

Dare Family Update: November 2023

Praise God for . . .

- Safety & skill of techs installing SLM's next main printing press
- Slow but steady progress in adjusting to the machine & finishing priority printing
- New branches and revived distribution of aged Portuguese literature
- Safety in travel to and connections made in ministry trips to VA & NJ

Pray for . . .

- Service work still needed on the press & opportunities to build relationships with reps
- Full adjustment to new machine, especially paper feeding struggles
- Delivery of materials to Portugal & preparation for upcoming shipments
- Good & healthy partnerships with churches & individuals

Printing progress

The last several months have been all about "the press" in the Print Shop at Source of Light. That is, the new-to-SLM, five-color, sheet-fed Ryobi press that has arrived and now been installed. After many hours and multiple visits from various techs, the press is operational. It took two days for riggers to get the sections in the building and in position and over three weeks in total for setup and service work. Pray for our pressman, Philip, as he not only acclimates himself to this particular machine but also re-orientes to general key differences vs. the roll-fed press he has operated for many years. This continues to be one big adjustment, though we are making some traction. Also, certain parts of the press still need attention, though not critical to the most urgent printing we need to do. Speaking of which, pray also for our inventory, which has gotten very low for an increasing number of items. We would like these to be done by the end of the year, which seems daunting, but we are trusting the Lord!



Bruce, Philip, & Dan with one of the first press sheets of lessons printed off the Ryobi press

Portuguese progress

It is hard to believe we have been serving at Source of Light (www.sourcelight.org) headquarters for two years now! Soon after our arrival, Bruce began overseeing a fairly large project of unboxing some dated material that had been in storage for several years. This was a sad previous development, though



the need for space and regrettable dwindling of activity at some of our branches made it more sensible at the time. Ministry in Brazil has been revived now with a new director there and a good vision for the work. We wanted to bring the same life back to our Portuguese materials, which began with inventorying what we had on hand, most of which was inaccessible in a back corner. Meanwhile, God was working for SLM to begin a partnership with a Brazilian missionary to Portugal, now one of our newest Discipleship Training Branches. You can read about their story here (https://mcusercontent.com/24f905e6b84a1852a795ac38b/files/50cf5e75-21bf-ac57-6515-556704103294/Reaper68_3_Fall2023_Final_WebReader.02.pdf) in a recent issue of *The Reaper* (pp. 7-9, Fall 2023). A month ago, Bruce had the privilege of shipping two boxes that were the fruit of this work, initial literature sent from Headquarters for ministry in Portugal. Perhaps this is a parable to us all, that God can do His work as He pleases, even with broken, leaky vessels and dusty, old booklets.

Partner progress

Our family was blessed again in October to take ministry trips north to VA and then separately to NJ, primarily to participate in missions conferences. The first was a return visit to Community Bible Church (Newport News, VA - www.vabiblechurch.com) where we experienced once again their dedicated heart for missions and got to know some families even better. The number of ministries and individuals they sacrificially support is exceptional and such a blessing. On our second trip, we were able to visit Bethel Bible Baptist Church (www.bethelbible.net) and Hardingville Bible Church (www.hardingville.org) and share with loved ones there, then spend several days with Living Water Bible Church (Mount Royal, NJ - www.lwbcnj.com). We found it refreshing to catch up with some familiar friends and gain some new ones. One exciting element was a morning of outreach in which our whole family was able to participate. A large group assembled, some for ministry in a needy city nearby and others to share the Gospel in the local community. Praise the Lord as they've just shared a decision this week to become monthly supporters of our work. We're grateful for God's blessing on our travels and His leading to people passionate for the spread of the Word! We are grateful for each of you and your interest in our ministry and family.



Bruce sharing SLM updates in Newport News



Kids sharing ice cream with VA friends



Talking SLM tracts available at our table



Talking press work before outreach ministry



Pray for ministry to truckers with "Amen Bob"



Presenting SLM under the tent in Mt. Royal



Living Water, our newest supporting church



Sorted & shelved Portuguese lessons



First boxes of literature to Portugal DTB



Lucas, Adil, & Érica Reis serving in Portugal

"Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored . . . For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful . . ." (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)

- Bruce, Danielle, & Family

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