

April 2024 Ministry Update

1) Sending tracts to Foreign Countries Resumes — In the past FTS was filling tract request orders from countries outside the United States. On occasion boxes of shipped tracts were returned. Then the price of shipping the tracts became as expensive or more expensive than the cost of making the tracts. FTS would box up tract requests from foreign countries and wait for designated offerings to come in for the shipping. That has not happened lately. When requests came in from a Pastor couple in Portugal, and Evangelists in Brazil, we decided to step out in faith and mail three envelopes of tracts as a test. Now ministers requesting tracts are able to clearly computer type their (unusual to us) mailing addresses, along with their phone numbers, Whats App number, communicate by e-mail and internet, and advice us on how to help the free tracts get through the foreign country customs office which sometimes requires poor evangelists to pay an import duty. We can now use Google Translate to easily convert languages like Portuguese to English. We were also able to write to them and translate it into their languages, requesting them to notify us by e-mail when they receive the tracts we send them.

2) We reconnected with an educated native Spanish speaking man from Panama who had approached the FTS years ago about helping with making Spanish tracts. We took two existing Spanish tracts that had been on printing press negatives and converted them to fresh text computer documents that connect to full color laser printers, with improved quality. The two tracts are *Extra*, and *Un Regalo*.

3) A man of God had told David and Harriet, that they would be doing more than just designing, printing, and shipping gospel tracts. They had done Sunday Chapel Church services for the homeless at a Rescue Mission for 10 years until the Covid 19 virus shut down the services. Recently, when David visited the local Salvation Army to give them Easter tracts, he saw a local church, and social services on Thursday mornings offering haircuts, showers, food and clothing, shelter services assessment, Mental health evaluation, Substance abuse and medical health assessment. David asked the leader if he could set up a prayer table. Hearing "Yes!" David made signs, and, with Greg from church, who had been homeless and gone through a rehabilitation program, joined the gathering. On the third week, people walked up asking for prayer, and kept Dave and Greg busy for three hours! The Lord gave Dave songs, bible verses, and God stories for couples and individuals, Two people asked Jesus into their hearts. Greg could feel the healing power of going into people being prayed for, and one couple, sleeping in their vehicle, said they felt something like electricity as David spoke with and encourage them in the Lord. David collected and printed a list of available community resources for the homeless to hand out. "To God be the Glory, great things He hath done!"

