

*PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING REPORT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR GIFTS TO HELP US IN THIS MINISTRY.*

*Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.  
-Romans 5:18*

By offering eternal life freely to any who would believe the gospel, God has made His salvation available to all of Adam's fallen race. If He required some good work or religious ceremony, some could not perform it. If He demanded a sum of money, some could not afford it. If He called for membership in a certain church, some would not have access to it. But every sinner born into this world is given enough light (John 1:9), knowledge (Romans 1:18-20), and faith (Romans 12:3) to receive God's saving grace (Titus 2:11). Hallelujah!

*Freely ye have received, freely give.  
-Matthew 10:8*

Since 1987, God has enabled THE BIBLE Baptist Church of DeLand to distribute nearly two million Bibles, books, and cassette tapes to men and women in 117 nations around the world. The bulk of these shipments have gone to missionaries, pastors, and believers in third-world countries where Bibles, biblical materials, and the money to buy them are simply not available.

Just as we could not obtain God's salvation had He not offered it freely, millions of blessed men and women could never hope to receive these materials if they came with a price tag. It has thus been our purpose to provide what we can in the same manner our Lord has provided us eternal life. Over the years, God has faithfully supplied the resources necessary to carry on that task. In amazement, we have watched His Mighty Arm reach across geographical boundaries and overcome economic obstacles to feed countless souls hungry for His truth.

*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.  
-Matthew 5:6*

The ministry entrusted to us is not our own. It is God's work. People around the world with hungry hearts and empty pockets cling to the promise Jesus made to make his truth known. We count it a great blessing and privilege to take part in the fulfillment of that promise.

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In May of 2007, THE BIBLE Baptist Church sent a four-man mission's team to the Philippine islands. During the course of their stay, they completed a 30-hour journey by land and by sea to island of Guimeras for a two-day Bible Conference. National pastors from the surrounding regions had gathered for fellowship and instruction. A national pastor was the keynote speaker, and for two days he delivered two to three hour presentations on the issues of modern Bible versions, rightly dividing the word of truth, and prophecy.

The activities of the final day spanned over 15 hours, the majority of which were spent gathered together in a small block building with concrete floors, wooden benches, no windows, and no air conditioning. Because of a shortage of seating both inside and outside the building, many stood and some made seats of empty paint cans or coconut shells.

Two days passed quickly, and the conference drew to a close. But before all were dismissed, a number of boxes containing Bibles, books, and sermons and music on cassette were brought to the platform. The team watched as the pastors in attendance formed a line that stretched out the back of the building. An earnest anticipation filled their eyes; a fervent excitement was written clearly on their faces.

Many of those men lead two or three congregations. Their monthly income falls far short of what the average American takes home in a day. They survive on rice and fish. But they are content in Jesus Christ. They counted what they were about to receive of much more value than any amount of money they could be given. Standing in line, they were thrilled by the thought that the teenager who trusted Christ just last week would now have a Bible of his very own; they were excited about the opportunity to put the cassettes into circulation among their congregations; and they were eager to return to the Bible Institute back home with an armload of books to distribute to the students.

After two days of glorious fellowship and feasting on the word of God – and now *this* – they would go home full.

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The scene was overwhelming. All I could do was find a bench, bury my face in my hands, and weep. As much as I would love to do it, there is no way to relay that experience. There is no way to express what I felt.

All I can say is on that night, more than ever, I clearly understood and believed the fact that every dollar, every minute contributed to the work of God is absolutely worth it. On so many levels and in so many ways, it's worth it. Glory to the Lamb, it's worth it!

*Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.*  
-Proverbs 23:23

*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*  
-Isaiah 55:1