

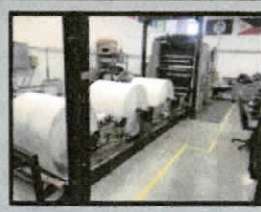
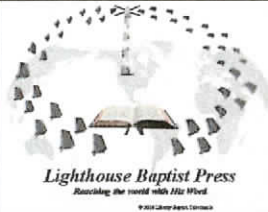
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2023 Biannual Newsletter #1

Rejoicing in OVER 38 YEARS of Scripture Production

"PRESS-ON!"

At the end of each year, after all of our traveling is complete, our RV is put away for the winter, and we finally have a moment to catch our breath and reflect on all that the Lord has done, we are always overwhelmed and overjoyed by our Lord's many blessings to us, and our ministry! This past year was no different...we truly serve an awesome God! Though we endured many new and unexpected challenges trying to ship containers of Scripture overseas, and trying to acquire cover stock and paper for our booklets...we also experienced the power of prayer, and the abundant provision of the Lord! When containers kept getting canceled, or when they were scheduled but never arrived at our print shop (and we were within days of missing the timeline to ship)...many of you took time to pray with us, and the Lord provided a shipping container right on time! When we saw an increase in paper and shipping costs (by 25% or more), the Lord provided all of the necessary funds to print and ship His Word through the generosity of many churches and individuals across the United States. When we ran out of cover stock for our booklets and were told there was a shortage across the country and we'd have to wait months before receiving another shipment...the Lord provided...and a pallet of cover stock "just happened to show up" in our church parking lot (unplanned and unannounced)! We received this cover stock at just the right moment to finish our current project for Africa, and to finish many additional orders for church planters...to God be the glory!! Time, after time, after time...the Lord provided throughout 2022...and I know He will continue to provide through 2023!



This past/fall quarter was our busiest quarter since we began serving full time at Lighthouse in 2014. We drove over 10,000 miles, flew over 10,000 miles, and visited churches on each coast and numerous states in-between. From Wisconsin to Indiana, New Jersey to the Carolinas, Mississippi to Washington State, and one location in Alaska...we stayed busy attending multiple Faith Promise Missions Conferences, multiple Home Missions Conferences, a Veterans Day Service, visited many new churches, and updated many supporting churches. Each and every church treated us extremely well, and we again thank you for your kindness and generosity to not only Lisa and me...but also to Lighthouse Baptist Press overall. Thanks again for helping keep the presses rolling!



During our many travels, we visited our daughter-in-law's family in Pennsylvania, then Lisa's and my family in New Jersey, and also visited Sam and Hannah when we were in South Carolina

(and helped with some repairs on their home). One of our last meetings was a mission conference in Alaska, where we had an opportunity to fill a couple hundred boxes with toys and gifts for children in one of the remote villages of Alaska. We also included a Special Edition Christmas Cover John/Romans in each box, and enjoyed watching some of the church members and children decorate the shipping boxes. Toward the end of our travels/on our way back to South Dakota, we were planning to go through Iowa and visit one of our supporting churches...but we had to change plans and stay south at the last minute because of strong winds and snow along our northern route ☹️. We made it home safe...and hope to visit with this church sometime in 2023. There were some long travel days this past quarter (longest travel day was 19 hours, 960 miles), and also some maintenance delays and road hazards along the way...but overall...we had very blessed meetings, and the Lord provided and kept us safe! In fact, a few new churches decided to take our ministry on for monthly support this last quarter. Thanks again for choosing to co-labor with us...we are honored to be one of your supported ministries!



Surplus For Souls Campaign

WOW! What an outstanding response to our *Surplus for Souls Campaign*! We introduced this campaign in January 2022, and since that time we've received hundreds of used (and new) KJV Bibles for needy souls around the world! Our press cannot print full Bibles, so the purpose behind the *Surplus for Souls Campaign* is to

gather and send used KJV Bibles that are still in good condition, to whatever field we are printing John/Romans booklets for. Some churches and individuals have chosen to also send new KJV Bibles along with their used Bibles...and we **praise the Lord for your generosity!** We initially sent over **16 boxes full** of these new and used Bibles to the Philippines in 2022...along with 350,000 John/Romans booklets. The missionary was overjoyed to have received these Bibles, and he not only distributed them to his church members, but also to many who attend his Baptist Youth Camp in December. They were so happy to have their very own copy of the entire Bible in English, and John/Romans booklets in their native language. We still had dozens of used Bibles arrive after the container was shipped...so we sent separate boxes to a different missionary in a different part of the Philippines who also had a need for Bibles. He too quickly distributed all of them to church members and many of the five church plants established through his church. God's Word does not return void, and your participation in this campaign IS making a difference! **Please keep those Bibles coming!**

The next shipment is going to **Ghana, Africa** and we hope to send this container by February 2023. If you would like to participate in our Surplus for Souls campaign, feel free to send **only KJV**

Bibles that are in **good condition** (used or new) to our home church at the following address. We'll make sure they get sent on the next overseas shipment to Ghana if received in time. It's OK if these Bibles are written in, underlined, or highlighted. Send them to **Liberty Baptist Tabernacle, 1515 Space Ave, Rapid City, SD 57701**. We'd also be happy to pick them up during one of our scheduled visits throughout 2023! Any Bibles that do not make it in time for the container for Ghana, will go in the next overseas container we are planning to send to Tacloban, Philippines later in 2023.

Despite **-9F temperatures**...I was able to load our cargo trailer with 45,000 Scripture portions and supplies, and completed one last swap of material with our seedline churches in December. **Looking ahead**...we are well on our way to completing our current project for **Ghana, Africa**, and are expecting this project to be ready to ship by February 2023. We are still a little **short on funds** to ship this container, so please feel free to send **any amount** to help offset this cost. Thanks again to everyone for all you do in helping us get the Gospel to needy souls worldwide! Blessings Mike/Lisa

Our Plea -- For 2023

Pray: Pray for souls to be saved, for our equipment to continue operating, for safety while traveling, and for new meetings and projects throughout the year.

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

One roll of paper cost ~\$1,100 (and will print ~13,000 booklets). Sending a box of 550 booklets to a church planter across America can cost ~ \$35-\$40.

Serve: Let me know if you would like to volunteer at our print shop and we'll schedule your visit accordingly.

Upcoming Spring Meetings

We are thankful the Lord has provided a full schedule of meetings again this year, and we are looking forward to traveling **West this spring** and visiting many new and supporting churches. Please pray for safety, good weather, and no maintenance issues as we travel thousands of miles.

Need John/Romans Booklets?

Have an upcoming outreach or community event? Need something to put into your visitor packets? Feel free to call 605-858-0981, visit our web site, or send an email to **LBMPetrocco@gmail.com** to get your order started today!