

*Baptist* *May 2019*  
**COURIERS FOR CHRIST**



Don Stertz and Allen Johnson standing by pallet of John and Romans



*...and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared...*

Nehemiah 8:10

Young people of Berean Baptist Church loading container

In our April newsletter I mentioned that we were planning to load a container on Wednesday, March 27, at Berean Baptist Church in Adrian, Michigan, during the Wings Bearing Precious Seed regional conference. Coordinating getting a container there to Adrian, as well as having the Bearing Precious Seed men from Milford, Ohio, deliver the scriptures to Adrian on that same date proved to be quite a challenge.

My son, Pastor Josh Stertz, was working with Missionary Chase Smith in Lithuania, who in turn was dealing with a Lithuanian container company. The Lithuanian company finally got us a quote and contract that we had to accept so that they could contact their partners in the United States to make arrangements to get the container to Adrian, Michigan.

It was coming down to the wire; however, on Friday the 22 I received word that it was looking good for the container to arrive on time. I called Chad Robinson, missionary with Bearing Precious Seed, Milford, Ohio, and told him that it looked good and that I would give him the final word on Monday.

We were praying, and the dear people of Berean Baptist Church were praying, both for the container to arrive and for the scriptures to arrive. Colossians 4:2, *"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving."*

On Monday morning, during a session at the conference, my phone vibrated. It was a number I didn't recognize and whoever it was left a voice mail. During our first break I listened to the voice mail and it was the dispatcher asking me to confirm the location and time for the container to arrive. Praise the Lord! I then contacted Brother Chad in Ohio and told him to bring the scriptures! I want to express a special thank you to

- ◇ Bearing Precious Seed of Milford, Ohio, for printing the Lithuanian scriptures
- ◇ Chad Robinson and Tyler Williamson, two faithful men of God who brought the Lithuanian scriptures from Milford, Ohio, to Adrian, Michigan
- ◇ Pastor Doug Rogers and Berean Baptist Church for hosting Wings Bearing Precious Seed regional conference
- ◇ Brother Allen Johnson, director of Wings Bearing Precious Seed, for covering the cost of shipping the container
- ◇ Especially the Seedline churches who purchased, assembled, and boxed these scriptures for Lithuania



Chad Robinson, Don and Laura Stertz, and Tyler Williamson with container loaded with scripture

## Special PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for our team of 21 faithful volunteers who will depart from USA soil on June 11 for Siauliai, Lithuania. For ten days they will do all they can to sow the seed of the Word of God in the cities of Siauliai and Kursenai.

*"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." 1 Peter 1:23*

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### • 2019 CAMPAIGNS

June Lithuania Campaign: **filled**

September Ukraine Campaign: **some open slots**

Dates: September 9-21, 2019

Cost: \$2,800

Goal: Strengthen existing church and help to start a new one

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### • 2020 CAMPAIGN

Bibles for Berlin

Dates: September 7-19, 2020

Country: Berlin, Germany

Cost: \$2,800

Goal: Help missionaries Scott and Kris Poling establish a new church



Dear Brother Stertz and the whole Couriers ministry workers and supporters,

Thank you so much for sending us funds to buy 260 Russian and Ukrainian Bibles. When the Bible Society where we buy the Bibles told us the final price on the Bibles it was less than I was originally quoted, and therefore we were able to buy an extra 40 Bibles. I was pleasantly surprised and thanked the Lord. We have already begun sending some of these Bibles out and have received thank yous. Thank you all very much again. God is so good!

God bless,  
Brother Paul Gray

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## 2018 CAMPAIGN BIBLE STUDY FOLLOW-UP

- **Missionary Jeff Shergalis from Sofia, Bulgaria, writes:**

Our Thursday night Bible study is continuing to go well with eight regular attendees. Now that we have had the Bible study for over six months, we have started looking for a more permanent place to hold Sunday services.

- **Update from Missionary Brad Lowrie, Zagreb, Croatia:**

During the September Couriers for Christ campaign, Dunja, a deaf lady, received an invitation. She attended the meeting and then started attending the follow-up Bible study, where another lady, Jasmina, accentuates with her mouth in Croatian what Brother Lowrie speaks in English so that Dunja can understand. Dunja told Brother Lowrie that she had never had a Bible and didn't know if God, heaven, or hell were even real. Since she has been coming to Bible study and reading her Bible, God has been working in her heart, and at 70 years of age Dunja trusted Christ as her personal Savior.

# Family News

Jeremy and Heather Ingalls

Genesis 24:27 says, "...I being in the way, the LORD led me..."

We are so amazed and thankful for the opportunities and blessings that God gives us as we continue to travel, raising personal and ministry support. We have been fully involved in our ministry with Couriers, while at the same time helping in other ministry opportunities. Already this year we have had meetings in Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri; plus I went with a couple of the guys to Lithuania and Ukraine to meet with the missionaries we will be working with later this year. We look forward to helping these missionaries plant churches in their cities.

On top of our regular ministry responsibilities, I had the privilege to baptize our youngest child, Kaytlynn, at our home church. What a blessing it is to know that all of our children are now saved and baptized!

I also had an opportunity in April to spend a week in Puerto Rico to help with a basketball outreach, preach at a youth rally for the young people of Puerto Rico, and pass out John and Romans and invitations to a friend day for one of the local churches there. In a couple of weeks I will be preaching at a large youth rally in Wisconsin and working with the teenagers and youth leaders to help assemble John and Romans that will be passed out by our ministry in Ukraine later this year.

Mixed in with all this we have celebrated three birthdays in our family, the kids have been working hard in school, the boys participate in basketball when we are in Oshkosh, and we closed on our home. God has been so good to keep us safe throughout our travels and has been allowing us to continue to develop new friendships around the world. It's amazing the opportunities God gives us when we simply commit our lives to do whatever He wants us to do.

The Ingalls Clan,  
Jeremy, Heather, David, Corban, Clayton, & Kaytlynn

