



# BEAMS

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## NO MORE BIBLES!

In a recent prayer letter, Missionary to Mexico David Combe tells of his recent experience. The week before our Missions Conference, we ran out of BEAMS Bibles. There were some BEAMS boxes on the shelf that I assumed they were full, they were empty. We had not received a box in what seemed a while, they scrambled to buy some from the local Bible book store. They are expensive. We have been spoiled with the Word of God coming to us free of charge, but as my Holly wisely stated: "for someone to be a blessing, that someone has to pay the price."

If you share your finances through the BEAMS ministry, we thank you. If you do not, I would encourage you to invest in the spreading of the Word of God. The delay in receiving the precious shipment was due to a change in domicile of where our Bibles are received.



David & Holly Combe

## WITH THE LORD



Dr. Raymond Barber

On June 25, 2025, Dr. Raymond Barber went home to be with His Lord and Saviour. Dr. Barber was a great friend and supporter of the BEAMS ministry. He was a favorite Preacher at our National BEAMS Bible Conference. Dr. Barber was a true statesman. He was a beloved pastor, educator, and conference preacher. He loved the Word of God and memorized large portions of it. He would often begin a sermon by quoting many verses from memory. He possessed a command of the English language and would captivate congregations with alliterate sermons and illustrations. He was an encourager of preachers. He will be greatly missed.

**As sure as night follows  
day And day follows night, God still  
lives, And the Bible is right!**

-Dr. Raymond Barber



# From The Executive Director

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I pray that your summer is going well. The Lord has blessed us abundantly at the BEAMS headquarters. We've had the privilege of hosting several Christian college groups recently. Their visits give us the opportunity to share the great need for Bibles with future pastors, missionaries, and Christian workers. In addition to these groups, God has also sent us several churches who toured the Biblical Heritage Exhibit and helped pack Bibles.



**Dr. & Sis. Lockard**

## VISITORS TO BEAMS!

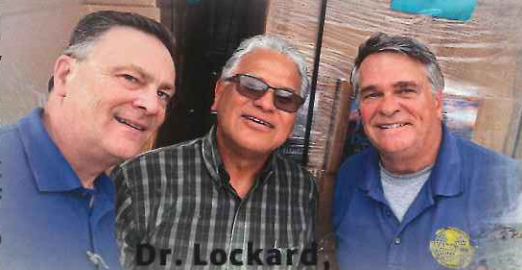
In June, BEAMS Bible Distributors in Monterrey, Mexico. Bro. Dan and Sis. Carrie Kaighen stopped by to pick up a printer we had stored for them. Pastor Richard Ullo of Bible Baptist Church in Spanish Fort, Alabama, had a member whose family donated this printer to the Kaighens for their printing ministry. It's always a joy to spend time with them.



**Dan & Carrie Kaighen**

All visitors to the headquarters are special, but occasionally we're blessed by those with deep roots in the BEAMS ministry. Jared and Heather Matthews are such a couple. Heather is the daughter of our Vice-President, Dr. Johnny Pope, and the granddaughter of our founder, Dr. Julian Pope. What a privilege it was to give them a tour of the ministry that her grandfather started. I truly enjoyed the fellowship and hearing stories about her grandparents. The legacy and work of the Popes continue to this day. (My only regret is that I failed to get a picture with them.)

Bro. Trinidad Garza delivered BEAMS French Bibles and copies of John and Romans to a church in Memphis. They are preparing to ship a container to the Congo. Meanwhile, Bro. Michael Schorr of Seeds of Grace Transport Ministries picked up three pallets of BEAMS Spanish Bibles to deliver to Missionary Joe Hendrigsman in Mexico.

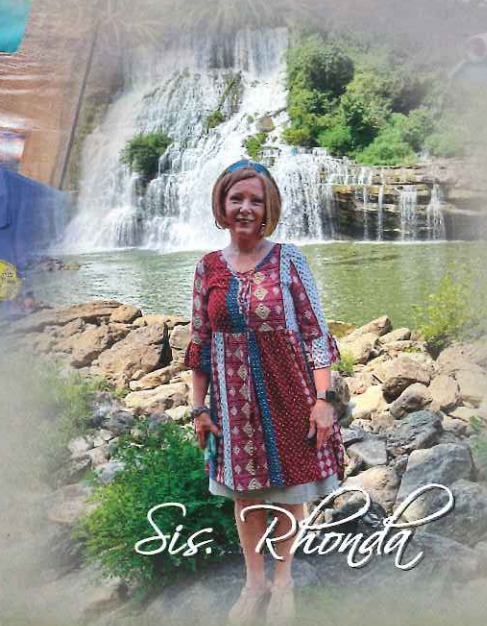


**Dr. Lockard,  
Trinidad Garza and Scott**

God has blessed us with many meetings this summer. We have been in churches across Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Mississippi. We still have meetings scheduled in West Virginia, North Carolina, and Mississippi. What a privilege it is to travel, meet new brothers and sisters in Christ, preach, sing, and share the need for Bibles. We praise the Lord for the funds raised for Bibles and for the boxes of Bibles taken to be mailed. Sometimes, we even get to enjoy beautiful parts of God's creation along the way, as we did in Tennessee and Pennsylvania.



**Jared & Heather Matthews**



*Sis. Rhonda*

*Dr. Lockard*

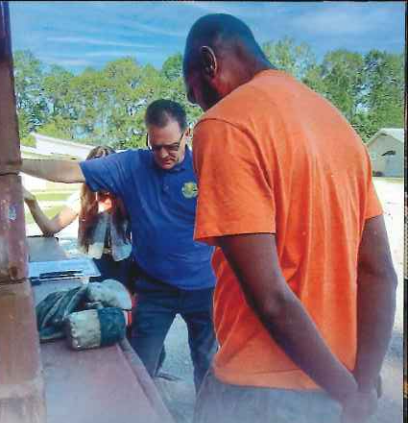




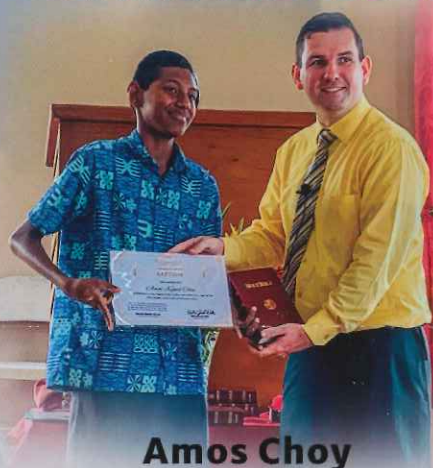
## UPDATE ON GHANA CONTAINER

In our last issue we shared about the container issues with the paperwork for Missionary Charles Osgood and TEAMS Ghana. Praise the Lord, we are happy to report that Bro. Osgood was able to find a company to ship the container.

We were able to load the container and send it on its way. Pray the Bibles and other materials will arrive in a timely and safe manner.



## BEAMS BIBLES IN FIJI



**Amos Choy**

Amos Choy writes; I am glad to inform you that I received Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Saviour. I am twelve years old. Pastor Daku baptized me and I was given a BEAMS Bible. I would like to thank all who contributed to this ministry.

## BEAMS MISSIONARIES WORTHY OF SUPPORT

God has blessed us with some amazing missionaries. BEAMS missionaries are a vital part of our ministry. Bro. Don and Mary Benson have been faithfully serving with BEAMS for 22 years. Despite facing health challenges, they have remained steadfast in their service. Although age and health issues no longer allow them to travel the long distances they once did, Bro. Don continues to minister within his area.

Recently, he was with Calvary Baptist Church in Trenton, Georgia, where he preached and shared about the BEAMS ministry. The church graciously sent in an offering for Bibles. His son also drove him to Maryville Baptist Tabernacle in Maryville, Tennessee, so he could participate in their Missions Conference. Thank you for your faithful support of the Bensons and all our missionaries.

## UPCOMING BEAMS EVENTS

● **October 5-8, 2025**

BEAMS Revival: Ben's Ford Baptist Church;  
Bogalusa, Louisiana

● **January 4, 2026**

BEAMS Bible Reading Day

● **February 1, 2026**

BEAMS Bible Day

● **February 22, 2026**

BEAMS Sunday: Faith Baptist Church;  
Gulfport, Mississippi

● **February 23-24, 2026**

National BEAMS Bible Conference; Faith Baptist  
Church; Gulfport, Mississippi



**Don & Mary Benson**

**WHAT WOULD YOU  
DO IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE A BIBLE?**





# BIBLICAL HERITAGE EXHIBIT

The BEAMS Biblical Heritage Exhibit offers an exceptional opportunity for churches to deepen their understanding of biblical history. Perfect for homeschoolers, Christian schools, and church groups, this powerful teaching tool provides an immersive experience.

Contact the BEAMS office today to schedule a guided tour or speak with Dr. Lockard about arranging a special seminar. Let's work together to enrich the faith and knowledge of your congregation!

## PACKING BIBLES



We are now scheduling packing groups for the summer. Packing groups play a vital role in helping us send out the large number of Bibles we distribute each year. Whether you are an individual or part of a larger group, your efforts make a huge difference!

A typical group ranges in size from one person to 15 or 20 participants, with ages spanning from 12 to 80+. It's a great opportunity for families, youth groups, church teams, or any other groups looking to serve together.

## BEAMS MISSIONARIES

**Full-time Missionaries**  
Arthur and Rhonda Lockard  
Donald and Mary Benson  
Raymond Dombeck  
Dan and Carrie Kaighen  
Randy and Lynne Freeman  
René and Freda Freret  
Delmas and Judy Knight  
Robert and Laura Lethers  
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NM, CO  
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**More BEAMS Missionaries Needed**  
If you would like more information on becoming a BEAMS Missionary, you can contact Dr. Lockard at 228-832-1096.

