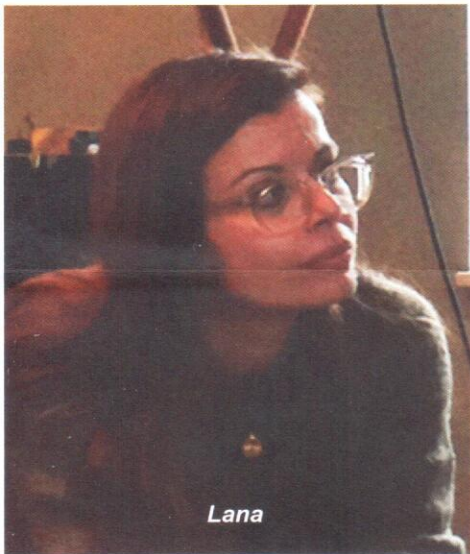


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Lana



Petra



Sven

A Divine Appointment

by Don Stertz



While in Zagreb, Croatia, we met with several marketing agencies, seeking one to advertise the campaign. I want to share with you the events of one special meeting.

We arrived at the Alert Marketing Company where we were introduced to Lana, managing partner; Petra, account director; and Sven, design engineer. Missionary Brad Lowrie explained what we were looking for and that he wanted to start a new Baptist church in Zagreb. Lana asked Brad, "Why do you want to start Baptist churches when Croatia has many Christian Catholic churches?" Brad began to explain some of the doctrinal differences between the Catholics and Baptists. For instance, Catholics believe in purgatory, and the Bible is clear that there isn't one. Lana immediately spoke up and said, "I know!" We looked at her and asked, "How do you know?"

She told us that for one of her classes at the university she was to choose a topic and write a paper on it. She decided to write one on purgatory. Lana said that she used many books and the Bible to research her topic and then reported that after her research she came to the conclusion that there isn't a purgatory. She said that her paper caused no small stir in the university. Her mom asked her why she hadn't picked a safe, simple topic. At this point Brother Lowrie briefly gave the plan of salvation while all three listened intently.

When there was a lull in the conversation, I spoke up and said that we wanted all people in Croatia to have their own Bibles so that they could read about the tremendous sacrifice that God made by giving His only Son to bear and pay for the sin of all mankind! I also mentioned that there is an enemy, the devil. At this point all three spoke up and said, "Yes, we know that there is a devil." So I explained that this enemy, the devil, would develop counterfeit religions, and that these religions would get people to work and to do, do, do their traditions so that they could try to get to heaven. However, with Jesus it was DONE! His last words on the cross were, "It is finished!" The plan for man's redemption was completed, and man has only to receive the gift of salvation.

All three sat enthralled while Petra was fighting back tears.

Prior to leaving we invited them to the meeting that will be held this September. Then Brother Lowrie gave them his card and said that they could call or e-mail him any time if they had questions. As we were leaving Lana turned to Brad and said, "You will owe me a Bible."

Pray for Lana, Petra, and Sven to be saved!



Thankful for Faithful Men

by Scott Sandy
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*And the things that thou hast heard
of me among many witnesses,
the same commit thou to faithful men,
who shall be able
to teach others also.
II Timothy 2:2*

Outside of my salvation and my family, the thing that I am most thankful for is the opportunity to be involved in the Seedline Ministry. Over the last eleven years I've had the privilege of helping to assemble several million John and Romans for worldwide distribution. Another thing I am thankful for is the relationship between ministries like Bearing Precious Seed, Seedline, and Couriers for Christ. One ministry prints, one assembles, and one distributes the scriptures. And each component is vital to the cause of Christ.

The campaign to Switzerland, Germany, and Austria was my fourth Couriers trip. We distributed John and Romans in three different cities, held three evangelistic meetings, and saw a couple of people saved, which was a blessing. But the thing I'll probably remember most about this trip is a conversation I had with Larry Ingalls.

Brother Larry told me about a BPS El Paso trip to Mexico he took with Carlos Demerest. We talked about Don Frasier, the man responsible for pioneering the various Bearing Precious Seed ministries. And here's what I realized. I never knew Don Frasier. I never knew Carlos Demerest. But those men taught faithful men. Faithful men like Larry Stallings, who, along with Dale Money, was used by God in my life to expose me to the Seedline Ministry. Faithful men like Larry Ingalls, who, along with Don Stertz and Ken Stertz, have allowed me to participate in scripture distribution campaigns. I am so thankful for faithful men who have taught others, including myself, the things they learned from those who came before. Faithful men who have dedicated their lives to the cause of Christ. Faithful men who have sacrificed so that others could have the Word of God. Faithful men who have influenced me to do my part in printing, assembling, and distributing the Word of God. Psalm 68:11 says, *"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it."* I am so thankful to be a small part of a great company of faithful men, dedicated to getting the precious Word of God to a lost and dying world. Praise God for faithful men!

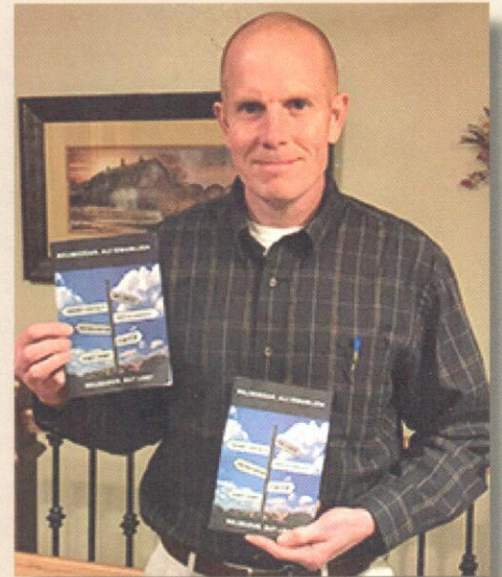


Croatian John and Romans Shipped

The end of April Couriers will be shipping a container of bilingual Croatian/English John and Romans to Zagreb, Croatia. These scriptures were purchased and assembled by Lighthouse Baptist Press Ministry located in Rapid City, South Dakota. It is a very long way from Rapid City to Zagreb. Pray for a safe delivery.

*Scriptures ready to be
trimmed and boxed*

*Mike Petrocco, director of
Lighthouse Baptist Press*

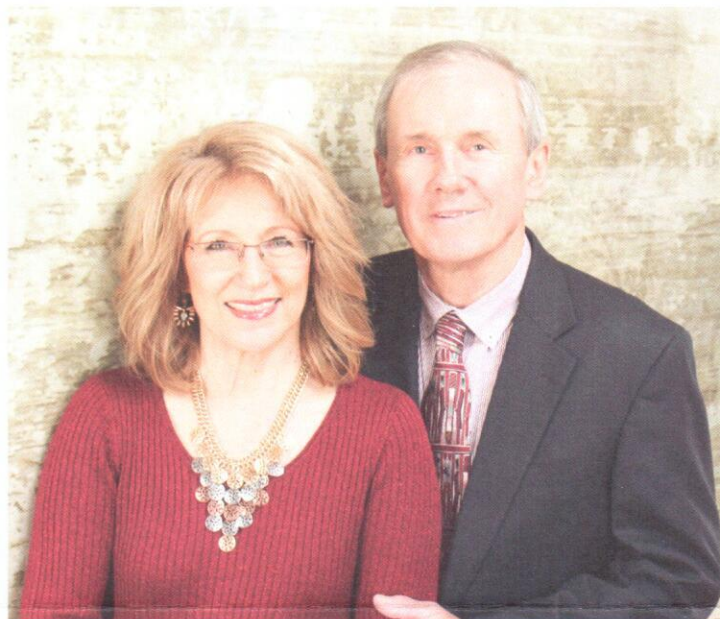


Ken Stertz *Family Update*

by Tricia Stertz

It seems like only a few days since we gave our last update, which just underscores the speed with which time seems to fly! Thank you to all of you who sent us expressions of encouragement about our “foibles” of 2017! It warmed our hearts and made us ever thankful for our wonderful, warm, and dear family of God. Ken’s progress in the rehabilitation of his rotator cuff repair is going slower than he would like, which is frustrating for him. A follow up MRI showed a good placement and healing of the repaired tendon, but a bit of encapsulation by scar tissue is impeding Ken’s range of motion (aka: he’s stiff!!) and causes the therapy to be more painful. His surgeon suggested doing another surgery to cut up and loosen that capsule, but for now the decision is just to continue with aggressive daily home stretching exercise. Thanks so much for your prayers!

It’s been a great blessing to have our son Paul home after his retirement from 20 years in the US Navy. He’s been a big help for his dad, getting spring projects done and cutting up the wood supply for our wood burning furnace and helping with things that Ken’s surgeon scolds him for doing. We’ve had an unusually cold April, and as they say, heating with wood warms you twice—once when you cut it, and once when you burn it! Paul will stay with us a bit while Ken is continuing his rehab, helping with things around our home and also doing some construction jobs on the side. Then he plans to take advantage of his GI bill in the fall and work on his degree, possibly business.



We have a very busy and full schedule this spring and summer presenting the ministry in churches, and I have been given “the word” about packing light—no 50# suitcases! It will be good practice for the back-to-back campaigns in September in Croatia and Bulgaria. We are excited about the Zagreb and Sofia campaigns, the teams that the Lord has put together, and the missionaries we will be working with, whose desire is to start a new church in each location. We are so thankful for all of the churches and individuals who have prayed and given to make this all happen. It would be impossible without your help!

God bless you all.....

Ken and Tricia Stertz



Ken hauling wood with the boom on the jitney



Ken splitting logs (first part of, “It warms you twice!”)



Correction for April newsletter

*Tyler Bridges, representative Bearing Precious Seed
Chad Robinson, director Bearing Precious Seed Seedline
Don Stertz, director Couriers for Christ*

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