



# BEAMS NEWSLETTER

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## Bibles Needed in Uganda

Missionary Kevin Noles in Uganda shared his need for Bibles. “Our current need for Bibles is great. We have four church plants and a preaching point. Each has new believers that need Bibles. We are also preaching in boarding schools and have seen many saved.”



Bro. Shannon Mapp is gathering material to fill a container to ship to Bro. Noles in Uganda this summer. BEAMS would like to place 1,920 whole, hardcover English Bibles in this container. Would you pray about helping with this need?

**Needed: \$15,360 for 1,920 Bibles**

## Grateful for Bibles

Uzziel Mike emailed the BEAMS office with this testimonial about the BEAMS Bible he received. “I would like to say thank you so much for selflessly putting out Bibles. I received a Cebuano Bible which has been really helpful in soulwinning. The Lord knows all the love, time, effort, and money you have put in this ministry and it is not in vain. We are very thankful for all your work. May our Lord reward you for this good work.”



Bro. Mike's Bible

## BEAMS Revival or Rally



BEAMS revivals and rallies have been a blessing to many churches in recent years. They are called BEAMS because they highlight the BEAMS ministry. The rally is typically a one night meeting, that begins with a meal, has a time of singing, an update on the BEAMS ministry, preaching, and an offering received for BEAMS Bibles. The revival is similar to the rally but is extended for several nights. The purpose of these is four-fold. We want the name of Jesus lifted up, the local church

blessed, sister churches fellowshiping together for a common cause, and to provide Bibles to missionaries serving on the foreign fields.

Any pastor who is interested in hosting a BEAMS revival or BEAMS rally should contact Dr. Arthur Lockard at the home office by calling 228-832-1096 or email [arthur@beamsbibles.com](mailto:arthur@beamsbibles.com) .



**What would you do if you did not have a Bible?**

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## BEAMS

Bible Education and Missionary Service (BEAMS), founded by Dr. Julian Pope in 1972, is a ministry of Faith Baptist Church of Gulfport, MS. The main purpose of BEAMS is to supply hardcover, complete Bibles, free of charge, to Independent Baptist missionaries on the foreign mission fields. We provide only the King James Version of the Bible in the English language or its equivalent in other languages.

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Dr. René and Freda Freret

## From the President's Desk

### Dear Fellow Helpers in the Lord,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I pray that you are doing well. Freda and I are looking forward to the time when we can get back to traveling and visiting churches.

## Resignation

On Friday, February 12, for health reasons, I submitted to the BEAMS Board of Directors my resignation as Executive Director of BEAMS, effective June 1, 2021. I will continue as President of the Board and as a BEAMS missionary. The Board accepted my resignation and approved Dr. Arthur Lockard, Associate Director of BEAMS, as the Executive Director of BEAMS, effective June 1, 2021. He has served with me for almost ten years and has proven himself to be loyal and faithful to the BEAMS ministry and to me. We will appreciate your prayers as BEAMS continues to provide Bibles to missionaries around the world.

## Bibles Being Mailed

At the home office in Gulfport, we are busy packing and shipping Bibles to missionaries in foreign countries. We are thankful that many countries have now opened back up to receiving Priority Boxes of Bibles. We are also busy supplying Bibles to missionaries to give to pastors. The 2021 Bible Day offering is being used to supply 5,000 Burmese Bibles for Bro. Peter Banfe, missionary in Myanmar (former Burma). BEAMS has supplied 3,000 Spanish Bibles to Missionaries Dan and Carrie Kaighen to be distributed to pastors and missionaries in Mexico. We have also provided 3,000 Bibles to Dr. Matthew Henry, missionary to India, to give to pastors and missionaries in his Annual Pastor's Conference.

## Bibles Need to be Mailed

BEAMS has many Bibles in International Priority Boxes that need to be mailed to missionaries on the foreign fields. The post office has raised the cost of shipping. The average cost is \$83.38 per box. Would you prayerfully consider giving an offering toward getting these boxes mailed? Thank you for your consideration.

## Thank You

Freda and I thank each individual, church, and pastor for your faithful prayers and support for us and the BEAMS Bible ministry.

Sincerely,

René J. Freret



### From the Associate Director

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! I want to begin by saying thank you for your faithful financial and prayer support for Rhonda and me. You are such a blessing to us.

In August of 2011, God led me to resign the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church, Palestine, Texas, and join the BEAMS ministry. I came on board in September of 2011 as a BEAMS missionary and the Assistant to the Director. In December of 2014, Dr. Freret recommended to the Board of Directors that I be given the position of Associate Director. The Board unanimously agreed. I accepted this new position. As the Associate Director, I assumed more responsibility of the office day-to-day operations and continued to travel as a missionary. On February 12, 2021, after almost 25 years as the President, Executive Director, and BEAMS missionary, Dr. Freret submitted his resignation to the Board of Directors as the Executive Director of BEAMS to be effective on June 1, 2021. In his letter of resignation, he recommended to the Board of Directors that I would be considered as the next Executive Director of BEAMS. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept Dr. Freret’s resignation and his recommendation of me as the next Executive Director. After much prayer, counsel with my family, and my pastor, I have accepted the position of Executive Director of BEAMS. I will continue to be a BEAMS missionary and seek to raise personal support as well as support for the BEAMS ministry. I covet your prayers and support as I take this next step of faith. I am thankful that Dr. Freret will continue to be with the BEAMS ministry as the President of the Board of Directors and as a BEAMS missionary. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Rhonda and I look forward to continuing to serve the Lord with you!

For Bibles and Souls,  
*Dr. Arthur Lockard, Jr.*

### Hurricane Damage Update

Thank you to those that have sent in donations to help with the Hurricane Zeta damage repairs. The three roofs have been replaced. The ceiling is being repaired. The material to make the gutters for the warehouse has been ordered. We are waiting on the quotes to replace the underpinning on the Mission trailer. At the time of the writing of this newsletter we have a difference of \$ 2,549.68 after settlement checks and donations. If you would like to help with this need, send your donation marked Zeta to BEAMS; PO Box 10200; Gulfport, Mississippi 39505.



### BEAMS Missionaries are Worthy of Support

**More BEAMS Missionaries Needed**  
If you would like more information on becoming a BEAMS Missionary, you can contact Dr. Freret or Dr. Lockard at 228-832-1096.

Full-time Missionaries	Phone Numbers	Serving in States
René and Freda Freret	228-324-4175	MS, LA
Donald and Mary Benson	423-227-6296	TN
Raymond Dombeck	601-606-5455	MD, DE, CT, PA, OH, NC
Randy and Lynne Freeman	985-516-7502	LA
Delmas and Judy Knight	251-387-0122	AL, FL, GA
Robert and Laura Lethers	863-409-6336	Inactive
Arthur and Rhonda Lockard	228-832-1096	Where needed
John and Cindy McElroy	662-216-0553	SW TX, AZ, UT
Alvin and Sharon Roberts	575-650-4221	MO, IL, IN
Don and Pat Smith	214-729-4060	TX, OK
Jim and Cathy Velazquez	505-920-2398	NM, CO

## BEAMS Bibles in Zambia

Missionary to Zambia, Joseph Haden, recently shared this story in his prayer letter to his supporters: “We want to praise the Lord for BEAMS. Many pastors and preachers have received these precious BEAMS Bibles, but the next story is priceless. BEAMS has enabled us the distinct pleasure of partnering with a precious sister and servant of God, Monde L’monde. She ministers to the ‘ladies of the night’ and especially their children. Monde is trying to help these ladies realize there is a better way to meet their most basic needs, while at the same time she is holding purity classes with their children and teens. In these classes, the principles of God’s design for their bodies is to be His temple. They are taught how to maintain purity along with how to have a personal relationship with Him. Upon completion of these classes, these students are rewarded for their participation with their very own copy of God’s Word provided by BEAMS. Thank you BEAMS and everyone that supports this ministry.”

## BEAMS Bible Heritage Exhibit

We would like to invite you to come and visit our Biblical Heritage Exhibit. This exhibit is a visual display of the history of our English Bible. The people who were willing to sacrifice their all to God so that we could have a Bible are displayed in the artwork and busts. The replicas and facsimiles of rare Bibles will give you a greater appreciation for your Bible. The video presentation will provide an overview of each display. Pastors and Sunday School teachers are scheduling times to bring a group to view this exhibit. It would be a wonderful field trip for homeschoolers and Christian schools! For more information on the exhibit or scheduling a tour, call our office at 228-832-1096.



### Providing Bibles to Missionaries

On the average, the BEAMS ministry supplies eight complete, hardback Bibles per month to missionaries on the foreign fields. For **\$64.00** a month, you can supply the Bibles for one missionary. The average cost to mail a box of Bibles to a missionary is **\$83.38**.

***For \$147.38, you can provide one missionary his Bibles for a month.***

## Donations to BEAMS

Recently, BEAMS has received questions about how to address a check. Simply write the check out to BEAMS, whether it is for the ministry, special project, or a BEAMS missionary. On the memo space, you can designate it for a special project or a BEAMS missionary. The funds will be distributed to the proper account. BEAMS does not charge our missionaries for handling of funds. Thank you for your faithful support of the BEAMS ministry. If you have any questions, please contact our office during regular business hours.

## Packing Bibles

We are excited to announce that we are opening the BEAMS Headquarters for visitors. Come see what God is doing through the BEAMS Bible Distribution Ministry. We ask that you refrain from coming to BEAMS if you have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus or have symptoms of illness.

Bro. Scott is scheduling for 2021! If you are interested in bringing a group to pack Bibles, please contact Bro. Scott at our home office 228-832-1096 or [scott@beamsbibles.com](mailto:scott@beamsbibles.com).



### Save the Date

**February 21-22, 2022:** National BEAMS Bible Conference; Faith Baptist Church; Gulfport, Mississippi

### Scheduled Preachers

Dr. Joe Arthur, Dr. Raymond Barber, Dr. Johnny Pope, Dr. Tom Wallace, Dr. J.D. Weido, and Dr. Scott Wendal