

into other languages, some of which are being smuggled into countries where the Word of God is outlawed. Praise God for His workers that are working in God's Harvest Field, for it is ripe unto Harvest!

Plus, God has opened the door to His Word as He has given us His Wisdom and Insight on **His Holy Tapestry** that is woven in His Word from book to book, chapter to chapter, and person to person, connecting Adam to Jesus, from the sin to the cross as He reveals His total **unconditional love** for us. His Insight has been a blessing to so many, challenged, and inspired them to get closer to their Father. Praise God! Seeking the Truth in His Word WILL draw you closer to Him!

We recently made a decision to change part of our giving, as our tithe, because we saw no accountability. We are accountable to God for our time and for the Love Gifts and donations given to this ministry and we expect the same of other ministries – both here and abroad. We take it personally when you entrust us to spend God's funds to further His Kingdom. One of my goals is to be able to **stand in the gap** for those in need, in need of the Gospel, in need of encouragement, or in need of support. God knows my heart, and God can trust this ministry! Not too long ago, we went through a complete bookkeeping audit by the IRS, with a clean bill of health. At one point during the audit, I overheard our CPA tell the IRS agent how he respected who we are and what we do for God.

We get excited when we are able to publish a new Gospel Tract title or coloring/activity book because we know that it will reach souls that we will never see in person. Many will be given to adults and children who do not (and maybe, have never) had their shadow darken the doorway of a church. Personally, I carry Gospel Tracts, comics, and activity books in my car and truck. When I am in a public place (doctor's office – restaurant – barbershop – etc.) I look for children and adults to hand them the Word of God. I even carry **five (5) dollar bills** wrapped in Gospel Tracts to give to the people "panhandling" on street corners or in parking lots, blessing them financially and spiritually. Getting the Word out to the lost, hungry, hurting, and needy is paramount, and should be for every Child of God, and especially for every church leader (if they are a true Shepard).

Here is the problem. Since before the first of the year, our mail has been down. That is putting it lightly. We could blame it on the severe weather our country has endured, or the political climate we live in, or the uncertainty of our economy, or just the fact that so many people are afraid of what tomorrow may bring. Fear and hopelessness is gripping our nation. For sure, we are living in the last days, I have no doubt about that. That being said, I do not want to stand before my Lord and say that we could not print or send out His Word in Gospel Tracts because we did not have the funds to buy paper, postage, and pay our bills. The Harvest is ripe, but the workers are few.

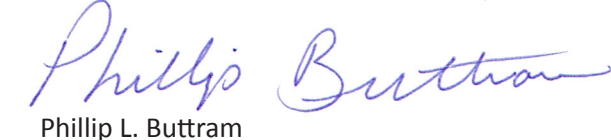
We have been operating on **emergency funds** for many months now, supplementing your love gifts and donations received. We cannot do this forever. **I will not** borrow funds against this ministry to pay bills and operating costs. *That would put us under a burden and obligation to a secular bank.* My God is bigger than that! **Jehovah is our banker!** I have heard preachers say that "God doesn't really need us." While that may be true in one sense, He DOES LOVE us, He Loves all of mankind, and needs workers in the Harvest Fields. The work of God does need us to produce and spread His Word to the masses. The Holy Spirit will draw a person unto the Father, but He does so through the work and words of His Children. Dad's motto was "To all the world – to every creature – through the Printed Page!" Our prayers and the Holy Spirit and God's anointing are on every Gospel Tract that we publish and send out to the world!

We receive many orders for Gospel Tracts, Bibles, comics, and activity books from people who cannot afford to donate to the ministry, and that is what we do. We will honor these requests as long as God provides the funds. Let me restate that in other words, **we can ONLY honor those requests when we have the funds to pay the bills.** Cost of almost everything has increased. We must have a sustainable cash flow to meet the financial need for publishing Gospel Tracts because we cannot and will not sell them! This is not a cry for help, this is a **rally call** to the saints of God to help raise high the banner of Jesus Christ for the entire world to see and know Him as Lord.

- Please keep this ministry in your prayers. Prayer of the believers is the only answer.
- Please remember Gospel Tract Society in your estate planning.
- Please pray about what the LORD would have you donate to this ministry in this hour of need.
- Please submit our Gospel Tract mission and needs to your church leaders or mission's board and ask them to partner with us with a monthly home-missions ministry donation.
- Please pray and consider becoming a monthly prayer and support partner.
- Also, have you ever thought about volunteering to the LORD your time, talents, experience, and gifts? There are many things that you could be doing for the LORD. You have abilities that you don't even realize. If you have a desire to serve God, God has your Gift. It only takes the first step. The waters of the Red Sea and the Jordan River did not part leaving dry ground until the feet of the priest took the first step into the water. The first step into God's blessing is up to you. There is no retirement for the child of God, only a change in title, occupation, or even location.

Let me ask you a question. *Where would this world be without the Gospel Tract Society?* How much is a lost soul worth?

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Dear Family – Dear Friends,

My Dad used this letterhead for decades. It seemed appropriate to use it once again since it was his calling from God to start printing Gospel Tracts in 1926. This is one of the toughest letters I have ever written. A little over five and a half years ago, my Heavenly Father opened the door for me to return to the Gospel Tract Society as Director, later, elected President of this 93-year-old Gospel Tract publishing ministry. As you know, God called my Father in 1926 when He said "Print My Word" in Gospel Tract format. And, to send those Gospel Tracts throughout the world freely without "selling" them. Later, God told Dad, "I will supply your every need." Over the years, my Father obeyed God, and God did provide. The ministry grew, was blessed, and grew some more. It took 40 years of following God's calling for the ministry to grow to the level that Dad was able to leave his full time job and devote all of his time and effort to publishing Gospel Tracts, which he did until he went to be with his LORD.

There were times that it was rough. **No**, there were some flat-out hard times when as a family and as a ministry the eleventh hour had passed before we saw the answers to our prayers. I do not believe that is because God likes to see if His Children can hang on to the end of their rope. No, I believe that God speaks to His Children to respond to His voice, knowing that when they obey and send their offering, they will receive His blessing for their obedience. When they don't respond to the voice of the Holy Spirit, then God will call on the children who have proven their obedience before to a short-notice call, and they receive His blessings. And, the need is met. However, God was (and is) always there and has blessed this ministry as He blessed those who supported the publishing of Gospel Tracts, our mission outreaches, and other ministry projects. We thank and Praise our Eternal Heavenly Father for every **victory** that He has given us since 1926. He is our **Source** and our **Strong Tower** that we run into during times of attack. He is our **El-Shaddai** – our supply!

Yet, within those hard times came other blessings from God and a faith building for the next battle. Sometimes it was a sack or two of groceries from a friend just before supper time, when the kitchen cabinets were bare. Other times the blessings were letters or phone calls from someone who had found Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, or someone who had been especially blessed by one of our Gospel Tracts in their darkest hour of need. There were the times when the LORD had spoken to a person's spirit and they came by, or mailed, a special donation of love and support that was desperately needed to pay bills.

This last year, we had a rash of "small foxes" that have hindered this ministry and bitten into our bank account. We lost our web designer, our website crashed, many press and equipment breakdowns, software and computer issues, and the list goes on. **There is no doubt God has already moved to answer our prayers**, to provide for our needs, and has laid upon the hearts of our ministry family to support in partnership, however, the response to God's call and direction for support has not come.

This ministry is **not** underwritten by any church, denomination, grant, company, government, or individual. This is a God-given freedom to print the message that God lays upon our hearts without having to please someone who holds our purse strings, or to be under their doctrinal thumb. We strive to only please our LORD in thought, word, and action. **We are supported solely by your offerings, gifts and donations.** Since we do not sell our Gospel Tracts. So, we cannot depend upon sales of tracts or books to pay our bills and meet our operating expenses. It seems at times that this ministry (as with many ministries) operates on a hand to mouth existence as we strive to freely provide God's Word to those who need it. So many times, we receive requests from churches and people ordering thousands (even tens of thousands) of tracts without any consideration of what it costs to produce and ship such an order. When in fact, a little research reveals that they are very blessed financially and are capable of giving financial support for their order or even have the ability to come alongside of us and become a monthly partner, and reap the rewards for their partnership. **Many people and churches are truly faithful partners with their prayers, love, and support. Without them, our doors would have been locked and sold many years ago. We are eternally blessed and grateful to them. Praise and thank God for their faithfulness to the work and the Word of our Heavenly Father!**

As small as we are, we are still the largest non-profit, 501(c)(3) Gospel Tract publishers in the world that **does not** SELL their Gospel Tracts! We have a small staff of dedicated workers, warriors who operate out of a small plant, but we serve a LARGE God Who owns that cattle on a thousand hills and Who is able to meet each and every need that you may have and that we may have!

We seldom tout the vast number of tracts that we write, publish, and ship out on a daily basis. We are printing and shipping out tens of thousands of tracts and children's coloring/activity books. As you have looked over our monthly ordering (offering blanks) forms in the past, you have seen that this ministry is growing with more tools (seeds) for the Harvest Field of our LORD. We do not plan to stop the growth and expanding the line of Gospel Tracts and books for the Kingdom of God. We have several new titles and items in the works. Right now, there are several tracts and The Amazing Gospel Comic Book are being translated