BIBLE & LITERATURE MISSIONARY FOUNDATION

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Pastor Matt Miller **Grace Baptist Church** 3500 N. Nevada Ave Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Dear Pastor Miller & Church,

Thank you for your recent, generous \$1,025 contribution for paper received 10/23/23 and for allowing this ministry to partner with you in the production of God's precious written Word for free foreign mission distribution. A year has passed since you were with us last; we just celebrated our 55th anniversary and annual Scripture Conference October 16th through 18th, we wish you could have been here.

It was a great conference, in many ways the best one yet (except for last year!); the attendance was very good, every service, tremendous preaching and messages, wonderful choir and special music, delicious and plentiful food and wonderful fellowship as always. The 300 plus rolls of paper sponsored or pledged during the conference was the icing on the cake! We may not be able to go back to purchasing three trailer loads a month every month just yet but received sufficient funds to pay down some of our paper debt and possibly purchase extra paper some months! God did exceedingly and abundantly above all that we could have asked or imagined and to God be all the praise and the glory!

Though I do not feel worthy of any recognition, I am very appreciative of all the honor that Shannon, Pastor Warren, and our BLMF board of directors extended to me during the conference, I only hope that everyone realizes that it is all God, by His grace and not Bobby Lemmon! I do not want any of God's glory and there are too many others who have given so much in money and of themselves for me to take any credit for what has accomplished in this ministry! If my life has been a blessing and an encouragement to anyone in these 60 years then praise the Lord, I could not have accomplished anything except through His strength, His grace and your prayers and financial support!

The most unpleasant and only undesirable part of this ministry is having to raise money, but we must do so to just maintain our current level of production much less try to increase it, if not our production and distribution would only be a fraction of what it is now. Neither do we believe the Lord would have us to slow down, cut back or stop producing and distributing His Word!

Our great need to raise additional funds this year was caused by a combination of the huge price increases on all the materials we purchase, especially paper, and at a time when by faith we were purchasing three trailer loads a month. By "faith" meaning that our regular financial support and paper sponsors was never sufficient to purchase three trailer loads a month, and were it not for occasional unexpected love offerings from unexpected sources we could not have, even before the price increases! Secondly, due to COVID and the Biden economy and inflation, those special love offerings are fewer than before, some supporting churches have had to discontinue their support and raising new support has become much more difficult!

The easiest and simplest solution would have been to cut our production by reducing our paper purchases, but we did not! Our men on our board left it up to me and I would not for two reasons, I know that God wants and intends for His Word to be published and distributed and, because we had so many requests from missionaries begging for Scriptures, for 28 containers in 2022 and 39 this year!

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