

July 13, 2018

Greetings in Jesus' Name! Busy Week at Vision Beyond Borders

Thank You for Making it Happen!

This has been a busy week for VBB, beginning with shipping the container to Jordan, for the Syrian refugees, first thing Monday morning. It was a relatively cool, cloudy morning and the Lord must have spoken to everyone at once, as the truck and driver - Ron, the forklift operator - Jim, all of our internal staff, and two of the four volunteers, all showed up an hour early to get going on loading the truck. People sometimes ask how these shipments go to their destination. The truck was going to Denver, where the container was loaded on a train car. Then, when it gets to Houston, it will be transferred to a cargo ship. Once it reaches the gulf of Aqaba it will be taken by truck to Amman Jordan, arriving in mid-August, nearly five weeks after leaving the VBB headquarters in Casper. Praise God, it's on its way and its contents should be available for the Syrian refugees in five or six weeks.

As with virtually everything that happens at VBB, the funding of the shipment of the container was a bonafide miracle!! On Friday, a very generous friend of VBB called and asked how much was still needed to ship the container. We were still over a third of the way from having all of our funding, but believing it would come by the time the invoice for the shipping would be received. Praise God, that generous servant of God covered the entire remaining need for shipping the Jordan container!

We are putting the finishing touches on arranging missionary trips into a closed Central American country, into Southeast Asia, India, and Romania. As always, not only do we carry God's Holy Word into these countries, but also bring much needed supplies and clothing for their physical needs and, more importantly, Christian fellowship to meet their emotional and spiritual needs. The support and encouragement that our teams are able to provide to our persecuted and impoverished brothers and sisters, around the world, may be the second most critical resource that we deliver to those we serve in these far away lands.

Once again, I want to thank God, first and foremost, for allowing us all to be called His children, and then to thank all of you generous and devoted supporters of VBB, for your commitment to taking the powerful and wonderful Truth of God into many of the dark corners of the world.

Current Needs

Southeast Asian Bible Project

We are bringing 20,000 Bibles to a closed SE Asian nation! A generous European partner has paid half of this project. VBB's share of the bible project is \$3.30 each to purchase & ship. Prayerfully consider joining us as we reach remote villages and persecuted Christians!

To make a donation, please <https://visionbeyondborders.org/give/>

Thank you for partnering with us!

Upcoming Trips

Join us!

Ready to smuggle Bibles to the persecuted church of Southeast Asia? Join our Nov. 29 - Dec.13 team as we take God's Word to 3 different closed countries!

Also, we have room for several team members to help organize the Romanian safe house, from September 20-29. This is an excellent opportunity to serve those who have been previously caught up in slavery.

Apply [here](#) to join us as we serve the persecuted church and help to heal the brokenhearted!

Praise Reports

- Praise the Lord!! These ladies have chosen to leave behind their lives of sexual slavery in India are stepping out to start a small vegetable shop together. Our contact is spending time ministering to them and ensuring they make wise business decisions. Please be praying for these precious women!
- Praise report from a team member to a closed Latin American nation: "While we were riding around visiting pastors and their churches, we visited with Pastor Leo. He showed us his church which was right on the ocean with a beautiful view. We all sat down and he shared how he has been a pastor in [this country] along with many of the amazing things God has done for their church. During our conversation he singled me out. Now remember, this pastor doesn't know me from Adam, he has never met me before. He began to speak what has been on my heart and mind lately and spoke of the position of life that I'm in right now. He encouraged me to be intimate in prayer because God is listening. He told me that I would go to many places and minister to many people. He said to not care if people laugh at me or don't understand why I live life the way I do. He said to just look up and continue to serve Christ. He assured me that even though I have big decisions coming up in life that God is going to take care of it, that I need to trust in Him and have faith. This was the most impactful moment for me on the trip because I've never had something like this spoken over me. The Holy Spirit was so evident during this time and the presence was unreal. God used this pastor in another country to speak to me. Just, "WOW!" is all I can say.

I hope to go back someday, sooner than later preferably. The people need our help. Just \$25/month supports a pastor and his family for a month. When I heard this, I immediately

signed my fiancé and I up to support a pastor. The church is growing in [this country] and I believe God wants us to help them. With the body of believers coming together, I believe we can achieve great things in [this closed nation]!"

- Praise God! We successfully sent out the Jordan container from our Casper, WY office this past week! Please keep the container in your prayers as it travels to the Middle East and the refugees in need.

Prayer Requests

- We recently sent a team to a closed Middle Eastern nation. The team wanted VBB supporters to know, "The church in the Middle East is largely Catholic and Orthodox. Many of the believers do not have a passion to take the Gospel to the nations, or to their own people. There is a great divide which separates denominations and much work needs to be done to bring light, life and truth to the Christian community at large!" Please pray for the church in the Middle East!
- "70,000 Syrian Armenians have fled during the war, and few will return. The ones who escaped or survived the camps made Syria their second home. Since then, this Christian minority has built dozens of churches, schools and cultural centers, making the Syrian Armenian community one of the main cultural hubs of the worldwide Armenian diaspora.

Now, as ever, the Syrian Armenian community is united around the Church, trying to live "as if nothing has happened". As in every Armenian community worldwide, the Armenian Church in Syria is not just a religious establishment but also part of the Armenian identity and, in practical terms, the main organizer of community life." Please pray for Armenian Christians in Syria and across the globe! Read more [here](#).

- Please pray for our interns in a closed Asian nation! Pray for miracles as they smuggle Bibles into nations and amazing encounters with the Holy Spirit as they do street ministry.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

(John 3:16-17)

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