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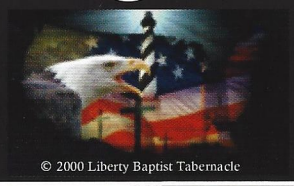

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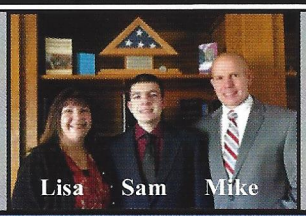

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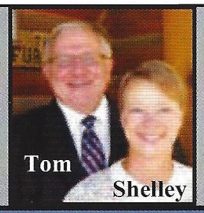
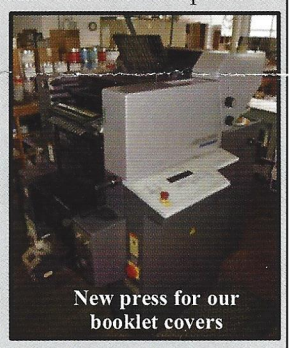


2019 Biannual Update #1 Rejoicing in ***OVER 30 YEARS*** of Scripture Production *"**PRESS-On!**"*

Hallelujah...what a Saviour!! It's hard to believe that my family and I are now entering our **fifth year** of serving the Lord full time at Lighthouse Baptist Press. I can still remember moving to South Dakota for our last assignment in the Air Force in 2012, and literally carrying my wife across the threshold of our first/new home. So much has happened since then, and we have certainly seen the Lord do many great and wonderful things since my retirement from the Air Force in 2014. And each year seems to get better and better...

In fact, **2018 was another banner year** for Lighthouse Baptist Press. We printed, assembled, and/or sent **over 600,000 copies** of John/Romans booklets to church planters at over 75 locations across the United States, and sent two 20ft containers full of Gospel literature to missionaries overseas (one to Croatia and one to Africa). That's **an increase in over 50,000 booklets from 2017**! The Africa shipment was recently sent in mid-December and contained 125,000 parallel English/Chichewa John/Romans booklets, and close to two million tracts! We also ordered two truckloads of paper in 2018, and upgraded one of our small presses that print all of our John/Romans covers. All of this would not have been possible without your financial support and prayers...and help from our Seedline churches...thank you...thank you!



New press for our booklet covers

The last five and a half weeks of our 2018 travel schedule was spent visiting new and supporting churches throughout Alaska. During this trip, **we watched the hand of God move** in ways we have never personally seen before. The testimonies from this trip are endless...but here are a few highlights: From Anchorage, Palmer, Houston, and Sutton, to Fairbanks, North Pole, and Barrow...every church we visited **gave willingly and sacrificially** to our ministry. We were so blessed to watch the Lord graciously stir the hearts of these dear people, and meet many needs in our ministry.

A pre-teen and his siblings from one church noticed Lisa and I downtown a few days after their mission conference...and he insisted on paying for our meal! At another church, a young girl came up to me holding something tightly in her hands and said "here...this is all I have in my piggy bank and I want to give it to you to print the Bible." Another young lady gave funds she was specifically saving for college...all for printing thousands of John/Romans booklets! In addition to these individual testimonies, numerous churches literally gave thousands of dollars to help purchase paper and send booklets around the world. At the end of this Alaska trip...**over 20 rolls of paper** were purchased, **shipments to Africa and the Philippines (2020)** were paid in full, and an unexpected love offering was also given to upgrade our equipment mentioned above (also see photo insert). All I can say is...**Hallelujah...what a Saviour!!**

Looking ahead to 2019...in addition to supplying church planters with personalized booklets, our main project is to print an entire 20ft container full of John/Romans booklets for the southern Philippines (300,000+ in Cebuano). We know the Lord's hand is on this project, as He has **already brought in most of the resources** we need (as mentioned above). So many people gave to our ministry this year, and we pray the Lord will richly bless you for your obedience and faithfulness to helping us print the Word of God, and get it into the hands of a lost soul. With our utmost appreciation...keep ***PRESS***-ing On! Mike & Lisa Petrocco

John & Romans Distribution...
by Missionary/Church Planter Don Whitecar

I am sure that some of the results of the John/Romans distribution will never be known until we get to heaven, but I hope that a few of the stories that are known would be a blessing. When I was a missionary in Belize...

There was a lady and her adult daughter going through some difficult times with their family, when they decided to look for a church. After thinking through the list of churches they knew, they agreed that none of them were going to be any help. They remembered that they had received a John/Romans packet hanging on their (continued on page 2).

A WORD FROM BRO. FURSE

It is with ***a THANKFUL heart*** that God continues to place HIS hand of "Blessings" upon the **Lighthouse Baptist Press Ministry**...as you'll note by all that is covered in this most recent *newsletter.* ***"YOUR FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN"***

Recently I had the privilege to return to a "Super" Max Prison, where I'd served over 20 years ago as a *Rock of Ages Prison Ministry Chaplain* at the *Washington State Penitentiary.* While in this prison I was invited to preach a chapel service where I was blessed once again with the promise of **John 15:16** "*...Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you,* ***that ye should go and bring forth fruit,*** *and* ***that your fruit should remain:*** *that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."*

Let me explain...after I'd been introduced at the Chapel Services by Chaplain Floyd Stevens, I shared with the men that it had been some time since I'd been back...and immediately an inmate yelled out***..."yeah...22 years ago!"*** I looked his way and memories flooded my mind and heart...I immediately recognized who he was. I had met this inmate when he first came into the prison 22+ years ago on the "chain"; he was just a kid not much more than 18 years old at the time...and faced with a sentence of life without parole.

Suffice it to say, I visited him often at his cell and over time he finally opened up and received Christ as his personal Savior. *[It wasn't long after his salvation that GOD called me to serve in the former Soviet Union countries of Lithuania and Latvia.]*

The chaplain told me after I'd left the Washington State Penitentiary this inmate continued to grow in the LORD; he couldn't get enough of God's WORD. He determined to live for the LORD... knowing full well he'd never leave the prison the rest of his life. He determined to get better and not bitter, and he did. He's earned a four-year accredited Bachelors Degree in Bible from the Rock of Ages Prison Ministry; plus other postgraduate studies as well...and he has applied these studies to his own personal life. Currently he has assumed the position of assistant to one of the prison chaplains within the prison.

To his credit he's now mentoring other inmates in the WORD, all under the supervision and approval of the prison authorities. I was told by the Rock of Ages Prison Chaplain, Floyd Stevens, this man has led 100's of inmates to the LORD ever since his incarceration 20+ years ago. Stating that his life walk speaks for itself is an understatement. And to top this all off, he has led ***many*** Prison Officers to the LORD as well. Unheard of! Inmates and Officers have seen and observed a living epistle of GOD's infinite Grace being lived out in the life of this man.

PRAISE THE LORD for HIS blessing upon each of the ***Missions and Church Planting Conferences*** I was a part of recently. **$4,000** in gifts were given from these churches to purchase paper rolls @ ~$900 per roll. Each roll produces about 13,000 John and Romans Soul-Winning booklets:

Pastor Jimmie Robertson: Buffalo Baptist Church, Buffalo, WY
Pastor Ryan Oswalt: Friendship Baptist Church, Prosser, WA
Pastor Dave Brown: Yakima Bible Baptist Church, Yakima, WA
[National Home Missions-Church Planters Meeting]
Pastor Charles Bonner: Bible Baptist Church of Selah, Selah, WA

John & Romans Distribution

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gate six months before. They began to search the house for the packet, and they found it rolled up in a pile of stuff in one of their rooms. They pulled out the John/Romans and read it. That night, the mother was saved reading the information. The next morning was Sunday; so, they came to church. At the end of the morning service, the daughter came forward in the invitation and was saved! They were baptized and became active members of the church in Belize City

Several years later, I stopped by a house of someone who had stopped coming to church. I had one of our young men from the church with me, and we were passing by the house. When I began our conversation, I thought the individual was already saved, but realized quickly that they needed the Gospel. I did not have my Bible in the house with me; so, I took the **John/Romans** out of the door bag and used it to present the Gospel. This person received Christ with many tears regarding a sin-filled life.

We cannot tell how many people were saved in Belize since the beginning of Independent Baptist Church. We have estimated that more than 500 over these years. The Sunday morning attendance of the church is around 150 with high days of over 500. **The people of our church were reached through the door to door work – almost exclusively using the John/Romans from Lighthouse Baptist Press.** The church in Belize City under the leadership of Pastor Rigoberto Blanco (who also came to church because I gave him a John/Romans where he worked) continues the practice of saturating the community with God's eternal Word.

More recently, while **planting a church in Pocatello, ID**:

Already in the first six months of this brand-new church plant in Pocatello, we have experienced some great blessings through the door to door work.

One young lady told us her story after she began attending the church for a while. She had some real trouble with suicidal thoughts, and had recently lost a close relative to suicide. She was at her worst struggle with suicide one day in May sitting in her home ready to take her own life, when my wife **knocked on her door with a John/Romans in hand** to invite her to the Grand Opening Sunday. Now she is faithful on Saturdays going door to door with us to reach others! Her life will never be the same.

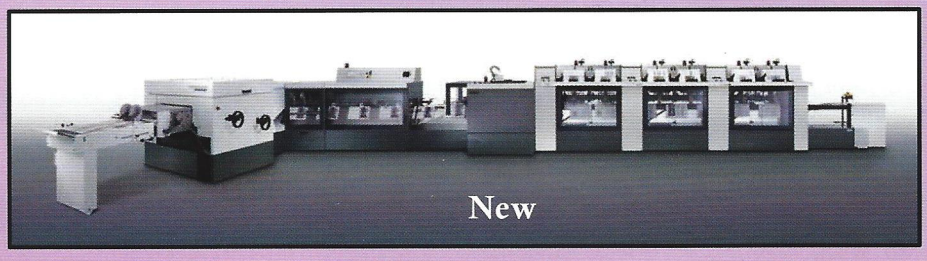
Another lady told us that she has been hurt by churches in the past, and was at her wits end with the troubles in her life. She went home from running some errands one Saturday having prayed over and over that God would lead her to the truth. Upon returning home, there was a **John/Romans hanging in a door bag** on her front door. She has been coming to church frequently since that time. We are using these John/Romans in several ways. **First,** we knock on doors to invite the people to church, handing them a door bag with a John and Romans booklet inside, (continued on page 4)

Future Equipment Needs and Upgrades

Below are some equipment components we are currently using…and what we would like to upgrade to as the Lord provides funding. It is only by the Grace of God that our **40 year old equipment** continues to operate well past its expected life. By giving a **gift of any size to our equipment fund**, you can help contribute to getting us "out of the Stone Age" and into a more modern/streamlined set of equipment that will save time and resources as we continue to ***PRESS-On*** into the future, and print the Word of God for needy souls around the world.

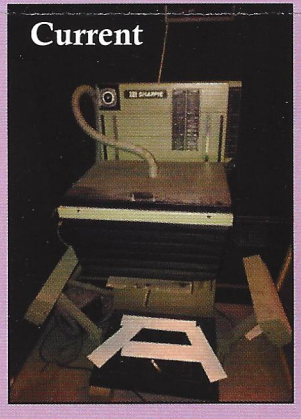
Current Stitching/Trimming Machine:
Mid-1970's Rosback stitcher/trimmer
Requires 6 personnel to operate.

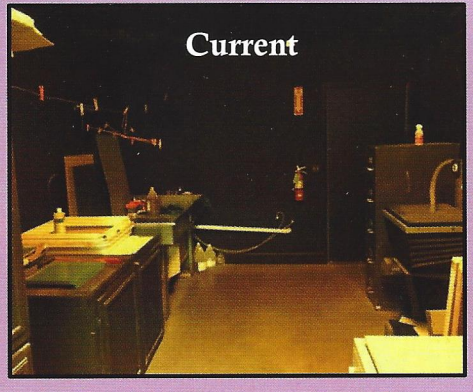
New Stitching/Trimming Machine:
Heidelberg Stitchmaster ST 100
Cost: ~$350,000+

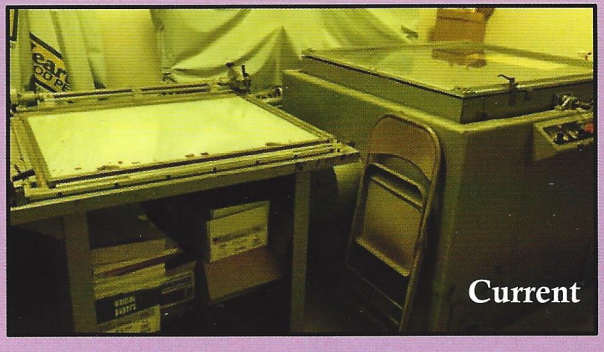


New system will require **half** the personnel to operate, and will **produce 2x** more booklets per hour than our current system…enabling us to get orders to missionaries and church planters much faster!

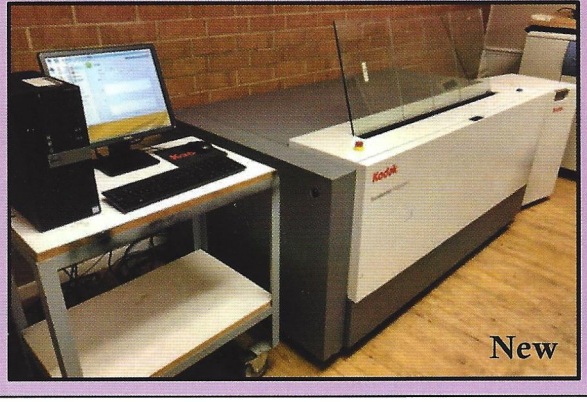
Current Plate Making Equipment (required for our press that prints all of the John/Romans Scripture):
Darkroom, light table, mid-1980s camera, and ***prolonged exposure to hazardous chemicals***…all currently necessary for making each of the four plates that go on our press. There are multiple steps involved in this process, and it is very time consuming.







New Computer-to-Plate Maker: Kodak, Heidelberg, or Fujifilm. **Cost: ~$75,000+**
This is an all-in-one system that will take up less floor space, save a significant amount of time/resources for production of the four plates needed for our press, and will ***mitigate health risks*** to our press operator. Once a project is received, it can be easily formatted and loaded into a computer for processing. This new system will **reduce plate production time by at least 50%**, and each plate will be ready to install on the press in minimal time. This new system does not require a darkroom, and constant exposure to hazardous chemicals will also be ***greatly reduced***! This system can produce up to **30 plates in one hour**!



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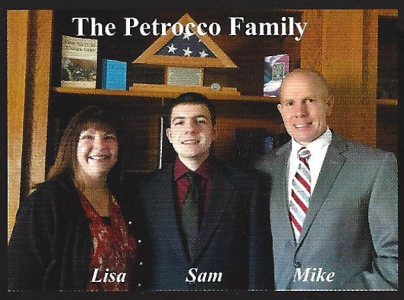

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Regional Travel Plans:
January – June 2019

Oregon	**Montana**	**Oklahoma**
California	**Washington**	**Idaho**
Colorado	**Utah**	**Dakotas**

John & Romans Distribution...(continued from page 2)

a Gospel tract, and an information page about the church. The method that has been working is to be polite and tell them about a new church in town. **Secondly**, we have gone through the neighborhoods hanging the door bags on the doors. **This method has brought more fruit than I anticipated.** One man was invited to church by one of the others attending, and he mentioned that the same day he received a door bag on his door.

The Holy Spirit used the urging of both a personal invitation **and the John/Romans** to help him take the step to come to church. Another way we have used these packets is with businesses. I learned this from working in Belize City. During the hurricane season in Belize there are often many days when the rain is continuous. One day, I decided to go into the businesses in town and hand out John/Romans to the employees. **In Belize**, many of the factories and businesses stopped the machinery to allow the distribution of John/Romans to their employees.

When we got started **in Pocatello, Idaho**, I was a little worried about the reception of this method. As it turned out, I went through the entire town introducing myself to the business managers and owners with great acceptance – after all, I am a new potential customer in town! It was a great way to get our church's name out into the community. We are looking forward to a feeling of saturation of the city through these dimensions. Mountain Valley Baptist Church started meeting on May 6, 2018, with a Grand Opening on June 10. In the approximate **six months, we have passed out just under 20,000 John/Romans packets**. The result is that we have had **over 100 first time visitors** to the church. Almost all of our people were reached through the method of door to door work of some kind. Our attendance is often reaching above 50 on Sunday mornings. Obviously, I would recommend this method to any new or existing church.

The **generous help of the Lighthouse Baptist Press** has already reaped in our ministries in terms of souls saved, discipled and two churches planted. Of course, we give all the credit to the Lord for using the literature (His Word) in the hearts of people. All we need to do is carry the Word to them, and God will always do His part! May God continue to bless the Lighthouse Baptist Press and the Liberty Baptist Tabernacle for their indispensable help in these works for God.

Sincerely, Don Whitecar (Pastor, Mountain Valley Baptist Church)

How You Can Support Our Ministry

Prayer: For souls to be saved, for our equipment to continue operating, for safety while traveling, and for new meetings and projects throughout 2019/2020.

Giving: We have three funds set up that you can contribute to. Simply indicate one of the following funds in the memo section of your check: **Paper, Shipping, or Equipment.** Any amount, at any time, for any fund, would be a tremendous help and blessing!

One roll of paper cost **~$900** (and will print ~13,000 booklets), and sending a box of 550 booklets to a church planter across America can cost ~ **$25.**

Need John/Romans Booklets?

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