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A Special Presentation

by Don Stertz



Left: Larry and Cheryl
holding award for 30
years of service

Above: Don handing
Larry his award for 30
faithful years

On Friday, January 5, we held our Couriers for Christ annual banquet for our staff and advisory committee. During this time we review the blessings of the previous year and lay out some of the plans for the new year.

This year we had a special presentation for Larry and Cheryl Ingalls in appreciation for their 30 years of service in the Couriers ministry. It seems like such a short time ago that Larry was working in Wyldeewood's Bearing Precious Seed Ministry. In the early 1980's he printed and then supervised the collating, stapling, trimming, and boxing of 100,000 Polish evangelistic booklets. After this project he kept approaching me and asking if I had any other projects for Eastern Europe that he could work on.

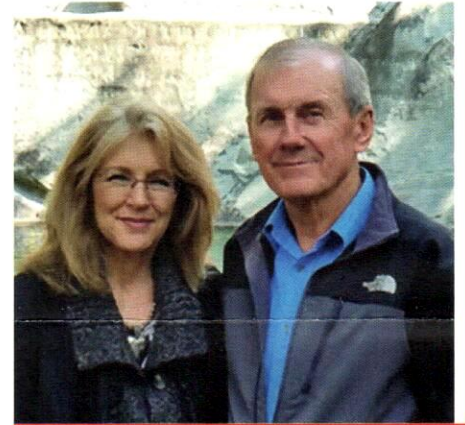
Sometime later the Lord laid it on my heart to just ask Larry if he would consider leaving the BPS ministry to become a Couriers for Christ representative. He replied that he would be pleased to join the Couriers ministry, so in 1981 our advisory committee met and unanimously voted in favor of Larry becoming a representative. It's hard to believe that it has been 30 years!

During our annual banquet we surprised Larry and Cheryl by honoring them for their 30 years of faithful service.

Ken & Tricia Stertz Update

From Ken:

Out of the sixty-six books of the Bible, there are two that are nearly central, and those are Job and Psalms. My belief is that Psalms are used and quoted probably a hundred times more than Job. Why? The Psalms are wonderful words of comfort and promise, while Job proclaims a truth that life can be a severe test, allowed by God for our ultimate good. We'd rather avoid a "Job like" test, and so we tend to avoid Job. No one likes problems—especially health related ones. Tricia took a fall in the spring and broke some bones, most of which have healed except for some permanent injuries in the right wrist and shoulder that from all appearances will just be part of her "new normal."



During the middle of July I tore a shoulder muscle and did the "man thing," neglecting it and thinking it would be alright. Well—time proved it not to be so after an MRI showed "really bad news," as the orthopedic doctor put it. On December 13, I had a complicated rotator cuff surgery lasting four hours instead of the hour and a half they predicted, and I am now in the process of slowly healing. "House arrest" is difficult when you're used to being active. The instructions were to "do nothing" with the left arm (which is in an immobilizer) and to lift no more than five pounds with the other. Be patient; it will be as good as new...in a year...if the tendons grow properly back into the bone! We don't like to hear that, but it is what it is. Billy Graham was asked why he had Parkinson's disease when he had served God all of his life. His answer? Suffering is part of the human condition—and why should I be exempt when so many people better than I have suffered so much more? Every week is better... "only" two more weeks in the immobilizer and then hopefully more aggressive physical therapy to get back into action. Thanks to all for prayers for healing!

From Tricia:

After my crash and Ken's shoulder injury this summer, Ken and I have had to laugh at each other and with a wink say to each other, "We're a team!" I have a 2018 resolution to never walk through the door of an urgent care facility or a doctor's office or a physical therapy department. We were grateful to have had the grace of the Lord to be able to serve on the Deutsch campaign, and it was a great blessing to give out the gospel in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland.

Ken has been a good patient and has started to schedule meetings again, and we look forward to getting busy about the business the Lord has ahead for us! This spring our son Paul (pictured) will retire after 20 years in the US Navy, and we are very much looking forward to spending some time with him as he goes through his transition back into civilian life. Please pray for him for wisdom to know exactly what the Lord will have for him ahead. He has many options and many decisions to make. We're eager to be back on the road and in the churches presenting the ministry of Couriers for Christ, while preparing for the back-to-back campaigns in Sofia and Zagreb in September. Much love, and thanks to all for your prayers and patience during our foibles, and for your love and support.



Distribution Report for 2017

"To give light to them that sit in darkness..." Luke 1:79a

Literature Distribution

Month	Language	Description	Number/Pieces
March	English, Russian, Bulgarian Trilingual	Gospel of John	98,250
	Bulgarian	John and Romans	126,000
	Bulgarian	Tracts	254,000
	English	John and Romans	720
May	Polish	Bibles	7,600
July	German	John and Romans	270,600
	German	Bibles	5,860
October	Polish	John and Romans	334,800
December	Polish	Bibles	10,500

Couriers financed the production of a Polish Audio Bible.

The New Testament was completed in October,
and the Old Testament should be completed by Spring 2018.

Rave reviews have been received regarding the New Testament.

Deutsch Scripture Campaign held September 4-17, 2017

In September Couriers conducted a campaign with Missionary Nico Verhoef, located in St. Gallen, Switzerland. This was the first campaign Couriers has held in Western Europe. Brother Nico wanted to distribute scriptures during the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Our Lord brought together a team of thirty-four choice servants from twelve states and a couple from Canada to carry out the Deutsch Scripture Campaign in three different cities in three separate countries: Konstantz, Germany; St. Gallen, Switzerland; and Dornbirn, Austria.

Campaign Results

71,000 John and Romans distributed

70 visitors attended the meetings

6 precious souls saved

Banquet Speaker

This year we were privileged to have Pastor Barry Murray and his wife Andrea (pictured at right) with us for our banquet. Since 2000 Brother Murray has pastored Calvary Baptist Church in Allison Park, Pennsylvania. Under his leadership the church has grown, and he has greatly strengthened the church's mission outreach.

We thoroughly enjoyed their fellowship and Brother Murray's message from Exodus chapter 4, "*What is in thine hand?*" It was a tremendous blessing and encouragement to all of us!



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