points that can be converted into free air miles or gift cards that Mary enjoys giving as gifts to others.

This past year Sarah and Grace both got new computers for the office, and Brother Berg got a Computer-to-Plate machine which eliminated the need for three other pieces of equipment that we donated to another printing ministry. In addition to freeing up some much needed floor space, the CTP

MEMORIALS

Each contributor listed below, through their individual contribution, has helped provide 288 Bibles for the mission field.

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Meet the Team



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machine doesn't take any chemicals to develop the plates, has increased the overall quality of the print, and saves a lot of plate-making time.

Our next item for the print shop is a new dampening system for the four-color sheet-fed press, expected to cost approximately \$13,000. Brother Berg is in the process of getting that taken care of, and the money is on hand to cover that expense.

Printing and Shipping the Glorious Gospel of Christ around the World in Its Purest Form

Of course the financial support is not just so we can have a print shop with a lot of equipment and keep some people off the street. Mission support given to VBP is always used for the primary purpose of printing and distributing as much of the Word of God as possible. Even the many books published by VBP, and the memorial gifts generate income that goes back into printing Scriptures to be provided without charge to those who receive them. The memorial card donations in 2019 provided 2,685 Bibles for the mission field.

Scriptures Shipped in 2019

Looking back over a shipping record for last year, I found that Scriptures went directly to at least fifty different destinations, in quantities as small as 14 whole Bibles or 400 John and Romans booklets and as large as twenty-foot containers with approximately forty thousand pounds of the printed Word.

For the last few years our emphasis has been on Spanish Bibles for South America, with missionary Don Rich in Cajamarca, Peru overseeing the distribution into all nine Spanish speaking countries in SA, with a combined population of more than two hundred million people. In August of 2019 Brother Rich received his fourth shipment of 25,000 Bibles, making a total of 100,000 Bibles received in the last six years. By the middle of October, just ten and one half weeks later, all the Bibles had been distributed and the barn was empty.

In 2019 we also supplied Spanish Bibles for Mexico, Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Honduras. The shipment to Honduras was 2,100 whole Bibles for twenty-two different churches and for the orphanage run by missionary Ronnie Doss. This shipment went through Pastor James Powell of Enterprise, Alabama, Brother Graham Hutson, and Pastor Charlie Andrews of the Gloryland Baptist Church of Birmingham, Alabama. At the time of this writing we have another 3,000 Spanish Bibles shipped and en route to Guadalajara, Mexico to be used by Pastor Brent Logan and missionary Michael Myers, and another 9,000 ready for shipment to Brother Rich sometime near the last of this month.

One new item for us last year was 4,000 parallel Pidgin/English John and Romans that have been shipped and are now en route to missionary John Allen in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

In April of last year another full container with an almost unbelievable amount of Scriptures was shipped to Rwanda, Africa. Missionary Tony Stark used a card with the popular picture of a cross over a burning abyss, representing the only way from earth to heaven without falling into hell through what Christ did for sinners on the cross. There were eight sets of the cards, with fourteen salvation verses on the back side in a different language for each set. The total number printed in full color was one million and eighty-five thousand. Others, including Pastor Brent Logan, Pastor Ron Ralph, and Pastor James Knox also donated several thousand New Testaments and doctrinal study material, so that the total shipment was 1.5 million pieces of good, doctrinally sound Christian literature.

We have also been blessed to provide Bibles and John and Romans for more ministries in the US than room will allow to report on.

Our Next Project

Currently there is a need to print Spanish John and Romans, but plans are to make our next project a full container of Cebuano Bibles for two missionaries in the Philippine Islands. These full twenty-foot container projects, from beginning to end, including shipping and any fees when clearing customs and being safely delivered to the mission field, usually cost between seventy and eighty thousand dollars, and it begins with the most expensive item—a truck-load of paper. Lord willing, we will purchase the \$35,000 load for the Cebuano project within the next three weeks and that printing will begin.

Trying to Prepare for Future Leadership

Almost any preacher today is aware of the dilemma we are facing in the US, with formerly good ministries and churches closing at break-neck speed, many times because the old men are dying off with no young men stepping up to take their place. Hopefully, when the Lord calls me home, we will have a young man trained and ready to take VBP to the next level. With that in mind Jacob has now become my assistant and is learning all that is involved in overseeing the ministry, with the intention of him being the next ministry director. Al Berg is our only pressman, and he would like to have someone trained to take his place within the next five or six years. In our thinking, Joseph Bertram would be the ideal person, but the Lord hasn't told him. Please pray for these needs to be met.

You Too Can Be a Part of VBP

Our full-time field reps travel all across the country, trying to create an awareness of the great need for Scriptures all over the world and raise the necessary funds for VBP to help meet that need. Brother Bill Richburg is our field director and will gladly put you in contact with someone to present the ministry to your church. Call him today at 864.506.2380 or email him at billrichburg@victorybaptistpress.com.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
VBP Director, Jim Fellure

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