



December 2023



Blessing pastors  
In Puerto Rico



Packing a container  
for Malawi, Africa



Spreading the gospel in  
Kenya, Africa

# Bearing Precious Seed

A Scripture Publishing & Distribution Ministry of  
Wyldeewood Baptist Church in Oshkosh, WI



## More Scriptures On Their Way!

On November 29, we were able to fill a container with 20 tons of scriptures and literature, totaling 347,804 pieces. It includes Chichewa John & Romans, bilingual Chichewa/English John & Romans, English whole Bibles, and tracts. The container is headed to Malawi, Africa, and two ministries, Hope for the Future and Campaigns for Christ, are ready, willing, and able to be the feet on the ground and distribute the scriptures.

Thank you to all the volunteers, churches, and the Couriers for Christ ministry that partnered with us to accomplish this. Please pray for the container as it will take two or three months of travel before it arrives in Malawi.

Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:17 & 19



## Letter from the Director:

All of us on staff at Bearing Precious Seed had a very full schedule over the last few months. On September 27, the Carpenters left for meetings on the West Coast. On October 4, the Christians left for meetings on the East Coast. On October 11, the Paganos left for a mission conference in Alaska. We praise God for all of our faithful volunteers who kept "the home fires burning." Alyssa Espersen has faithfully been volunteering her time in the shop for a number of years now. When all of us are traveling for the ministry, she does a great job as the Floor Manager.



## Financial Needs

1. Daily Operations & Paper
2. Personal & Ministry Support



Dan & Alyssa Espersen

Over the last few months, we have seen a tremendous amount of scripture produced. This could not be done without each and every one of you helping. Many pray for our ministry. Thank you. We can use all the prayer we can get. Many of you volunteer your time in the shop. I am reminded of the saying: "Many hands make light work." Although we have literally produced tons of scripture, somehow everyone doing their part has made the load seem lighter. I am thankful for all the hundreds of hours that have been volunteered. As the demand for scriptures around the world continues to grow, our cost of production also grows. Every time I don't think we will have enough money to cover our cost for a particular project, God takes care of the bill. It is amazing to see Him work over and over again. Thank you to so many of you who faithfully and sacrificially give toward the furtherance of the Gospel.

3. Update Shop Equipment (M.O.M. Fund)

## 4. Building Project: start phase 3

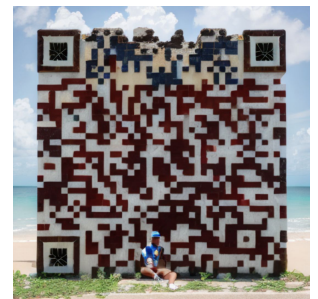


## 5. Container for East Timor in 2024

As mentioned in our last prayer letter, there are two mission trips going to Puerto Rico in 2024. The first trip is January 23-27, 2024. We will be working with Primera Iglesia Bautista De Ceiba, Pastor Luis Martinez. This trip will focus on the youth of the island. We will also have a Friend Sunday, the Sunday we are there, inviting everyone in the surrounding area around the church to come and visit. The second trip is February 20-27, 2024. This will be our Annual Pastor and Wives Retreat. We will also have a Friend Sunday the Sunday we are there as well. The host church is Maranatha Baptist Church in Ceiba, Pastor Jerry Harmon. If you are interested in either or both of these trips, please go to the QR code for more information, where you will find a form to fill out, as well as a couple of videos from the 2023 trips to Puerto Rico. There is a limited amount of space, so don't wait.

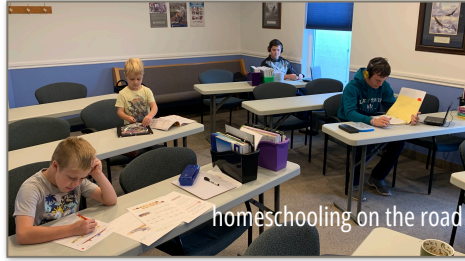


God's word changes lives,  
Tim Carpenter, Director





**Carpenter family update:** We had a great trip to the west coast visiting long time supporting churches as well as getting into a few new churches. We are excited about this Christmas season as Tomas and Isaiah will be home for several weeks from college. Please continue to pray for our family and ministry.



**Message from Stephen Rains, missionary in Kenya, Africa:**

“Hello from Kenya, brother! I trust you are well! Here are a few recent photos of some of many who have received Bibles here in Kenya, East Africa! Thanks again for your ministry!”



**Pagano family update:** The Lord has been faithful in providing for us as Joe spends more time working in the shop. Along with being available for volunteers and groups, he has been keeping the machines running and coordinating with other men who help maintain our shop.

The Lord has also been faithful in keeping us safe as we travel.

We had a great visit with New Hope Baptist in Alaska and were happy to deliver some customized Bibles for the people there. We’ve also been



glad to meet some more Wisconsin churches in the areas around Oshkosh. We are looking forward to heading out again in January and are scheduling meetings for next summer.



**Christian family update:** We are excited about what the Lord is doing at Bearing Precious Seed Oshkosh. Our family has been traveling to meetings and presenting the BPS ministry along with the projects we are working on. The response in the churches has been positive and encouraging. One special blessing for us was presenting the ministry to a long-time partner and showing them some of the custom John and Romans we produce. The church asked us to create a custom cover for their John and Romans to distribute at a Christmas event. They will have a booth and will hand out hundreds of these John and Romans. We would be happy to do the same for you if you have such a need.



Christmas will be a special blessing this year as our daughter and her family will be coming to our house. In the past, we were either overseas or traveling on furlough during Christmas. This will be the first time in over twenty years that we will host Christmas with our family. It is our prayer that each of you has a Merry Christmas as you celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.



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*"Sometimes when you are serving in the ministry and things are not going as you'd like them to go, maybe you think you are failing, you think the things you are doing are not important. Then you come (to the retreat) and somebody cares about you. They want to encourage you because they believe in what you are doing here; that encourages me that God cares and it helps me to do the ministry better." ~ a pastor at the 2023 retreat*

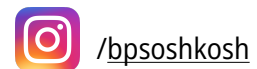
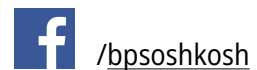
### Would You Be A Sponsor For The Pastor's Retreat in Puerto Rico?

- \$40 covers the Friday night formal dinner for a couple.
- \$60 covers all the meals for a couple, including the formal dinner.
- \$125 covers the hotel stay Friday night for the couple.
- \$185 covers the entire cost of the retreat for a Pastor and his wife.

## Memorial Donations

Given in memory of Jim Hoffman.

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