



ZION MINISTRIES

Mt. Abarim Baptist Mission International
"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." Ps. 122:6



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Dear Friends of Zion:

Your continued prayers and offerings for our ministries are deeply appreciated. Thank God for answers to the urgent prayer needs presented in last month's prayer letter.

Our extended Covid lockdown gave more time for my editorial consultation work of preparing the first volume of the history of the Portuguese Bible, entitled: **The Preservation of the Holy Scriptures by Iberian Jews up to the Reformation Age**. It records how the Sephardic Jews from the Iberian Peninsula meticulously preserved the Hebrew Masoretic Text during the Middle Ages. It was printed and translated into Portuguese by João Ferreira A, de Almeida. We will be meeting this month with the secular publisher who is interested in printing this book. This volume and others to follow will provide a much-needed academic base for creating confidence in the most accurate Portuguese translation of the Bible from the Hebrew Masoretic Text and Greek Textus Receptus, which are also the basis of the King James Version. When translated into English, these books will be useful in Bibliology research and courses for pastors, Bible schools, seminaries and universities, even in the USA.

The author of the work is a Brazilian, Cristiano de Souza, who lives in Canada and works as a translator. He is a member of the Academy of Arts and Letters of Portugal. Several years ago, he sent a manuscript of a small book he had written, requesting that the Trinitarian Bible Society of Brazil print it. I saw the potential for something much bigger: an authoritative Bibliology work, much needed in Brazil. I offered all my research material on the Portuguese text of the Bible that I had been gathering for about 50 years, if he would write the work. He agreed to do so with my help as an editorial consultant.

Another war against Israel! What can we do? A conservative Jewish organization sent out a plea: Pray! Please click [here](https://bit.ly/340U0ON) to read the article (or access: <https://bit.ly/340U0ON>). At our request, Pastor Jim Fellure of Victory Baptist Press graciously posted the plea in his VBP MAILOUT on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Contact Brother Fellure (news@victorybaptistpress.com) to receive his e-mail publication and to send news notes and prayer requests from your church. Victory Baptist Press will publish them and also pray over your requests at 9:00 AM Central Time, Monday-Friday. This is one of a number of BPS-type church ministries supported by mission offerings, dedicated to printing and supplying Bibles. May the LORD bless you all.

Yours for the Messiah,

Tom and Linda Gilmer

PRAISE:

1. Professions of faith: 4.
2. Another software company is producing another App with our written Bible text and a voice recording.
3. Family of Pastor Marcos now Covid-free.
4. Small church called one of our preachers as pastor.

PRAYER:

1. Salvation decisions: Jews and Gentiles.
2. Projects (Bible study helps, both media and printed; larger Bible warehouse).
3. Full support for Harold Ralph Gilmer.
4. Pr. Marcos' wife still hospitalized; Covid aftereffects.
5. Functional alphabetization groups.
6. Meeting with secular publisher to finalize contract for printing book on history of the Portuguese Bible.
7. Peace of Jerusalem.