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JULY -AUGUST 2019 PRAYER LETTER

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

"The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." (Psalm 119:130)

LIGHT AND UNDERSTANDING. We live in a world full of darkness. *"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." (Ephesians 5:8)* The light of God's Word shined into our hearts and minds. We repented of our sins and placed our faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ as payment for our sins. Once we understood the Gospel, we left the darkness of this world and entered a world of light. Why? Because the entrance of God's Word gave us light and understanding. When the Gospel was preached in the jungles of Africa and South America where I have been, the entrance of God's Word gave light and understanding to the simple. The arrogant denialist will rarely leave their state of darkness to embrace the Truth. We are thankful to the Holy Spirit for taking the "written" and "preached" Word to bring people all over the world out of their darkened state. I have seen the light of God's Word bring hope and joy to multitudes.

The Light of God's "written" Word is going out around the world. We have shipped containers full of Bibles, New Testaments, and John/Romans to the following countries this year: Sierra Leone, Grenada, Scotland, Ghana, Lithuania, South Africa, Togo, Peru, Vietnam, India, Nigeria, Ukraine, the Republic of Cape Verde, Mozambique, Haiti, the Philippines, Nepal, and to ministries across the USA who are shipping our Scriptures to other countries. We have published Scriptures in Russian Portuguese, French, French Creole, Ilonggo, Lithuanian, Nepali, Spanish, Thai, Slovenian, Swahili, German, Amharic, Burmese, English, and Hungarian. **Praise God for the privilege of having a part in getting out the Light of the Word of God to a darkened world.** *"For God, Who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6)*

PAPER COSTS ARE RISING! Because our world is becoming more digital and everyone wants you to go paperless to online records and receipts, paper mills are raising their prices to make up for the lack of orders. Our Bible paper currently costs \$.90 cents a pound. A 40,000-pound truckload of paper costs us \$36,000.00. Our paper for John/Romans is costing around \$22,000.00 for a truckload. Please pray that new pastors and churches will help us with monthly General Fund support, help by buying rolls of paper, and participate in National Bible Publishing Month. If you would pray that we could get some deals on paper that will be much cheaper than prices are now, it would be much appreciated.

I will be having two surgeries on August 9th. I am writing and mailing out this prayer letter on August 8th to those who do not use email. University Cincinnati West Chester Hospital in West Chester, OH is where my 106th and 107th major surgeries will be done. Dr. Richard Laughlin and his team will be doing the surgeries on my right foot and then do the right ankle replacement afterwards. I go in at 6:45 a.m. and the surgeries will start at 8:45 a.m. I will be in the hospital for several days, then to a rehab facility or to our home for rehab. My walking in the future depends on these two surgeries. I have been in a wheelchair for 9 months, thus far. Would you pray for the success of these surgeries? I sure would love to walk again.

Marie and I want to express our gratitude for your faithful support of the BPS Ministry and our family. We live in a world filled with darkness. In the past, we were in darkness, until someone shown the light our way. May God help each of us to shine the light of God's Word into the darkness for the sake of lost sinners.

Yours for Christ and His Word,

Bob & Marie Ford—Eph. 3:20, 21

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WE MUST PUBLISH, OR THEY WILL PERISH!