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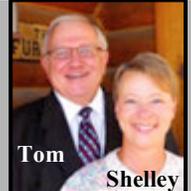
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2018 Biannual Update #2

Rejoicing in OVER 30 YEARS of Scripture Production

“PRESS-ON!”

Container of John/Romans shipped to Croatia in April!



Booklets waiting to be stapled and trimmed

Praise the Lord - the container headed to Croatia with over 170,000 John/Romans booklets was shipped mid-April! **Thanks again to all of the churches and individuals that helped purchase rolls of paper, and that contributed funds for shipping,** and to all of our volunteers who spent countless hours collating, stapling and trimming this project.



Croatia signatures waiting to be collated

Truckload of Paper Delivered for 2018 Projects



Rolls of paper ready to be unloaded

We received a truckload of 33 rolls of paper earlier this year, and this paper is paid in full! This load will cover most of our scheduled projects through 2018. **Thanks for your financial support!**



Rolls of paper in our warehouse

“It all began with a simple John/Romans hanging on my door...”

Greetings to a peculiar people, from a fellow pilgrim, passing through while making my way up the narrow path. I hope these words find all of you rich with the fullness of God's peace and comfort in your lives. My name is Ralph B. Pierro II, and I would like to take just a small amount of your time today, to give you just a short exhortation about a seemingly small ministry tool, that God used to change my life in recent years. Just a few years ago, I was a Christian, but not attending any church regularly. I would occasionally visit churches here and there, as I felt convicted to pay some tithes from time to time, and simply sit through the service before dropping my owed tithes in the plate, never to return. I was greeted by many members of the leadership in the churches I attended, asked questions which I didn't mind answering honestly, was invited back again, and I would always say, “Maybe so.” knowing that I almost certainly would never see those people again. I got saved through the testimony of the Bible, led to the point of salvation by the conviction of the spirit as enhanced by the words of a preacher on the radio whose name I quickly forgot, and as such I had never considered a church home, during my saved life. In fact, I told myself I was a man, not unlike the man described in Proverbs 18:1. Although I read the scriptures on a fairly regular basis, (continued on p. 2)

A WORD FROM BRO. FURSE



Recently I received a *Newsletter via e-mail* from a missionary who is serving in the Middle East [for security reasons his name and the country cannot be divulged]. He shared some heartfelt thoughts that really touched my heart.

*“We leave people we **LOVE** and places we **LOVE** for **SOMEONE** we **LOVE** even more!” When we consider **CHRIST**, there can be nothing which is off limits to **HIM** who commanded, ‘Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature’. Mark 16:15. When we **LOVE HIM**, there is nothing that can be considered a sacrifice. As the song says, ‘By and by, when I look on **HIS** face, I’ll wish I had given **HIM** more.’ **YES** it is the **LOVE** of **CHRIST** which constrains the Children of **GOD** to take **HIS** message of hope to the ends of the earth.” **AMEN!***

This missionary and many others just like him represent whom the **Lighthouse Baptist Press Ministry** serves in fulfilling the Great Commission. It’s our privilege and sacred blessing from God who has enabled us to do just that! *To GOD be the GLORY*, great things HE has done and is doing with our printing & shipping the Word of GOD throughout the world.

Please take time to read our latest **LBPM ‘Newsletter’** detailing many of the printing projects we’ve undertaken in our outreach to the multitudes: *USA Church Planters; US Military Churches; PLUS the many Mission Works* all around the world. **YES, TO GOD BE THE GLORY!**

Sincerely a grateful friend & fellow servant,

Bro Furse

“Remote” Possibilities to Share the Gospel

Bro John Pinnix (Remote Alaska Missions) has been using our John/Romans for many years to help get the Gospel to remote locations throughout Alaska. He recently sent the following testimony and photo: *“I used a John & Romans to help lead this guy to Christ yesterday. Thank you and LHBP for your help in reaching people from remote villages”*

Bro Pinnix is now making plans to **use a drone** to deliver John/Romans booklets to isolated villages and cabins throughout Alaska...Praise the Lord!



John/Romans Testimony...(continued from p. 1)

I often did so simply out of duty. Most of the rest of the time, I would read the scriptures with a purely scholastic mind, interested in the lessons the great Book taught, through the course of so much history and prophecy, but often I never ended up applying those lessons to my own life. I knew what the Bible said about different subjects, I could quote some of the verses with ease, but I didn't understand what James meant in chapter 2, when he said, “Know ye not, o vain man, that faith without works is dead, being alone?” Of course, James was talking to a select audience, not unlike myself, in fact. His audience was Jews who had accepted the Lordship of Christ, and been saved, and yet who had not necessarily changed their lives according to the gospel that they had received.

Many of the early Christian Jews had issues to this effect; of course most famously even Peter himself was chastised by Paul for retaining some of the simple Jewish traditions that were comfortable to him, without thinking about their effect on others, and choosing what to do or not to do, based on love for the brethren. Similarly, most of what I did as a saved man, though often it may have been in accordance to the Biblical standard, I generally did out of some combination of duty, as though I had to do it because I counted myself a Christian, or fear of God, as though if I did or did not do this thing, God might smite me at any time. Going to church was not one of those things I felt obligated to do.

One week, in 2014, as Easter approached, I knew I needed to go to church, once again. This time around, I hoped I would have a bit of a better experience in church as the last few churches I had attended had seemed to be fairly empty services. I prayed on a Tuesday that, if the Lord would have me go to a certain church, He show me which church to go to – otherwise I would just pick one at random, as usual. When I returned from work two days later, on a Thursday evening, I saw something on my door I had never seen before. It was a simple white book, with red letters saying, “The Book of John and the Book of Romans”. Now, having lived in my own house as an adult for several years at this point, of course, I had received many different fliers of various types, many of them religious in nature.

Generally, most were simply advertisements for the church which they came from, or perhaps some pages about why Mormonism or the way of the Jehovah's Witness was the proper path. I had been used to glancing at such paperwork, and tossing it aside – but this was different. I opened up the small book, and what did I see? No admonishments, or attempts to convince me of anything. No notice of where I should look for the very best church service in town. No, instead I saw exactly what the front cover promised – the King James version of the book of John, and the book of Romans. For some reason, I was taken aback by the simplicity of this method. It seemed to me, all at once, that this was the perfect way to invite someone to church – what people need to know is the Word, after all, and it is the Spirit that will lead them along the path they ought to trod, if they walk it honestly, not the logic and persuasion of other people. *(continued on p. 4)*

How YOU Can Support Lighthouse Baptist Press...

Please Continue to Pray for Needed
Items...

Prayer! Please **pray** for additional funds to upgrade our booklet-stitching/stapling machine, and to purchase a bundling machine for bundling Scripture portions for our Seedline churches.

Our current stapling machine has stapled and trimmed literally **millions of booklets** over the years, and is unable to staple and trim certain types of covers (shiny/glossy cover stock). We also would like to complete orders and send them to respective churches and missionaries a little faster than we are currently producing. A new/upgraded system will save us time and manpower.

We are also considering a **Bundling Machine** that will help us bundle the Scripture portions that we prepare for our Seedline churches. This will make the bundles a bit more manageable for some of our senior saints who volunteer to help, and will also require less overall manpower to assemble/prepare.

New Stitching/Stapling Machine

- Four double vertical hoppers
- Large volume production

This component will increase our Scripture output by as much as 3x!

Output: 9,000 copies per hour

Projected cost for used equipment listed on E-Bay is:
~\$56,500.00

Rolls of Paper

We are able to produce between 12,000 and 15,000 booklets using one roll of paper. Some of our larger projects of 100,000 booklets can use 8 to 12 rolls of paper or more (depending on translation)!

Projected cost for paper:

One Truckload = ~\$28,000
One Roll = ~\$900

Shipping and Postage

Our policy is to not charge missionaries, church planters, or new churches for Scripture production or shipping. We are able to provide our booklets only as the Lord provides through the Faith Promise giving of churches and individuals.

Thanks in advance for your prayers and support of

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A Word From Bro Petrocco...



Wow...another quarter where we've hardly had time to catch our breath. In April after resupplying our Seedline churches with thousands of Scripture portions, we had a full schedule of meetings "out West." We visited new and supporting churches from WY to OR, and were blessed by the generosity and hospitality of these churches. In early May, we returned home in time to host two missionary families traveling through Rapid City, and also welcomed Sam home from his first year of college. Less than a week later we packed up the RV once again and hit the road for meetings in IA, MO, TX, OK, and NE. Our first stop was to a Baptist Youth Camp where we spent a couple days helping ready the cabins and grounds for the summer camp season. During other visits, we helped churches with their bus ministry, door knocking/visitation, as well as grounds maintenance, and overall church cleaning. I then had the honor of preaching Memorial Day services and giving a charge to students at a church in Texas we were members of while on active duty. I got tagged for Jury Duty the entire month of June, so we did not schedule any meetings for June, and will be home in Rapid City, SD. I do plan to resupply our Seedline churches in early July before we head "East" (July-Sep).

Thanks again to the many churches and individuals who contributed to the **Croatia and Malawi Africa projects**. Both of these projects are **paid in full** because of your giving! We plan to have the Africa project complete by early 2019, and are now raising funds for printing a container full of Cebuano for the southern Philippines. This project will cost roughly \$40,000 for paper, shipping, ink, cover stock, etc. Our goal is to have this project complete by 2020, and I plan to personally travel to the Philippines to assist local pastors in handing out these booklets to needy souls. **Thanks for all you do for Lighthouse Baptist Press!**

Please Pray for:

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The Petrocco Family

Lisa Sam Mike



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Rapid City, South Dakota

Printing and Shipping *The Light* at **NO COST** to Missionaries
and Church Planters...Worldwide!

Regional Travel Plans: July – December 2018

Wisconsin	Michigan	New York
Pennsylvania	New Jersey	Virginia
Carolinas	Missouri	Alaska

John/Romans Testimony (continued from p. 2): Looking to the back page of the pamphlet, I saw printed simply, “Bible Baptist Church of Delano”, along with the address and phone number to reach the church. I knew right away, I had found the church I would be attending that Sunday. When Sunday morning came, I stuck to my agreement, and following first the conviction of the Spirit, and then the guidance of my prayer answered by the John and Romans booklet, I attended Bible Baptist Church for the first time. There were balloons and streamers up saying, “5th anniversary”, which I thought was interesting – I found myself a seat at the back of the auditorium. The booklet said that the pastor was Carlos Serrano, but the man that got up and preached was named Larry Obero.

When he got to the pulpit, he proceeded to preach the most pure message I had ever heard, about Lot's life, and his decision making, and the results and consequences thereof. Never before had I heard preaching so direct, and pastor Obero didn't shy away from any of Lot's story, instead speaking candidly about every detail, and the problematic decision making behind it. How Lot was led by his own vision, instead of God's direction, and the fact that it is a trap easy for any of us to fall into. Needless to say, I thought it was an odd message for an anniversary celebration. Apparently so did others, because in the middle of pastor Obero preaching about the evils of Sodom, and of Lot having stood by and allowed those evils to influence his life to such an extent that his children were all affected, some of those in the audience stood up and left. To my surprise, pastor Obero simply watched the offended audience member stand up and walk out, and didn't mince words, nor raise or lower his voice, nor pause in his message for even a moment. I was astounded by the bold nature with which he spoke the truth. After that excellent message was delivered, I endeavored to head out the door and back home, when Pastor Carlos caught me near the entrance, and told me there was going to be food outside, and asked if I minded helping to set out an extra table and a few chairs. I said, “sure” and, as the saying goes, the rest was history. I did indeed stay for that delicious anniversary luncheon, and many luncheons afterward. I went, just that quickly, from being a man who rarely went to church, and certainly didn't have a church he called his own, to being a man who attended church every single Sunday. And then, most every Thursday and most Saturdays, as well. A serious change.

These four years have been interesting for me. Certainly many of the plans I had for my life have yet to come to fruition – I have not yet had my first million dollar day, for example. I haven't built my dream house from the ground up with my bare hands... and I have yet to father the first of the four boys I had planned to have by now. And, although my plans have not worked out as I'd hoped at every turn, I am thankful that God's work has been done in my life. Four years ago, I did not plan on helping a church week in and week out with any repairs and work that needed to be done, to help improve the grounds consistently. Four years ago, I did not plan to know each of the faithful members here, and pray for them daily, and walk through trials together with them by praying for each other. Four years ago, I was a man who was concerned with my own walk, and even that walk was based on the convenience that I could find in a simple, convenient, obligation-based Christianity.

These past four years, God has broken my plans, and made me into a far different man than I ever could have thought I would be, or planned for, in my old way of thinking. I thank God that His plans have superseded my own, because even if each of my plans had borne fruit, I would have been in a worse place, with regards to the most important thing; my relationship with God. I am now a man who can be relied on as a contributing member of a quality church, and help with projects great and small, from installing lights, to our transition to a new building that God blessed us with, this past year. I still hope for those old plans to come to fruition, if they be in accordance with God's will. But I'm content with following the plans God has for me, wherever they lead – and now I have a new set of plans that are superior to the old. I hope that I can help spread the Gospel, and have a strong testimony wherever I go. I pray that I can be every bit the man that God would have me be, and stand for the truth, in every land. I hope I can serve God excellently, as a servant who keeps his light burning, as Jesus talked about in Luke chapter 12.

I believe my new plans will come to pass. I know that God's will is for me to serve in accordance with His will, and as such I can do all things, as he strengthens me. So, whatever other plans that I have, whatever blessings God bestows, whatever path He would have me walk in life – I will walk it, and by His grace, I will walk it well. I am a far different man than I used to be. I'm very thankful to say that. And to think - *it all began with that simple John and Romans*, hanging on my door after work one evening.

Praise God for his goodness. Bro. Ralph Pierro II