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## APRIL-MAY 2020 PRAYER LETTER

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

*"My soul fainteth for Thy salvation: but I hope in Thy Word. Mine eyes fail for Thy Word, saying, When wilt thou comfort me?" (Psalm 119:81, 82) "In God I will praise His Word: in the Lord will I praise His Word." (Psalm 56:10)*

National Bible Publishing Month (NBPM), which can be any month of the year that works best in a churches schedule, is such an important part of the total Bearing Precious Seed Ministry (BPS). Monies given to buy the large rolls of paper to publish Bibles for missionaries and national pastors in strategic countries of the world are a must for evangelization and church planting. All over this world souls are fainting for the salvation that is only found in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Hope is only found in the Word of God. People will never find comfort, until their eyes see the truth of God's Word. Since I have traveled over 2 ½ million miles to over 50 foreign countries, I have seen multiplied thousands of hungry hearts for the salvation that only the Living Word and the Written Word can give. Once souls have come to Christ and have been given a Bible, something wonderful happens. They praise God and His Word! Ever since I trusted Christ as my Lord and Saviour and got into His Word, I have praised God and His awesome Book continually. If you are saved and have His Word, how could you not want lost souls all over this world to have the comfort and hope that only this Book can give. **Will you help us buy the paper to publish the Word for those who are starving for it?**

**First Quarter Shipping Highlights:** 1,844,850 Scriptures were shipped to the following countries – Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Honduras, Kenya, Liberia, Mexico, Mongolia, the Philippines, and the United States. Scriptures were printed in Bulgarian, Burmese, Cebuano, English, French Creole, French, Ilonggo, Japanese, Kannada, Mongolian, Nepalese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili, and Thai. Though we were shut down for a while because of the COVID-19 virus, afterwards we printed 160,000 New Testaments, and 21,000 Bibles. Currently, we are printing French Bibles, binding 20,000 Thadou New Testaments, then binding 10,000 Thadou Bibles, these are both hardback Bibles. This is the first time we have done the whole Thadou Bible.

Because of the deadly effects of this virus, people all over the world are afraid of death knocking at their doors. They do not know that there is a remedy for sin and death in the Word of God. Now more than ever, we need to get God's Word to the world.

**Health Update** I made a mistake in our February-March prayer letter. Marie's right knee replacement surgery was on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Though she exercises it daily, she still has a lot of stiffness and pain at times. I came down with 10 of the 11 coronavirus symptoms. My doctor sent me to the emergency room. They isolated me and put me in quarantine for almost 3 weeks. I am much better now, but still run out of energy quickly. Pain still plagues me from the rebuilding of my feet and replacement of my ankles. I have a tough time walking and suffer from nausea and headaches. Though we face these physical maladies, it has not stopped us from praising God and enjoying His Word and His presence. I had surgery on the right side of my neck and head for these 24-hour headaches on May 12<sup>th</sup>, and I will be having surgery on the left side of my neck and head on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please pray that these surgeries will both work to stop these horrible headaches.

**UPCOMING TRAVELS** Lord willing, we will be traveling to South Carolina for meetings at end of May and the first part of June. It will be a tremendous blessing to be presenting the new happenings in our Bearing Precious Seed Ministry in churches again. Because of the problems in my feet and ankles, I cannot stand very long and must sit on a stool to preach.

**It is a tremendous blessing to have supporters of the Bearing Precious Seed Ministry and our family like you wonderful folks.** Though these are rough times for us physically and financially, your prayers and support mean the world to us. Your faithfulness in this pandemic is an awesome trait of godly pastors, churches, and individuals. We are extremely grateful.

Yours for Christ and His Word,

*Bob & Marie Ford—Eph. 3:20, 21*

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**WE MUST PUBLISH, OR THEY WILL PERISH!**