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"And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region," Acts 13:49.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I pray that our prayer letter finds you well and busy for our Lord.

Missions Conference

It has been a blessing this week to be with Pastor Scott Wendal and Valley Forge Baptist Temple, Colledgeville, Pennsylvania, for their Missions Conference. Six missionaries and their families were featured. At the close of the conference, the church voted to support each of them! We had opportunity to individually meet and become acquainted with them and talk with them about their need for Bibles. Some had heard about BEAMS and some had not. Jim and Sylvia Campana, missionaries to Mexico, whom we met many years ago, expressed great appreciation for the BEAMS ministry and the Bibles he has been receiving for years. The other missionaries were so happy to learn of a source for Bibles and plan to contact BEAMS.



René and Freda Freret

Letter from Missionary Campana

"For the past 26 years, God has mightily used BEAMS to supply us with excellent quality, whole Bibles in three of the four new church plants in San Luis Potosi and Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. According to Rom. 10:17, faith comes only one way: through the Word of God! Without these whole Bibles, our new believers would never have been enabled to grow up to be mature saints and productive soul winners. Thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Freret and the local Independent Baptist Churches that support BEAMS, we have been able to supply, without cost, whole Bibles to hundreds of Mexicans who have been called out of darkness to Christ's marvelous light! Eternally thankful!"

Purpose of BEAMS

Recently, a pastor asked me, "What is the purpose of BEAMS?" That is a good question and I am always glad to share the purpose of BEAMS. BEAMS supplies whole, hardback Bibles to Independent Baptist missionaries on the foreign mission fields at no cost to them, but the Bibles are not free to us. We must raise funds to pay for the Bibles. The average cost is \$8.00 per Bible. We only supply hardback Bibles because we want them to last. For many people, the Bible received from BEAMS may be the only Bible they ever have. It takes everything they earn to provide food, clothing, and a place to live. They are so thrilled to receive a Bible. It is such a such a treasure to them. They take good care of it as they read and study.

Years ago, I travelled on a missions trip to Zambia, Africa. I met a pastor who had some pages out of a Bible in his hand. "These look like pages out of a Bible," I said. He told me that he pastors a church of about 50 people. One Sunday, as he was preaching, he noticed that he was the only one with a Bible; so he tore pages from his Bible and gave each member a portion of his Bible. Then, he asked, "Do you think you could help me have some Bibles for my people?" I gave him two cases, which were 24 Bibles, enough for each member to have their own Bible. In my mind, I can still see him rejoicing and thankful to be carrying those Bibles back to his church.

So, why do missionaries need Bibles? They need Bibles to give to new converts when they get saved. This is such an important time in their lives. I know personally that when I got saved, I had a great hunger in my heart to read the Bible and learn about God. They need to be grounded in the truth so that they can grow and learn how to live for the Lord without being led astray by false teachings.

Thank You

Freda and I would like to thank each individual, church, and pastor for your faithful prayers and support for us and the BEAMS Bible ministry.

Your Missionaries,

René and Freda Freret