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WHAT ELSE HAPPENS BEYOND THE TRACTS

Beyond the Tract. What does that mean? What else does Bible Tracts do? Since its inception, it is my understanding that Bible Tracts, INC. has been about printing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the form of a Gospel Tract. We have not produced books or Bibles; we haven't helped start new churches or build new buildings; we have printed tracts.

So what is the point of this new segment in the newsletter? Why have a "Beyond the Tract" segment if tracts is all we do? Truthfully, while the printed page is our sole focus, with that focus comes so much more. We want to take this new segment and pull the curtain back on Bible Tracts and let you see a little into the day-in and day-out aspect of what goes on here at the offices of Bible Tracts.

One of the most important office extras that we do is when one of our tracts comes back to us signed by a new believer. If you have ever dealt with our tracts, you well know that on most of our tracts there

is a place on the back for someone to sign, date, and place their address. This area is not for someone to place an order for more tracts, but rather it is reserved for those individuals who have received our tract, read it, and as a result they have trusted Christ as their Saviour! When we receive one of these signed tracts, several things take place.

First, we praise the Lord that another sinner has found the Savior! We rejoice knowing that we may never have the opportunity to meet this brother or sister in the Lord here on Earth, but we will see them in Heaven someday.

The next step is to record the salvation. We keep records of all those that have notified us of their decision to accept Christ. Every day, as we go through the mail sorting orders and donations, we are excited to find a signed tract. It is the highlight of our day! We keep written and digital records of salvations.

Third, we mail a packet to the new convert. These packets include:

- Tracts #01, #08, #70
- Pamphlet warning of cults

- Baptism tract
- New believer Bible study
- Assurance brochure
- Beginning your new life in Christ brochure

A vital part of this Packet is the decision letter that we mail to our newest member of the family. In this letter, we tell them of a local, independent, Baptist church that we would recommend for them to visit.

Finally, we send a decision letter to the church that we selected / recommended to the new convert. This letter informs the local pastor that someone in their area has accepted Christ! We provide the name and address of the new believer so that the local church can follow up and begin discipleship with them.

Praise the Lord for a ministry that will follow up with those that are newly saved. An old preacher once gave a nickname to those Christians who lead people to the Lord but never show them the importance of baptism or discipleship. He said, "They were the 'one-third boys'!" It is such a truth that just as we are commanded to go and tell others about Christ, we are to also teach them about baptism, see them baptized, and disciple them to understand their new life in Christ. As II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." This ministry has taken the steps to never be labeled "one-third."

As we close this segment of Beyond the Tract, we remind you that although we print tracts, millions of them, there is a plethora of other tasks we do here in the office. Each of these tasks is what makes Bible Tracts what it has been and will continue to be, your co-laborer in the Lord to get the Gospel to the entire world. Look for this segment in coming newsletters to learn more about Bible Tracts, INC.

- Austin Merriott, Office Manager



MONOTONY AND THE SAME OL' SAME OL'

WRITTEN BY EV. MICAH MCCURRY

As I look back upon what this past year has brought, I can only thank God for what He has done and Who He is. I cannot speak for you, our dear reader and supporter of Bible Tracts Inc., but 2019 was not only a year of sorrow, but even more so, a year of plentiful joy in my life. My wife has the privilege of introducing me and my family to you in the side column on this page, but at this moment, I would like to pass along a thought that has been on my mind as we launch into this exciting adventure of a New Year and new ministry!

It's that time of year. We are just days into 2020 and already New Year's Resolutions are beginning to fall by the wayside. We are confronted with the fact that we will be the same people we were last year. Aren't you a little tired of it? Are you tired of The Monotony and the Same Ol' Same Ol'? What if not everything in life had to be cyclical and boring?

"And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision." 1 Samuel 3:1

If you have ever found yourself in a rut, or do now, you understand what the nation of Israel was feeling in the timeframe of this verse. You probably already know the story of little Samuel and the call of God on his life. Today, I would like to bring a short application from verse one of chapter three.

Israel is in a rut. God does not seem to be speaking to anyone. Israel, in this account, is a theocratic system of government. That means that when God



is not speaking, they have no leadership. As a result, the children of Israel have become cold, crusty, and callous. May I implore you to not make the same mistake in this New Year? Don't give in to the Same Ol' Same Ol'!

What I hope you will do today because you read this article is this: Get off the hamster wheel! Break the monotony! I hope you get tired of spinning your wheels and start to change something based off what you learn or are reminded of today.

Aren't you worn out after going to church between 50 and 150 times in 2019 without hearing (or letting) God speak to you? Aren't you sick of putting on a good face when you feel empty inside? Aren't you done with the sham of enjoying the Christian life and actually want

to live the peace that passes all understanding? If so, then first, realize this:

WE DIDN'T HAVE A MONOTONOUS CONVERSION

I hope you haven't gotten over being saved! The Wednesday evening that a man named Wilbur Walker led me to the Lord and I got saved is not

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Greetings

It is such a privilege for our family to be a part of Bible Tracts Inc. (BTI)! We are so excited to partner with YOU for the sake of the Gospel! My husband has been preparing and praying for wisdom as God has opened this door of ministry.

When my husband asked me to write this short note of introduction, I had no idea what to say! He recommended that I just tell you who we are! So, to introduce myself, I am Rebekah (Woodward) McCurry. I grew up in a pastor's home not far from here in Dwight, IL. It is such a joy to be able to come back to Illinois and be close to family since God has lead us to BTI!

My husband, the new Staff Evangelist/ Representative of BTI, is Micah McCurry. My husband accepted Christ as Saviour as a young boy, was called to the ministry as a young teen, and after getting his bachelors degree at a great Bible college, we were married. Right after our marriage he earned his Masters degree from a second excellent Bible college. Immediately after his graduation we plunged into full time ministry in Ohio, where God has allowed us to serve for the last 5 1/2 years.

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TAKING THE GOSPEL TO ALL THE WORLD SINCE

A GOOD SOLDIER BUT LOST

Captain Cornelius served in the Roman army. He was "a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always" (Acts 10:2).

That's what GOD said about him! Cornelius was devout, he feared God, his family feared God with him, he gave to charity, and he prayed.

And that isn't all. His servants, who knew him well, said of him, "Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews..." (Acts 10:22).

In spite of all this goodness and religion, Cornelius needed to be saved! He needed the Lord Jesus Christ, who is God's salvation (see Luke 2:30).

God spoke to Cornelius in a vision, "Send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon (Peter): . . . he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do" (Acts 10:5,6), and "shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved" (Acts 11:14).

Good works and religion do not save!

Despite his belief in God, his prayers, his generosity, his good reputation, his morality, and his devotion to his wife and children, this soldier needed to be saved from his sins. He needed the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

My friend, you may be like Cornelius. You are religious. You have been baptized and have joined a church. You take the Lord's Supper. You are generous with your gifts to charity. You have no bad habits. You love your wife and children. You are a devoted husband and father. Others think well of you.

However, if you have not been born again (see John 3:3) - have not received the Lord Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior - you, like Cornelius, need to be saved.

You cannot buy, you cannot win, you cannot merit, you cannot achieve God's salvation by any system or by any amount of religion or good works.

Why?

Salvation is FREE! ". . . The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:23).

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monotonous to me! I am not tired of telling about that day! If you don't look back on the day that you passed from death to life as the day that your life changed, as the day that changed every other day, then maybe your story is beginning to become monotonous to you.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." - Romans 1:16



Dear friend, would you take a moment and relive that day? The moment that you realized your need for a Saviour and called upon the Name that is above every name should excite you!

Maybe you have allowed your enjoyment of the goodness and mercy of God to dim and fade with the passing years. Maybe you have allowed your salvation day to become ho hum in your own mind. Maybe you have gotten over the fact that you aren't going to spend eternity in Hell. Maybe that's not special anymore. Maybe the song "Amazing Grace" isn't that amazing.

Brother or Sister, I sure hope that isn't the case! You know why I don't think my conversion was monotonous?:

WE DIDN'T HAVE A MONOTONOUS CONDEMNATION

Friend, Hell is no joke. You would appreciate your conversion a lot more if you understood what you were saved from.

"And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." - Matthew 8:11-12

I like a good deal. I hate buying things when they are not on sale. More than that, I hate being ripped off. Think about these two verses above. The first, the greatest deal possible, the second, the epitome of the worst deal. On the day that each of us received salvation we were headed for the worst deal imaginable, worse than the electric chair or lethal injection. The sentence of sin that we were under separated us from our Saviour. But, Praise God! "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." - Romans 8:1

When we wrap our minds around what we were saved from, it will change our perspective. A proper understanding of the horribleness of Hell leads us

to the fact that:

WE DON'T HAVE A MONOTONOUS COMMISSION

If we understand our own conversion and condemnation, we will be a lot more energetic about our commission. If Jesus Saves really is our cry to the lost world and the song that we sing, do our actions indicate that we mean it? "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." - Mark 16:15

"If sinners be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. If they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees. Let no one go there unwarned and unprayed for." - Charles Spurgeon

This Great Commission of His is not a small-time job. It is not a side hustle or a hobby. It is not some token service or an inconsequential obligation. This sacred duty is the job of all Christians, at all times. Maybe the seriousness has been lost on you. Maybe nobody has impressed upon you that this is a big deal. Please don't ignore the Creator of the Universe and His last command the final time He was physically on Earth.

Do you desire for 2020 to be different, better, more fulfilling, less depressing than 2019? Reader, start by remembering your salvation. Recall the fact that Satan's eternal home would have been your destiny without His intervention, and really begin seeing souls as worth your time, energy, and investment!

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God blessed both Micah and me with good Christian parents that raised and trained us to grow up with a desire to serve the Lord. While they taught us so much, we both continued to grow and learn while in Bible college. Our years serving in Ohio allowed us to apply what we had been taught while allowing us to learn even more about serving the Lord. As we enter into this next chapter of our lives serving alongside BTI, I can't help but be excited to see what God has in store for us and wonder, "What is God going to teach us next?"

God has blessed us with two little red headed girls, Emmy and Lucy. Our move to Illinois has put them twice as close to one set of grandparents, and just blocks away from the other set of grandparents as well as their cousins! They are so excited!

I am so thankful for our family to have the opportunity to partner with Bible Tracts. The blessing to be a part of a ministry with a legacy as rich and as effective as this one does not come about every day. I know my husband takes the stewardship of this ministry in such a serious manner and I pray that he can be a blessing to you through his work here! God bless and Happy New Year!

- Rebekah McCurry, Wife of Ev. Micah McCurry



MEMORIAL GIFTS

This quarter, gifts were received by those listed below in honor of their loved ones:

- LuAnn Culver of Illinois
- Kenda Fish of Wisconsin
- Lorraine Heckman of Michigan
- Ted Obrohta of Illinois
- Clarice Olson of Minnesota
- Janice Wheatley of Illinois
- Robert Wiggins of Texas
- Linda Winterland of Wisconsin

NOTES WE RECEIVE FROM PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU TESTIMONIALS FROM YOU!

15,550 Veterans received a gospel packet this past Veterans Day. To God be the glory! 342,100 "Little Preachers" (tracts) are still preaching in America, in the homes of veterans that God wants to be saved, and He wants those that are saved to be encouraged. AMEN! Bible Tracts is a major player in all this!

Thanks,

- Patrick Hayes with Berean Armed Forces Ministry

It may take me several months to share these (tracts) with others. But I thank you for this service you provide! A written expression of the gospel to leave with those that God brings into my life to share His love with. I will be making a donation to help cover the cost as well. God bless you all this Christmas season.

- Guy from Wisconsin

Foreign UPDATE

Our partner in India, Suresh Summangi, recently sent us a report of the progress he has made. Praise God that in his last trip he and our fellow laborers in the Lord distributed over 1,000,000 tracts! They were also able to ordain 20 men into the Lord's work. Looking forward to 2020, Suresh will be printing another 1,000,000 tracts. The cost for this endeavor is \$8,500. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving toward this great need. Please continue to pray for this great work that is being wrought in India for the furtherance of the Gospel!

Bro. Suresh ordaining these men, and preaching!



I so enjoy these short little messages given by Bro. Mark Smith pertaining to reaching various people through distributing these clever straightforward Bible tracts. I would love to join in distributing them also!

- Cindy from Wisconsin

How did I hear of Bible Tracts? Through my Brother in Christ who was a tract-sharer, who passed away in August of this year at 98 years old. He always spoke of Bro. Mark Smith, called him a Giant with the Word of God, never missing any of his programs on Harbour Light Radio Station. I am now to be part of the tract sharing ministry. I will be continuing where Bro. Barry has left off. Yours in Christ. May God Bless you and keep you.

- Marcia from St. Vincent and the Grenadines

I want to reach the lost and have them experience the life-changing love of the Lord Jesus Christ!

- Don from New Jersey

I found one of your tracts in a puddle just before Christmas. The Lord had been working on my heart to give out the Gospel, and having read your tract, I thought I would try. The tract I found, sort of danced out of the puddle! I won't be wasting them!

- Christine from The United Kingdom

My wife Sahr has been active in the distribution of Gospel tracts with a group of ladies for the past several months. They go as a group to malls to share the Gospel and hand-out tracts. They have run out of tracts and request supplies to continue the work in obedience to Lord Jesus' command to preach the Gospel to all the world until he returns. My wife asked me to help her order Gospel tracts... thru searching on the internet the Lord led me to your blessed site.

Please note that myself and my wife will be happy to share the cost of printing and the distribution of Gospel tracts. We are in our late fifties and consider sharing the Gospel as an obligation upon shoulders of everyone who calls himself a Christian..Lord bless you!

- Ceasar from Canada