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Bearing Precious Seed

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



Sending Scriptures Where There Are None

In the town of Dili, Timor-Leste, and in the nearby mountain villages, some people wait their entire lives for a Bible. There is only one church in Dili that has some Bibles. In the mountains there are no translators, and people usually don't go there to distribute scriptures. Hope comes from the word of God, and we want to give that hope to the Timorese people.

Our goal is to fill a twenty foot container with at least 150,000 John & Romans booklets, 115,000 tracts, 35,000 New Testaments, and 10,000 English whole Bibles. We currently have 25% of the John & Romans done, and are continuing to move forward while praying for the funds to fill and ship the container. Please pray for the missionary and the ministry in Timor-Leste!

My soul
fainteth for
thy salvation:
but I hope in
thy word.
Psalm 119:81



Letter from the Director:

I am excited to be writing this letter from Malawi, Africa. There are five of us on this missions team: Leigh DeGroot, Corey DeGroot, Marguerite Gentry (Star's mom), Star, and myself. We left home on April 29th and will return on May 15th, 2024. We are working with Hope for the Future Ministries, which was started by Tom Gentry (Star's father). He has since passed away, and now Ovi Cornea and his wife Lita (Star's sister) are in charge of the ministry. They have been serving in Malawi for 16 years with their three children and are doing a tremendous job. They operate two feeding centers for orphans, which feed 165 children, one day school with over 700 students enrolled, as well as work with over 50 different churches. They have had the unique opportunity to take Bibles, New Testaments, and John and Romans into the public schools near them. They have also built a great relationship with the police department of Malawi. While here in Malawi, we have been able to meet with Police Commissioner Violet Magwaya.

Financial Needs

1. Daily Operations & Paper
2. Personal & Ministry Support
3. Update Shop Equipment (M.O.M. Fund)
4. Building Project
5. Scriptures for East Timor



One morning, we went to Blantyre, where Malawi's Southwest Regional headquarters is located. I was able to preach to the first shift of the 350 police officers stationed there and present each and every one of them with a whole Bible. We also left Bibles for the next shift's officers. Most of them have never received a Bible before, and some have never even seen a Bible before.

Malawi is a beautiful country with very humble, loving, and peaceful people. They are a free country. Due to their poverty, many are not able to afford a Bible. They are hungry for the word of God. **I have been in the Bible publishing and distribution ministry for 23 years and have never seen a hunger for the word of God like I see here in Malawi.** It is our desire to reach as many of them as we can. The police commissioner of Malawi, while I was sitting in her office, has asked me to send 14,000 whole Bibles to give to every police officer in Malawi. By God's grace, we will fulfill this request.

Time and space do not allow me to share all the wonderful things that took place on our trip to Malawi. Please visit our Facebook page, Instagram, or YouTube channel to see more. You can find us by simply searching for bpsoshkosh on any of these platforms.

I can truly say God's word changes lives!

God's word changes lives,
Tim Carpenter, Director



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Bob Gordon



UPDATES FROM OUR MISSIONARY STAFF FAMILIES



Tim & Star Carpenter from Malawi, Africa: We had a wonderful Sunday worshipping with the believers in Kachere. I loved the way they showed their love for Jesus through music and their enthusiasm quickly spread to our group. The people of Malawi are beautiful and have such warm smiles and the children have captured all of our hearts.

Joe & Jendi Pagano update: It was an honor to be a part of BPS Oshkosh's first conference booth at the Christian Homeschool Educators of WI Conference. Thank you to everyone who stopped by! We assisted with pulpit & piano fill the following Sunday and were glad to talk with a family that had seen us at the booth.

During the second week of April, we traveled to Pennsylvania, and then on to West Virginia. We visited 10 churches, providing updates to supporting churches and presentations to new ones. Praise the Lord for the churches that have chosen to send regular support; their contributions enable us to dedicate more time to keeping things running smoothly in the shop.

Some highlights of our trip include visiting Jendi's parents and sister, having Joe's mom with us for two weeks, re-connecting with friends from years past, enjoying a ladies tea, and receiving a warm welcome from a church after we got lost for hours in the hills of West Virginia. We thank the Lord for keeping us safe during our estimated 4,000-mile car journey.



Jeff, Helen, & Jeffrey Christian update: The past two months have been busy. April started with a homeschool convention where BPS had an interactive booth. Hundreds of people stopped in to help assemble scripture going to East Timor.

From there we traveled to Northern Lakes Baptist Church in Eagle River, Wisconsin, an area I have been visiting since childhood. For years there was no church in the area, and we prayed for God to send a man to start one. It is a personal blessing to see the church thriving.

Next, we traveled to Pound, Wisconsin, to participate in a missions conference with a long-time supporting church of BPS. The conference featured ministries from Wyldewood Baptist Church, and we had the opportunity to demonstrate how each of these ministries complements the others.

Upon returning to the print shop, we hosted two groups along with our usual team of volunteers. Without folks like you, we would not be able to do this great work. Thank you to all who support this ministry.



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Started working on our **current project** of Timorese scriptures at the Christian Home Educators of Wisconsin Conference and continuing in our shop in Oshkosh.



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