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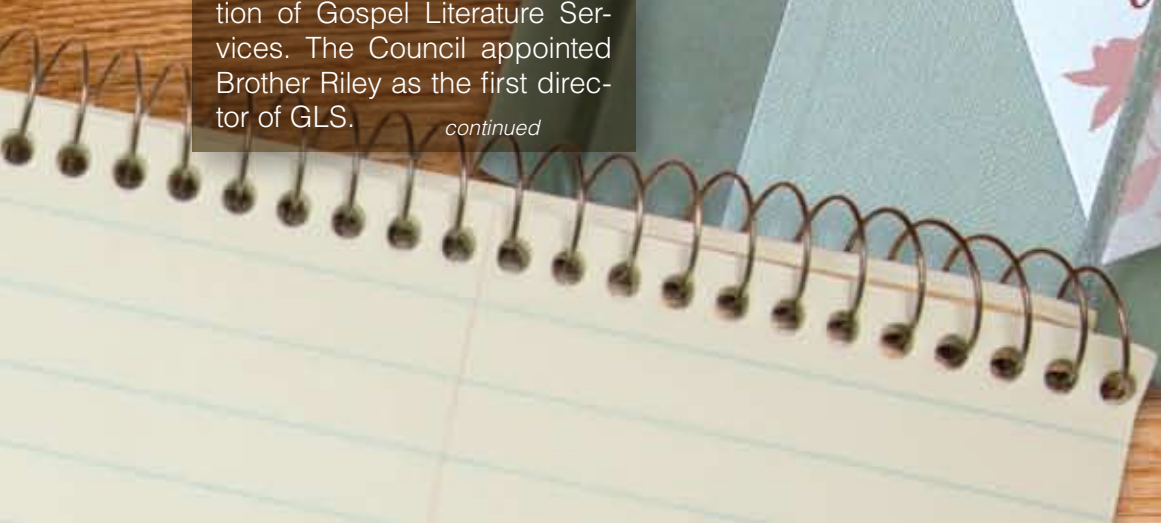
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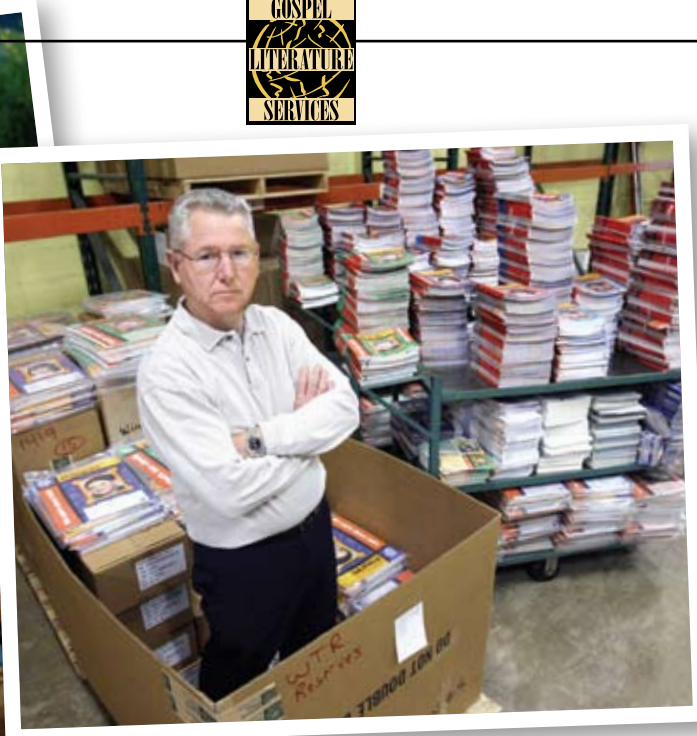
Gospel Literature Services celebrates 35 years of God's blessing. It has been an amazing journey.

God has shown Himself powerful, meeting funding deadlines, providing translators, directing to international shippers, cutting government red tape, protecting the directors over thousands and thousands of air and land travel miles, and blessing the ministries of hundreds of national pastors and churches as they received Biblical resources to help them carry out the Great Commission. Looking back is an encouraging exercise, as it invites us to believe God as we face the challenges of the 21st century. Islam is tightening its grip in the majority of the world; anti-conversion laws are intended to dissuade potential followers of Jesus Christ; but the church marches on triumphantly. Praise God for the contribution of Gospel Literature Services in distributing sound, fundamental, Biblical literature through its partnership with Regular Baptist Press.

The vision was born in the heart of Virgil (Mike) Riley in 1973 to supply Regular Baptist Press Sunday School and Vacation Bible School materials to missionaries for free. While churches in the U.S. were purchasing and benefiting from the fundamental Baptist perspective of RBP materials, fundamental missionaries had few, if any, resources with which to disciple new believers. Mike Riley brought this challenge to the Council of Eighteen, and the concept was approved, paving the way for the inception of Gospel Literature Services. The Council appointed Brother Riley as the first director of GLS.

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Longtime GLS Employee Retires

of the highlights of Judy's GLS ministry. Translation of Christian books and commentaries, tracts and hymnals, and other resources continued under Dr. Crandall. He caught the vision for the wide-open opportunities that technology provides and invited Chris Brown to join the GLS team to use his expertise with computers, the Internet, and other technologies.

to meet with missionaries for the planning of Project Utah, a door-to-door ministry in and around Salt Lake City, and to see their ministries to the Mormons. Judy also traveled to Indiana several times to do administrative work for GLS banquets and fundraisers.

and so she should, as some of those friendships have lasted decades. Likewise, the Ministry Resource staff and all those she has ministered to will miss Judy for her quiet efficiency, genuine encouragement, and sweet fellowship.



Chris and Deb Hindal

Although the Lord led David Crandall to another ministry, Judy continued to work for GLS and was happy to see Chris and Deb Hindal join the team, with Chris becoming director not only of GLS but also of the GARBC International Ministries. Gary recalls: "When Chris became the director of GLS, Judy said it was an answer to prayer because he has a heart for missionaries and their work for the Lord, as the other directors did."

It's All about People

But truly the pinnacle of enjoyment for Judy is working with the missionaries and church personnel themselves, helping them with literature and other material needs. Judy says that helping them to do their ministry for the Lord is very rewarding. And Gary points out that many people will seek out Judy at the conferences to thank her for her assistance to them.

GLS is happy to announce the appointment of Marianne Baltensperger as the new GLS administrative assistant. Marianne comes to the position with twenty-five years of experience working with the Regular Baptist Ministries. For sixteen years she served as the executive secretary for the National Representative, first for Dr. Paul Tassel and then for Dr. Mark Jackson. Chris Hindal expresses his gratefulness to the Lord for the privilege of working with Marianne and anticipates a smooth transition as they work together.

Judy says she will miss the staff at the GARBC office—

After Brother Riley retired in 1986, Dr. Mark Jackson expanded the dream into a major ministry of the GARBC. In the ensuing eight years, Dr. Jackson became affectionately known as Mr. GLS to the Regular Baptist family. Traveling throughout the association, Dr. Jackson challenged the GARBC churches to catch the vision of funding this worldwide effort. For several years the contributions averaged a 25% increase over the previous year. He became the voice for missionaries who were crying out for tools to evangelize the lost and disciple believers.

On September 10, 2008, an "institution" left Gospel Literature Services, changing from the hectic life as GLS's administrative assistant to the calmer life of a retiree (and moving from the cold Midwest to warm, sunny Florida). That person is Judy Emery.

When Chris Hindal was called to this assignment in April 2006, he was asked to assume an expanded role as director of GLS and also director of the International Partnership. The major challenge he faced from GLS was to procure funding for the shipping of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School materials. Prior to his coming, those costs were borne by Regular Baptist Press, but the time had come for GLS to assume that responsibility. GLS Team/Formula 300 became Brother Hindal's watchword, as God began raising up individuals, families, and churches

Assistant to 4 Directors

Judy got in on the ground floor of GLS when she was working at the GARBC resource center as the main receptionist and as administrative assistant for Baptist Builders Club.



Mike and Jane Riley

Thirty-five years ago, Mike and Jane Riley, with the approval of the Council of Eighteen, teamed up with Regular Baptist Press to begin Gospel Literature Services as a fundamental Baptist source for literature distribution around the world. The Rileys were often away from the office, and Judy took care of their administrative work while they traveled.

Judy's husband, Gary, remembers those days: "The ministry of GLS, helping to provide missionaries with free literature, expanded under Dr. Jackson's leadership. One of the interesting projects was the miniature Gospels of John done with the Georgi Vins group [Russian Gospel Ministries]. They were small enough to be handed to a person through a handshake. When the Iron Curtin came down, GLS was able to ship tons of literature to former Iron Curtin countries."

If you have ever read a prayer-and-report letter written by Mark Jackson, you know that he is an ace with multisyllabic words. Judy says that her vocabulary really expanded while she worked on his letters!

David and Diana Crandall



Not Tied to Her Desk Chair

Judy's ministry with GLS included helping to man the GLS booth at the GARBC annual conferences. "Judy has had the privilege of attending the GARBC annual conference since 1983 and has always enjoyed those experiences. These are great times of fellowship with friends and associates," says Gary.

Along with attending the conferences and going to Greece to minister at the Olympics, Judy got to travel to Salt Lake City

David Crandall became the third director of GLS. Under his leadership, the ministry continued to expand, including outreach at worldwide sporting events. In cooperation with various mission agencies, GLS provided literature and the organization for distributing it at Olympic Games and World Cup Games. In 2004, Gary and Judy traveled to Greece for the Olympics to help make up a team of 140 who witnessed at the Games. This was one



Mark Jackson

The Rileys retired, and Mark Jackson became director of GLS. In 1987 he asked Judy to join the GLS team full-time as administrative assistant. And Judy was happy to come onboard.

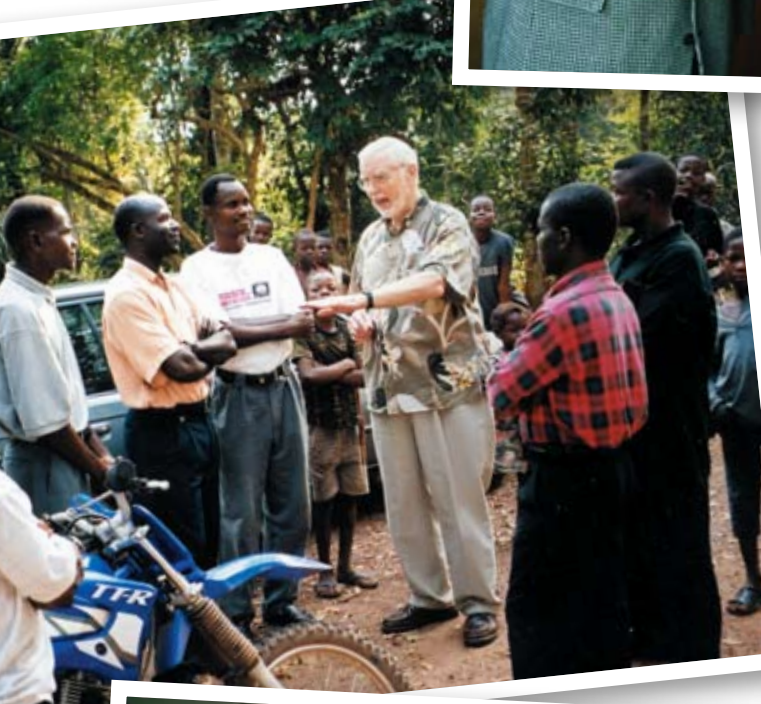


tions with and equip missionaries and nationals. During Dr. Crandall's tenure of ministry, many more books were translated into newly targeted languages, and tracts were sent to the mission fields by the boatload. That was also the dawning of the digital age. Dr. Crandall pursued the poten-

to partner in this worldwide distribution of gospel literature.

With four changes in directorship over the course of 35 years, the GLS secretary/administrative assistant, Judy Emery, has remained a constant, serving all four directors. Everyone acquainted with this ministry knows that Judy has given her heart and soul to the logistics of this missionary resource organization. Judy is a walking file, a living history book, a prayer warrior, and a passionate member of the GLS team. Her sweet spirit and faithful work ethic have enabled GLS to stay the course. She is badly missed since entering retirement.

GLS is a testimony that an idea can birth a vision; and that, if it is pursued prayerfully and passionately, it can become an effective tool in the hand of God for the furtherance of His global mission. Praise the Lord for 35 years of God's blessing on Gospel Literature Services!



The technological advances of the communication age forge new paths for distributing gospel literature throughout the globe. The challenges are immense, but the potential is almost unlimited. English is considered the international language for both the educational world and the business arena. Regular Baptist Press materials are developed in English, but that doesn't mean the whole world can read them. It does mean that the number of people groups who can access our resources is expanding: the next generation will understand English better than the last one. Getting our Sunday School and Vacation Bible School curricula into more of these countries has become increasingly important. When children begin to read, their little minds are prepared to absorb everything they can mentally consume. For some, it is a brief slice of time during

which their hearts are pliable and open.

With this in mind, Regular Baptist Press has updated its software so that its curricula will soon be more transferable. How the material is created determines what software is needed to access it. We are working towards a model that will enable believers in many developing countries to receive digital files. Depending on the local economy, some will be able to print the material in their countries and distribute it much more widely than is presently possible. Some of the poorer countries will continue to receive the hard copy materials, or they will need financial help to print it in their countries.

Please pray as we continue to explore proper channels for supplying Biblical resources worldwide to enable developing Baptist ministries to fulfill the Great Commission.

GLS Media Ministry review

Over six years ago, I approached Dr. David Crandall with a crazy idea to help missionaries and pastors use technology to reach the lost for Christ. He was extremely excited about the possibility of providing a resource like this to our partners in ministry. My wife, Amy, and I accepted the challenge to join GLS and raise our support as missionaries sent out by our home church, First Baptist Church of Horseheads, New York. We started traveling and training for this ministry.

When we started, we could not envision the grand scale that this ministry would have or the need for it around the globe. One of our biggest blessings over the years has been to see God raise our support needs and special-project funds. We saw things that only God could do. And with this financial support, we have been able to do some incredible things. We have created ministry tools for closed countries, designed websites for outreach, trained many with tools to reach the lost, and developed partnerships with other media ministries to further the resources we now have for our partners. We continue to strategize and plan so we can develop this ministry to its fullest potential.

Please be praying for us as we follow God's leading and help our international partners, pastors, and missionaries with effective tools to show the love of Christ. Please consider being a part of the Digital Impact Team and partner with us to provide tools and media services. We have several ongoing projects and equipment needs that you could be a part of through prayer and giving.

Here are five of the projects:

The International Duplication Fund helps provide DVD/CD outreach tools overseas.

The Domestic Duplication Fund helps provide DVD/CD outreach tools for home missions.

The Mobile Video Studio Components Fund enables us to go on location and record high-quality video content.

The Adopt-a-Website program provides an entire outreach website package for a missionary at \$15/month.

ITS (International Training Site) is an online training website filled with solid Biblical training media provided free for our international partners.


We look forward to seeing how our media ministry will develop over the next ten years. Stay tuned to the GARBC International Media Ministry; it looks like an exciting show of God's provision and power!


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