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The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.

- Mark 1:3

Contending for American Freedom

Contending for Fundamental Christianity

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PARTNERSHIP FOR 70 YEARS OF MINISTRY

PRAYER LETTER

Update

The tick of the typing keys ring out loud and clear in the ministry office as we prepare this newsletter to you. Printing has, for over 70 years, been a significant part of mission efforts. In a 1979 personal message to readers, Bro. Royce, founder of The Voice in the Wilderness, wrote-

At present, our greatest expense is the printing and postage that is necessary for the newsletter and other printed materials which we feel are vital to our readers. If we can increase our income for next year by as much as even \$300 a month, we can accomplish our goal...The amount we give will depend entirely on your gifts to this work for we have no other means of support.

Continuing in the same spirit of our founding, The Voice in the Wilderness pours much time, effort, and money into the printed word, many times referring to our resources as a "Printed Missionary." As we print and distribute, whether that be John/Romans Scriptures, *The Constitution Defender*, missionary biographies, sermons or lessons, that word penetrates the heart of the readers and makes a lasting difference that reaches worldwide for eternity's sake. Even with the influx of on-line and digital material, printing is still strong and vital. In 2021, U.S. publishers sold over 800 million books, with Amazon printing at least 40% of those. Printing is NOT trending down but remains in high demand. Right now, just the financial printing need of The Voice in the Wilderness for the remainder of 2023 exceeds \$10,000. Being a "Printed Missionary" is a worth-while investment and certainly not archaic. Thank you, friends, for partnering with us in this commitment. Just in the last month, several gave and helped us replace our Rapid Fire Stapler for office productions, continue distribution of the Cherokee Book of John, and ship printed materials to Venezuela, where we cannot personally go. (Other details are given throughout this newsletter). While printing in the U.S. is undoubtedly strong, *what* is being printed is notable and concerning. Educational textbook printing is on the decrease while romance novels have flooded the market and fantasy has invaded and overtaken the children's book industry. Even the "Christian" book field has been overwhelmed with self-help content and anti-fundamental trends. Truth in print is needed more than ever. In our travels, people are looking for truth, but many times are being swept away by the fake, the make-believe, or lies purported as truth. Why are *The Constitution Defender*, *Truth or Myth*, Scripture booklets and other publications in constant back-order status? - because they uniquely present the truth in printed format and **that** is in high demand. Our next printing project is a special newsletter highlighting 70 years of ministry.

Through this will come, Lord willing, significant gifts, large and small, that will propel further missions printing, preaching, reaching, and teaching.

Personal Note

We enjoyed a special time of celebration for Bro. Ronnie who turned 70 and Bro. Steve's dad who turned 85 in July. Praise the Lord for lives lived in service for Him!



Striving to Serve,
Steve & Rebekah Lilly

Isa. 40:8



Prayer & Partnership

Health and Travel Safety

Cherokee Book of John Distribution

Jungle Ministry

India Pastors, churches, and translation work

Philippine Pastors and ministries

The Constitution Defender ministry

Monthly Financial Support

Upcoming Printing Projects

Be a **Volunteer**: If you are skilled in Graphic Design, Layout, Websites, Proofing, or Typing and have a computer and software available, YOU could assist our office remotely with many mission projects. Contact us for more information.

The Voice in the Wilderness is appreciative for the following special gifts:



*Gifts Given
in
Loving Memory*

Given by

In Memory of

McClellan B Johnson

Mildred Johnson

ON THE LIGHT SIDE

Teacher: "If your mother gave you a large apple and a small one, and told you to divide with your brother, which one would you give him?"

Johnnie: "Do you mean my small brother or my big one?"

QUESTION: How did the fish that swallowed Jonah obey the law?

ANSWER: Jonah was a stranger the fish took him in.



Tweety-Pie Junior Tutor books bring special witness opportunities, one recently of which was a mountain festival. Our red-white-and-blue booth attracted the passersby, some of whom chose to take home *The Constitution Defender* and *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* books, while all were offered a John/Romans Scripture booklet. Sadly, in the beautiful Western North Carolina church-in-the-wildwood setting, many refused the Scriptures. Their need was obvious, but their choice was made and heart unwilling. Our reach was great - people from other states, rich, poor, world-renowned, community leader - the seed was planted. At a different venue, we taught on the U.S. Constitution and influenced a variety of cultures with Biblical truth. India, Venezuela, and Romania came to our workshops and took home resources to encourage and strengthen their families. YOU are a part of this teaching! Thank you for helping us reach people with the Truth.

Cherokee Witness

Distribution of the Cherokee/English John booklets continues, with some being shipped to Midwest and Western regions. Prayer Point: Pray for a possible opportunity to teach the Book of John to the Cherokee Youth.



India-URGENT NEED!

The Book of Revelation study has been translated into Hindi and is ready for print in India. Will you join us in this "Printed Missionary" project?

\$500/200 books printed. ALSO - pray for for brethren in India - persecution, church destruction, and even deaths in Manipur.



Preaching on John 20, Bro. Steve challenged the church with a Personal Search, Personal Salvation, and Personal Service, and our family enjoyed singing and playing the piano and violin before the message. It is always a blessing to serve and worship with you in your local church and provide updates on ministry mission efforts.

Church Time



☞ Appearances can be deceiving. A dollar looks the same as it did 20 years ago.

☞ We become what we think about.

☞ If you cannot do GREAT things yourself, remember that you can do SMALL things in a GREAT way.

Nuggets of Gold

BIBLICAL ALERT Podcast

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You reap what you sow! Throughout years of ministry, many have been hostile to preaching on the preserved, pure, powerful Word of God, the King James Bible. The absolute authority of God's Word teaches what we have in the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God. Our stand has brought ugly letters and attacks. Preachers that once stood firmly on the King James Bible now flip-flop to the ESV, NIV and others and are going "trans" to **Advance** their church in this movement. The "A" in **Church Advance** really stands for no absolutes, no authority and ultimately no accountability. The **Church Advance** translation transition to whatever man chooses is a result of the confusion shown when they, in error, say:

Only the original autographs were inspired...

We don't have Moses or Paul's manuscripts...

This confusion brings all the A's - no absolutes, no authority, no accountability - to serious issues from divorce to transgender - resulting in Biblical clarity becoming non-existent. They say they don't have a book-chapter-verse for those topics and that the KJB pronouns are archaic. Woe unto you scribes, pharisees and hypocrites. In Gen 3:1, Satan attacked the very Word of God. Satan *transitioned* to doubt. Satan attacks, perverts, and takes out of context God's Truth as told in Matthew 4 when Jesus quotes Deuteronomy. By the way, is Deuteronomy out-of-date and archaic? Maybe they want an updated *transition* translation replacing the name Jesus and Saviour? Beware Christians, the Serpent has crept in to our churches. God help us! "Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way." Psalm 119:104

Scripture Shipments

THANK YOU - THANK YOU to those who sent specific gifts right on time for the shipments to Venezuela. Every dollar went right to the shipping costs. UPDATE: As we see gas prices and other commodities rising, we also experienced an increase in mailing fees for our Scripture shipments. Now, each box will require nearly \$200 to send to Venezuela. As you give, we will

Take NOTE ↓

We continue to changeover all of our mailing to our new PO Box address (see below). Our physical office has NOT moved, just our mailing address. Please help us by using the new address for all your correspondence.



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