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Ministry News

Financial Gift

Please allow me to present a wonderful opportunity for you to make a real difference in reaching the unreached. A man who wishes to remain anonymous has given permission for us to share his commitment to the work of FirstBible International. He is giving a \$75,000 matching funds gift for the work of church planting, national training and the publishing of Scriptures for the unreached.

Our challenge is to raise the matching funds. Would you consider this chance to give an offering that would have double impact? Every dollar you give would become two. We are grateful for what God is accomplishing through FirstBible and we appreciate God's people seeing this vision and partnering with us to impact those who have never heard.

The Project

We have committed to print 5000 Bibles in the Farsi language. These Bibles will be transported into Iran via horseback to distribution points from which they will be taken to underground churches. The brave couriers doing this work are risking their very lives. Recently, one of them was caught and all of his fingernails pulled out. Others have stepped up to take his place. They are desperate for their own people to have the Scriptures. Please pray for their safety. **(Please do not publish this information anywhere in any form!)**

As the Assistant Director of *FirstBible*, my part of this matching funds challenge is to raise funds for these Farsi Bibles. If you send a gift to this matching funds campaign, please designate your gift to **"Matching Funds—Farsi."** Thank you for considering this need.

Family News

We just returned home from a one month trip to the northeast. I preached a Missions Conference in New York and visited eight more churches in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

Along with our September trip to Texas & Arkansas, we have spent 46 days away from home and put over 8,000 miles on our vehicle in just the last two months — and we are enjoying the journey.

Both Linda & Emily had bouts with the flu. With the exception of Emily's cough, they are now doing well.

We are grateful for these new ministry partners:

Freedom Baptist Church, San Antonio, TX
Pastor Anthony Lamb

Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN
Pastor Bob Taylor

Calvary Bible Church, Stratton, ME
Pastor Bruce Townsend

Great Thoughts

"I am ready to burn out for God. I am ready to endure any hardship, if by any means I might save some. The longing of my heart is to make known my glorious Redeemer to those who have never heard."
William Burns

Emily Update...

After times of correction, Emily words a little prayer with such expression it makes us cry. *"Dear Jesus, please forgive me for disobeying my Daddy. Help me obey right away with a happy heart. I love you Jesus. Amen."*



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