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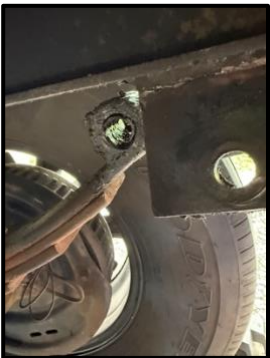


2026 Biannual Newsletter # 2 Rejoicing in OVER 40 YEARS of Scripture Production “PRESS-On!”

This quarter started out much different than we’ve ever experienced in the many years of traveling for the ministry. Our very first stop was in Colorado Springs, CO, where we planned to stay a couple of days at the the Air Force Academy while enroute to our first meeting in New Mexico. Upon checking into the Academy’s RV park, I quickly discovered that **my truck engine did not want to turn off, and I couldn’t get the truck out of park!** We were stuck at the entrance to the RV park, truck running, and unable to move...not a fun situation. After multiple attempts to shift the transmission into Drive, and unsuccessfully pressing the “Off” button, I called a local repair shop for some help. Their suggestion was to disconnect both batteries to shut off the engine. I disconnected both batteries... but the **truck engine kept on running!** While we prayed for wisdom, and for almost an hour with the engine still running and stuck in park, I contacted different repair shops to find a way to turn off the engine or move the truck. One repair shop mentioned finding a **fuse that controlled the “brains” of the truck...**and pulling that fuse. That made sense to me, so I quickly located and pulled that fuse, and the truck **finally turned off...praise the Lord!** This procedure reset the truck computer and I was able to move the RV/truck into our spot for the night...whew!



The very next morning I went to that repair shop and they determined the overall problem was a **faulty sensor in the rear wheels.** Apparently that wheel sensor was sending a bad signal to the truck computer, and was locking up all truck functions! Kinda crazy how a small sensor in a wheel is related to the overall operation of the entire truck. New technology is good I suppose...but only when it works right ☺. With this truck issue now behind us, it was time to pack up and depart Colorado for our meeting in New Mexico. As I’m getting ready to hook up the RV to the truck the next morning...**the electric front jack of the RV failed** and would not lower the RV onto the truck! We’ve had this RV for 10 years and never had an issue like this happen. So I got out the crank and spent the next 30 minutes manually retracting the jack. I was finally able to get everything hooked up, fixed the jack, and we were glad to get back on the road.



We made it to our first meeting in New Mexico on-time, and had a great visit with no additional RV/truck issues while there. After departing New Mexico, we had a few stops through Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, and Oregon. But while traveling through Arizona, we heard a **loud bang** come from the rear of the RV. We thought we just ran something over, as everything seemed normal with no flat tires...so we kept on driving. After traveling for another week, pulling the RV roughly 1,000 additional miles across the deserts of Arizona and Nevada, with multiple stops all along the way...we made it to a meeting in Oregon. I finally had enough time to more thoroughly check the RV and do some routine maintenance. As soon as I looked under the RV...**I quickly noticed something was very wrong with the axle.** The bolt that holds the leaf spring and axle to the frame of the RV, had completely seperated from the hanger, and the entire axle shifted forward! That loud bang we heard 1,000 miles earlier, must have been from this **bolt shearing off from the hanger.**

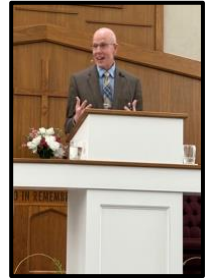


Only, and I truly mean only, by the Grace of God, did He allow that leaf spring to rest on the frame of the RV the entire 1,000 miles with no additional damage! This could have easily been a catastrophic event where the **axle might have completely separated from the RV** while we drove all of those days and miles (sometimes in the middle of a dessert with no cell coverage)! “It just so happened”...that a neighbor of one of the pastors at this church in Oregon worked on trailers. He knew exactly what to do and **had everything fixed** in less than two hours! I say all of that to say this...these events very clearly reminded us that **God is in complete control** of every aspect of our lives and ministry! His provision, His protection, and His answers to prayer are never ever late...but are always on-time! We truly had **the peace of God** as we navigated through these issues, and just trusted that the Lord would get us through...and He did! Thanks again to all who support our ministry, and **specifically pray for us...**we sincerely appreciate it!



We received a **new addition to our equipment inventory** this quarter...it's an electric pallet jack! I'm certainly not getting any younger, and for years I've struggled with manually pulling a 1,000 lb+ pallet of Scripture out of our trailer, into a church, and then down a very long hallway. Normally this wouldn't be a problem...but when that long hallway is carpeted...pulling a heavy pallet across carpet is not easy. But praise the Lord, **this new pallet jack** makes loading and unloading trailers, and moving heavy pallets into and out of churches so much easier! Thanks to those who specifically support our equipment fund!

Some of our **goals this spring** were to update supporting churches, present our ministry to new churches, and to raise the remaining funds needed for shipping a container of over 250,000 John/Romans to Croatia. The Lord blessed and met the remaining need for shipping during a conference in OR! It's always such a blessing to see many churches and individuals giving to the Lord's work at these conferences, and the many needs met through their generosity. **We were blessed to receive over \$3.5K** at this conference, and the shipment to Croatia is now **paid in full**...to God be the glory! The Lord also blessed with outstanding visits in NM, NV, OR, WA, MT, and WY. We had opportunities to serve and help with projects at some of these churches...and **one church in NV also decided to take on the ministry for monthly support**...Praise the Lord!



During our visits, we also made progress raising funds to help purchase another truckload of paper this fall, and received over \$2K for our paper fund! As of this newsletter, **we're roughly \$8K short** of being able to pay for this truckload of paper in full, and plan to place the order sometime this summer. Lisa had opportunities to speak during a Ladies Tea in Washington State, and a Mother/Daughter Tea in Wyoming. She was honored to be able to share what the Lord put on her heart with these ladies, and always enjoys the opportunity.

Another **surprise of being on the road** this spring was the cost of fuel. While traveling in some western states...the fuel prices exceeded **\$7 a gallon for diesel**! That made for some pretty expensive fill ups! In-fact...my fuel expenses this year (after only 6 months of travel) have already **exceeded my entire 12 month fuel expense** from last year! But...God is good and all of our travel expenses and fuel costs are completely paid for! We also hosted a church group of 13 members from Idaho Falls this quarter. This was their third year visiting with us, and are a very motivated group ☺! They came this year to help with our project for Croatia, and were able to produce 12,000 booklets! We had a wonderful time of serving together...and enjoyed lots of food, fellowship, and games throughout the week. Please contact me if your church would like to come out for a "missions trip" and help assemble John/Romans booklets.



Looking ahead: In addition to the many ongoing projects for church planters and established churches here in the USA, we'll be finishing up that project for Croatia this quarter, and hope to ship the container by November/December. I also plan to do a swap of Scripture material with our seedline ministries this quarter, and will start our next project...printing 10 pallets of Tagalog for a ministry in California. This ministry also reaches out to the Philippines and will be sending these boxes of John/Romans to Manila and beyond.

Ways you can help us spread the Word...

Pray: Pray for souls to be saved, for our equipment to continue operating, for safety while traveling, and for new meetings and projects throughout the year.

Give: We have three permanent funds set up that you can contribute to. Simply indicate one of the following funds in the memo section of your check or on-line giving: **Paper, Shipping, or Equipment**. Any amount, at any time, for **any fund, or any project** would be a tremendous help and blessing to our ministry!

One roll of paper cost ~\$1,200 (and will print ~13,000 booklets). Sending a box of 550 booklets to a church planter across America can cost ~\$45.

Serve: Let me know if you would like to volunteer at our print shop and we'll schedule your visit accordingly.

As always, we look forward to visiting with many of you in the coming months, and truly appreciate your support and prayers for us and Lighthouse Baptist Press—Keep **PRESS-ing On** until He comes!

Upcoming Summer/Fall Travel

We're thankful the Lord has provided another full schedule of meetings, and are looking forward to visiting churches in **Midwest states this summer**, as well as churches from **FL to NY this fall**. Please pray for safety, good weather, and no maintenance issues as we once again travel thousands of miles this quarter.

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