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Dear Fellow Helpers in the Lord,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Freda and I are well. We are traveling and reporting to churches about BEAMS and giving out boxes of Bibles for people to mail.



Rene' & Freda Freret

BEAMS History

Twenty-two years ago on June 1, 1997, the Lord led me to resign as pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi, and to serve as Missionary and Executive Director of the BEAMS Bible Ministry. In these 22 years, the Lord has blessed us greatly. The Lord has provided almost five acres of land where we have supplied over 1,600,000 whole, hardback Bibles to over 3,000 missionaries and national pastors in over 150 countries.

In 1972, while traveling and visiting missionaries in India, Mexico, and Ghana, West Africa, Dr. Julian Pope became convinced that the greatest need of missionaries on the foreign fields is whole, hardback Bibles. We praise God for leading him to organize the BEAMS ministry.

I also thank the Lord for those who believe in this ministry: our Board of Directors; the Advisory Board; BEAMS office and warehouse staff; the ten BEAMS missionaries; our Pastor, Dr. Dan Carr, Sr.; our home church, Faith Baptist Church in Gulfport, Mississippi; and the pastors and churches who believe in this cause enough to financially support this ministry and to come and pack Bibles.

On June 1, 1997, I became the full-time Director of BEAMS. Freda and I borrowed money to purchase a small, portable building which we used to pack and ship Bibles. Our first Bible packer, Bro. Roy Williams, lived south of Yazoo City, Mississippi. For several months he drove to Gulfport, where he spent the night, then packed Bibles and drove home on Tuesday afternoon.

We soon outgrew that little building. We shared this need with pastors and churches and soon we had \$80,000.00, which was enough for us to build a small warehouse on the property that Temple Baptist Church allowed us to use.

Next door to our packing building was a building where a doctor performed abortions. For six years, we prayed for God to close down that clinic. One evening a preacher friend, Dr. Bill Riddick, called and told us the doctor had gotten behind on his payments and the building was going to be auctioned off. We went to the auction, bid the highest, and purchased the building for \$65,001.00. We evicted the abortionist and moved our Bible packing operation into the former abortion building. In 2005, we purchased some property on Duckworth Road from Dr. Bill Riddick, where we are located today.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support. Please do make a trip to Gulfport, Mississippi, and see the BEAMS Bible Ministry. You can see how God has blessed, pack Bibles, and see the Biblical Heritage Exhibit.

Your Missionaries,

René and Freda Freret