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### SEPTEMBER 2013 PRAYER LETTER

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

*"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." (Romans 15:4) "But as it is written, To whom He was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand." (Romans 15:21)*

Have you ever realized that without the Scriptures there is no hope? All the important information about the Trinity, (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit), creation, salvation, sanctification, service, the second coming, glorification, etc., we learn from the Scriptures. You cannot be saved without the Scriptures (I Peter 1:23), and you cannot grow as a Christian without the Scriptures (I Peter 2:2). It takes the precious Word of God to have life, abundant life, and eternal life through our risen Lord. Everything we know that really matters for eternity we learn from the Bible.

I have been to over forty foreign fields around the world and many of these several times. Most of the places I've had the privilege of going had never had the Word in print or heard the Word. In every case, once they heard the Scriptures or had the Scriptures in print, they began to see and understand. I believe Psalm 119:105 is true, *"The entrance of Thy Words giveth Light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."* The Scriptures must be sent to whom Christ was not spoken of! Isaiah 55:11 tells us that God is in the sending business. If the Scriptures are sent, they will not return unto God void. They will accomplish that which God pleases, and shall prosper in the thing whereto He sends it. That is God's promise! Won't you make this part of the Great Commission a **"Major"** and not a **"minor?"** **God wants His Word sent! Will you follow in His steps and send it too?**

**NATIONAL BIBLE PUBLISHING MONTH 2013** Why do we ask pastors and churches to set aside one month each year? It is not only to help us answer requests from missionaries and national pastors for millions of Scriptures, but also to be obedient to God's command. God wants the world to have the Scriptures! He has promised to prosper those who will be faithful in getting out His Word. Please do your best to be an obedient part of our NBPM Campaign this year and help others to have hope.

**NEW SUPPORTING CHURCHES** Dr. Dennis Michelson and his people at Faith Baptist Church in Novelty, OH and Dr. Vernon Pritchard and his folks at Truth Baptist Church in West Columbia, SC have both been kind to take our family on for monthly support. May God bless and reward these pastors and churches for their kindness on our behalf.

**In the past weeks, we have published these Scriptures for missionaries and national pastors around the world:** 400,000 Spanish Scriptures, 75,000 Nepali Scriptures going to Nepal and India, 95,100 Armenian Scriptures going to Armenia, 10,300 Portuguese whole Bibles, 428,300 English Scriptures, 185,000 French Scriptures, 10,100 Polish Scriptures, 259,100 Portuguese Scriptures for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, 10,400 Burmese Scriptures, 400,000 Cebuano Scriptures for the Philippines, and over 1,000 French whole Bibles for the Ivory Coast. Also, could any of you help me on a project? I must raise \$18,000.00 to publish and ship 6,000 French whole Bibles to a church planting medical doctor, Dr. Bernard Coffi, for French speaking countries in Africa. He was saved under missionary Johnny Todd's ministry and is doing a great work for our Lord. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Make your checks out to "Bearing Precious Seed" and designate at the bottom of the check "French Bibles for Africa." It would be mailed to my attention.

**Health News** I found out that the pain I was having in my lower abdomen was not from the cancer surgery. It was from a hernia. I had surgery to fix this on 09/23/13. It will take a month or more to heal. To help with my neck and headaches, I am getting shots to deaden the nerves in the back of my head. This has reduced the pain a good bit. If Obamacare will approve it, the doctors will do something more significant in the weeks ahead. Praise the Lord!

God bless you for your prayers and support of our family and the BPS Ministry. We are extremely thankful.

Yours for Christ and His Word,

*Bob & Marie Ford—Eph. 3:20, 21*