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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

"I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul." (Psalm 142:4)

Though the verse above was spoken by David when he was hiding from Saul in a cave, these words are spoken by the lost all over this world. Person after person I have witnessed to and preached to in countries around the world have reported that they did not know that anyone cared. In the former Iron Curtain countries, they would say, "Why do you Americans care so much about us, and why would you give us God's Word free of charge? Our own government and churches do not even care for us." Will 2016 be the year that we show more concern for people that do not have the Scriptures and the Gospel in their language in country after country? Will churches participate in our National Bible Publishing Month Campaign in large numbers, because they love the Word of God and lost souls who do not have it. Pastors must lead the way and have a biblical burden or no one else will in the local churches.

THIS YEARS NATIONAL BIBLE PUBLISHING MONTH CAMPAIGN INCLUDES THESE COUNTRIES: The Faroe Islands, Haiti, Southern India, and Sierra Leone. Of course, these are not the only countries in which we will be helping missionaries and national pastors. These countries are countries where the Word of God is greatly needed. For instance, in Sierra Leone the government, the armed forces, the police forces, the fire departments, the local governments, politicians, the elite, and the poor are pleading for the Bible. Thousands are being saved in this needy country. A few years ago, there were three Muslims to one Christian. Because of the tremendous work going on in this needy country, there are now three Christians to one Muslim. Recently, one of our men gave a Bible to the leading Muslim Imam, and he accepted it! These new Christians are burdened to reach the 5 Muslim countries around them. **We must strike while the iron is hot! Will you help us, and participate in NBPM this year? We desperately need your help for these hungry souls that are pleading for the Bible.**

Here are some of the countries to which we shipped large containers, crates, pallets, or truckloads of Scriptures: Armenia, Bulgaria, Brazil, Czech Republic, England, Ethiopia, Fiji Islands, Ghana, Haiti, India, Ivory Coast, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, the Philippines, Poland, Romania, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkey, and all over the USA to churches for their ministries at home and abroad. With our personalized Scriptures, we have teamed with churches in America for unique outreach opportunities, like the Super Bowl, Iditarod, Pan Am games, Kansas State Fair, Kentucky Motor Speedway, the Veterans Day parade in Missouri, motorcycle ministries, tent evangelism, pregnancy centers, Bible study ministries at the University of Tennessee and Appalachian State University, church planting ministries in California, Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Brazil, and Mexico. Millions of Scriptures have been shipped all over the world, but if more pastors would involve their churches in getting out the "written" Word of God, we could have done much more.



One of the best friends a man could ever have went home to heaven this month. My buddy Hershel Case, who used to run our print shop years ago, spent 18 years in Australia and planted 5 churches, pastored a church in Fremont, OH and saw tremendous growth, and lastly planted a church in the middle of 5 small towns in Polk, OH where there was not a Gospel witness, had a massive heart attack while preaching on Sunday morning to the largest crowd in the 16-month history of the church. He was preaching on Job and how he kept going though he lost his health, wealth, family, livestock, etc. He did not stop serving his God. Please pray for his wife, Juanita, his daughters, Kim and Paula, and so many other family members and friends.

Please be in prayer for us. After battling pneumonia, and severe asthmatic bronchitis for over a month, my doctor has given me permission to travel to meetings in the South and to some of the Caribbean Islands. I am still on antibiotics and four other medicines for this. God bless.

Yours for Christ and His Word,

Bob & Marie Ford—Eph. 3:20, 21