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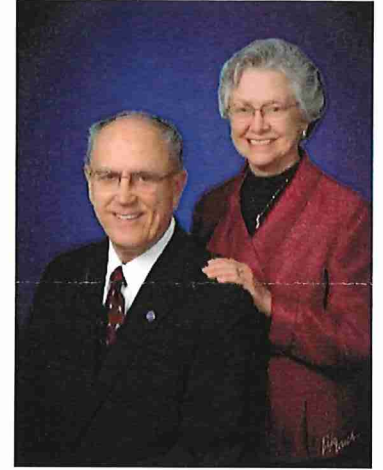
"And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region," Acts 13:49.

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. We were blessed to spend time with family at Christmas as well as to attend the wedding of a grandson. We pray for God's blessings for you in this New Year.

Freda and I thank God for the joy and privilege of serving the Lord together. December 27th will be our 56th wedding anniversary! During this time, I pastored for just over 30 years and have served with BEAMS for 26 years. This year, we celebrated a milestone for the BEAMS ministry--supplying 2,000,000 whole, hardback Bibles, free of charge, to missionaries on the foreign fields. To God be the glory!

Dr. Lockard shared the news with me that during this year of 2022, BEAMS has averaged sending over 10,000 Bibles per month! The total number sent this year is 121,804. This is phenomenal, considering the various challenges faced throughout the year. Since 1997, BEAMS has sent 2,015,510 Bibles to over 150 countries. Thank you to all who gave and prayed so that this could be accomplished. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister," Hebrews 6:10.



René and Freda Freret

Notes on the History of BEAMS

When I became Director of the BEAMS ministry back in 1996, we had no Bibles, no supporting churches, no buildings, no BEAMS missionaries. God placed a burden on my heart to become the full-time director of BEAMS and to resign as pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi, after having begun the church in 1973 and serving there as pastor for 24 years. After resigning as pastor, I was sent out by Temple Baptist Church as a missionary to be Director of the BEAMS ministry. We stepped out in faith, trusting the Lord to supply our needs. I am thankful to say that the Lord has met our needs by leading churches to provide personal support as well as support for the ministry. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus," Philippians 4:19.

As Director and BEAMS missionary, one of the first things that I did was to purchase a small, portable building to serve as a distribution center for sending Bibles to missionaries on the foreign fields. Bro. Roy Williams volunteered to drive down from his home in Bentonia, Mississippi, on Monday evenings, work all day Tuesday packing Bibles, then drive back home. He was our first Bible packer and was such a blessing. To be continued...

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