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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 my prayer letter finds you doing well. As many of you know, I am dealing with Parkinson's Disease. We can tell that it is getting worse. Freda is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery. We are blessed and thankful for God's presence and blessings. Thank you so much for your prayers and support which has enabled us to serve the Lord in the work that He has called us to do.

Notes on the History of BEAMS (continued)

One of the first missionaries I contacted about his need for Bibles was Bro. Tommy Ashcraft, missionary to Mexico, who told me that he could use 1,000 Spanish Bibles for pastors and missionaries in Mexico. This became our first project in the BEAMS ministry. Then, he asked me if I could supply him with items needed for the Bible Institute he had started for training missionaries for reaching Mexico with the gospel--bunk beds, mattresses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators, tables, chairs. "Could you help me with some of these things?" I told him that I would see what I could do.

I contacted a friend in Biloxi who had a used furniture store and asked for his help. He was glad to help and furnished washers, dryers, stoves, and refrigerators. He told me about the monthly auction of salvage items at Keesler Air Force Base. I went to the auction and was able to buy bunk beds, mattresses, sheets, pillowcases, and blankets as well as some more washers, dryers, refrigerators, and stoves--just what Bro. Tommy needed. Our church, Temple Baptist, raised the money to purchase 1,000 Spanish Bibles. We rented and loaded a U-Haul truck with the Bibles and items for the Bible Institute, and delivered them to the border for Bro. Ashcraft to pick up.

Upon returning home, I said to Freda, "That was an expensive trip." She had a question for me, "What is our ministry?" I wondered what she meant. She asked, "Is it washers and dryers, sheets and pillowcases, or Bibles?" I said that our ministry is supplying whole, hardback Bibles to missionaries in foreign countries. Then, she said, "Don't you think we should make the main thing the main thing?" From that day on, that has been the main purpose of BEAMS.

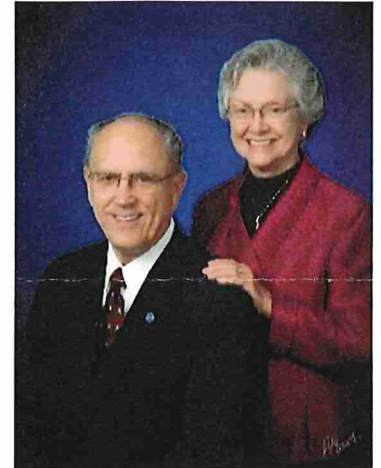
In these last 26 years, God has shown Himself mighty and able. Space does not allow me to tell you the many marvelous stories of how He has wonderfully blessed BEAMS. We are so thankful for all the ways you have allowed God to use you in supplying over 2,000,000 Bibles in over 150 countries to people who otherwise may never have a Bible of their own. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which you have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister," Hebrews 6:10.

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



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