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Bearing Precious Seed

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

2024 Year-End Report

To God be the Glory—great things He hath done! It is hard to sum up 2024 in one simple report. God has done so much in and through the production of His word. Below you will find a few of the highlights of what God is doing at Bearing Precious Seed.

First, we would like to say a special thank you to our faithful volunteers from all over Wisconsin, along with a few groups from out of state. We rely heavily on our volunteers to produce all of these scriptures. We have people who come and work in the shop weekly—some of them almost every day, including Saturdays! These folks are the lifeblood of our ministry, and we sincerely appreciate each and every one of them.

We had another tremendous year of scripture production! In 2024, we were able to produce a total of 480,859 Bibles, New Testaments, John and Romans, and tracts. This year has been one of the most productive in our 45-year history of this ministry. To God be the glory! We even produced scripture in a new language—a total of 20,000 New Testaments in Tzeltal for a tribe in Mexico. Joe Pagano spearheaded this particular project and did an excellent job handling it from start to finish.

In total, we produced 2,145 Bibles, 20,863 New Testaments, 413,481 John and Romans, and 43,486 tracts. In addition to all of the scriptures we produced, we were able to help several churches and missionaries with brochures, bus invitations, bulletins, newsletters, special event invitations, and flyers.

Please be in prayer as we finish producing a container load of 30,000 whole Bibles for Malawi, Africa. In May of 2024, Tim and Star had the privilege of meeting with both military and police officials in Malawi who had specifically requested these Bibles from our ministry. The goal is to give every single police officer and all military personnel in the country of Malawi their very own whole Bible!

March 17 will mark 24 years since Tim and Star joined the Bearing Precious Seed ministry in a full-time capacity. Jeff and Helen joined BPS on June 18, 2023. They have been in full-time ministry since 1984, serving as pastors, assistant pastors, and educators at Wyldeewood Christian School. Additionally, they spent 20 years as foreign missionaries. Joe and Jendi both grew up in church. Joe's dad was a pastor, and Jendi's parents have always been actively involved in church ministries. They joined BPS on February 6, 2022, and are currently raising their personal support which is at about 40 percent.

I am very thankful for each person involved in our scripture production and distribution ministry. Without every single one of them, we could not do what we do. Thank you for your partnership in helping us reach the world with the word of God.

“The LORD recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.” Ruth 2:12



Passing out scriptures in Puerto Rico

Prayer Requests

1. Finances for Daily Operations & Paper
2. Personal Support
3. Ministry Support
4. Update Shop Equipment (M.O.M. Fund)
5. Building Situation
6. E.P.I.C. Mission Trips
7. Scriptures for Malawi
8. Scriptures for NFL Draft
9. Scriptures for Cameroon



Mission trip team in Guayama, Puerto Rico

Memorial Donations Given in Honor of:

- Hannah Glass
- Pastor Bert Singletary
- William & Cynthia Roth
- Pastor & Mrs Mark Weiss's 50th Anniversary

Letter from the Director:

We rejoice over God's blessings in 2024. As you can see from our brief year-end report on the first page of this prayer letter, **He is moving through His word.** We are honored and privileged to be a small part of reaching the world with the word of God.

As we look forward to 2025, we see another exciting year ahead. So far this year, we have already taken a team to Puerto Rico on our **first E.P.I.C. trip.** While Bearing Precious Seed and Wings as Eagles were working in Guayama with Iglesia Baptista Fundamental Nueva Vida, Baptist Couriers for Christ was working in Mayagüez with Iglesia Baptista Nueva Vida. Between our two teams, we had a total of 26 team members. We distributed 36,000 John and Romans with invitations at five different churches across the island of Puerto Rico.

These scriptures were sponsored and produced by Wisconsin Independent Baptist Fellowship **Bible Camp** during Senior Camp week this past summer in Dunbar, Wisconsin. We had the opportunity to set up equipment in one of the gymnasiums and produce 55,000 Spanish John and Romans in three days.

While in Puerto Rico, we had two Friend Sundays and a special Family Day on Saturday. We had a total of 24 visitors and **six people trusted Christ** as their Saviour!

Please continue to pray as E.P.I.C. has several trips scheduled through April 8, 2025. Some trips are already full, but **if you would like to join** one of the open trips, please visit epic.wyldewood.org/missions.

Currently, we are finishing a container load of scriptures for **Malawi**, Africa. We hope to have these completed in February. Additionally, we are working on 50,000 English John and Romans to be passed out at the **NFL draft** on April 24 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. We are also preparing to send a container load of scriptures to **Cameroon**, Africa. These will be bilingual scriptures in English and French. Please pray as we work out the logistics of funding, producing, shipping, and distribution.

Find out more about us on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube by searching "bps oshkosh."

God's word changes lives,
Tim Carpenter, Director



All three teams met at "the foot of the cross"



UPDATES FROM OUR MISSIONARY STAFF FAMILIES

Tim & Star Carpenter update: We had a wonderful Christmas vacation with lots of family time! Tomas and Isaiah both had about a month off from their respective colleges. We really enjoyed having everyone home and spending time together. Tomas's girlfriend, Beka, was also able to join us and spent a week with our family. We are so thankful that they have a God-centered relationship and are seeking God's will for their lives. While home on Christmas break, Isaiah was able to have an appointment with his doctor and is exploring some options to help regain his stamina.

On January 9, the two of us left for Puerto Rico for the start of E.P.I.C. We served with New Life Fundamental Baptist Church in Guayama and were able to distribute 15,000 John & Romans along with invitations over the course of seven days. On Saturday, January 18, we hosted a Family Fun Day at the park, and on Sunday, January 19, we held a Friend Day where we had six first-time visitors, including a family of four!

We are looking forward to spending February in the shop. Thank you for all the prayers for our family—we truly appreciate your care and support!



Joe & Jendi Pagano update: We rejoice that we were able to spend time with our children (and the "bonus ones") during the holiday season. Thank you to those of you that blessed us with cards and donations in December! If you were one of the anonymous givers, please know that you are truly a blessing.

In November, we participated in the BPS planning retreat as well as our home church's mission conference and seminar. Since then, we've been able to visit four more churches, and by the time you receive this, we will be in Alaska, providing pulpit fill for one of our supporting churches. This has always been an aspect

of BPS Oshkosh, and we are grateful for the opportunity to help.

The Lord answered prayer in a big way by leading someone to gift us a car. It has been a tremendous blessing, especially as our other vehicles have struggled in the extreme cold and left us stranded multiple times. Thank you for praying—God answers prayer!

Jeff, Helen, & Jeffrey Christian update: My family has been able to spend most of our time in the shop over the last couple of months. It is a joy to host many groups as they help with the various projects we are working on. The whole Bibles for the Malawi police force are nearing completion. We have completed over 20,000 Bibles, and the work continues to progress. The Scriptures for the E.P.I.C. campaign are complete, and many John and Romans have already been distributed in Puerto Rico. Praise the Lord for His promise that His word will not return void. Please continue to pray as God's word goes out to those who need the gospel message.



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Sponsors Needed for Pastors & Wives in Puerto Rico

\$50 covers the Friday night formal dinner for a couple.
\$70 covers all the meals for a couple
\$150 covers the hotel stay Friday night for the couple.
\$220 covers the entire cost of the retreat for a couple.

Would you pray about helping?

"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



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