

the printing post

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"That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
and tell of all thy wondrous works." Psalm 26:7

Warm greetings in the victorious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! The Bible in James 4:14 describes life as a vapour. Verse 15 says, "... If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." These verses explain that a believer's life, though short, is a purposeful and definite moment in God's canvas of time.

At Southland Baptist Press, I praise God that our volunteers are people who willingly sacrifice their time to "do this and that" to produce Gospel tracts. Our volunteers help because they have responded to the Holy Spirit's prompting and have prayed, "If the Lord will, we shall live... and serve Him who brings definite purpose and abundant joy to a short life!"

An opportunity for you...

We praise God for the new churches that have recently started and for giving a new pastor to some! Please allow me to briefly explain who Southland Baptist Press is and what we do.

Southland Baptist Press is a ministry of Good Shepherd Baptist Church, an Independent Baptist church in Brisbane, Australia. God gave Pastor Wayne Sehmish (now serving in Thailand) a vision that this church could have a ministry to meet the need in the Asia Pacific region for language-specific and culturally-sensitive tracts.

Winding the clock forward eight years, this ministry has printed and

sent over 18 million tracts to more than 20 countries. We often receive testimonies from preachers who praise God for the existence of this ministry. Some tell that the large print ministries in America, despite being well able to help them, do not. In effect, God has raised Southland Baptist Press to support a niche market.

We do not import tracts; we design and print our tracts. It is a laborious but necessary ministry.

My primary intention here is not to raise financial support, but rather to raise awareness of this ministry. I believe there is still some confusion among churches as to who we are. We are simply a printing ministry that is supported by a number of churches and individuals who got alongside us to provide free tracts to the most needy churches close to Australia.

You have before you an opportunity to invest part of your missions giving in an established and proven ministry that is actively meeting the needs of God's people today. When you support Southland Baptist Press, you do not support a person - you support printing... printing that help preachers and missionaries reach lost souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Together, we can do more!



Into the highlands and islands...

Early in April, we received word from Pastor Paul Lahari that our shipment of 1,071,000 tracts has cleared customs at Port Moresby. Praise God! A third of that shipment were English tracts while the rest were in Pidgin. Bible Baptist Church hosted a Pastor's School last week at which Pastor Lahari gave tracts to the preachers to take back to the highlands and islands of Papua New Guinea.

Australian missionary Rob Booy will also benefit from this shipment as we printed and sent over 40,000 copies of a tract he wrote. Pray with us that many souls will be saved to a new life in Jesus Christ through these tracts.

Printing for the Philippines...

Besides filling a few orders from Aussie churches, our current main activity is preparing English and Cebuano tracts for the Philippines. Lord willing, in July, a couple of men from my church and I will visit this country.

Besides conducting some SBP ministry, we will have the privilege of meeting over a hundred pastors at a prayer and fasting retreat. It will be a joy to meet the very people whom this ministry is helping! Please pray for us as we finalise our travel plans. Thank you so much!

God bless & keep you...
Sylvester Chong