September – October 2023

Dear Pastor and Friends,

 It’s hard to believe that 2023 is fast coming to an end! This year has gone by so fast, and yet there remains so much to be done. These past couple months have been very busy, but I’ll try to fill you good people in on what has been happening with the Gospel Transport Ministry…

 Let me recap this year so far. I had a request from a pastor concerning the quantities of scripture we have been blessed to ship and distribute. I often speak of pallets of scripture, but this good man suggested that many people aren’t really clear regarding what exactly a ‘pallet of scripture’ is. He asked if I could tell how many ‘pieces’, or ‘portions’ of scripture we have sent out this year. So, I figured that there are likely others of you who could better grasp the quantities in just such a way.

 Well, because of having to complete a ‘Bill of Lading’, that is, paperwork for the shipping companies and the customs officials, for each shipment, which includes the quantities of pallets, how many boxes on each pallet, what is in each box, how much they weigh, as well as how many pieces are in each box, (which sometimes is an average number, out of expediency), I was able to get a very solid idea of these numbers by going over my records, and … To my great amazement and joy, so far this year, we have been privileged to ship and distribute over 12,000,000 portions of scripture. Yes, that’s **over 12 million!** What a blessing!! These numbers include both what we have shipped via truck into Mexico, the container shipped into Guatemala, and of course the many thousands of boxes of scripture we distribute along both sides of the border.

 We are presently putting together another load for Mexico, which we expect to be able to ship before the year’s end. This load will contain almost exclusively, soul winning material, such as Gospel tracts and booklets, totaling around two million portions of scripture. My personal goal is to **provide 15,000,000 portions of scripture in 2023** to soul winning pastors and missionaries. We are very close to that number and we covet your prayers in this regard. Please keep in mind that each and every portion of scripture very possibly represents one, or more, souls for whom Christ died! As I have often stated, the 15 million Bibles and tracts, producing salvation decisions at a rate of only 1%, would be **150,000 souls!**

 You say that those numbers are fantastic, and yes, I agree! But truthfully, I have no problem believing that our great God is wholly capable of doing much more than a 1% return on His Word! Therefore, this is actually a very conservative estimate.

 We are, in a sense, the middle-man in this endeavor. Starting with printers, then collators, on to distributors (such as Gospel Transport), then the soul winners who put all this scripture to use. These are the national pastors and missionaries on the frontlines of this spiritual battle for the numberless souls who so desperately need that salvation as taught in these scriptures.

 Beginning in late September, through the end of October we have been traveling pretty much non-stop, visiting churches, meeting with ministries who help us accomplish what we are doing, and attending printers and missions’ conferences. It was wonderful to meet with various ministry leaders, who give so much in time and effort, to provide our ministry with the material, which we then distribute to the missionaries and soul winning ministries, into Mexico and beyond! Ultimately however, precious friends, you are the ones who make it all happen!

 Without your prayers and financial support, none of these ministries could operate! Without the churches and individuals who faithfully pray for all of us. Without folks such as yourselves, who sacrificially give to make all of this possible… well, I tremble to think of the multitudes of lost souls who would never hear of Jesus Christ or the hope He offers in His glorious gospel. All of us are necessary components in this great work of love. But, the foundation of it all is found in churches and individuals who are willing to faithfully pray for and give to these ministries!

 **Can God** do the job without you? Yes, He can. **Will God** do the job without you? Possibly. **Does God** desire to do the job without you? Absolutely not!!!

 Never doubt for a minute that we, or any soul winning ministry for that matter, is not extremely grateful for each and every one of you. **We thank God for you constantly!!**

Your missionaries,

 Reaching into Mexico and beyond,

 Jack and Gloria Ferguson