Bible Society of Maine

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Our Mission: To Place the Word of God into Hands, Minds and Hearts

SPRING 2022

Doors Opening For the Gospel, Near and Far

by Rev. Jim Duran Executive Director

At the Bible Society of Maine (BSM), we are looking forward to a new season of open doors for sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, here in Maine and beyond.

Here are some of our current and future projects:

Cumberland County Jail

network.

Discussions continue with Chaplain Jeff in preparing to do a "reset" on in-person Bible studies and other visitor activities in the weeks ahead. We completed paperwork to start this process of re-entering the program. In the meantime, we are able to send audio files of Bible teachings to Chaplain Jeff who transfers them to the inmates' i-Pad

BSM also provides Bibles & scripture resources for them.

Youth Bible Engagement

We enjoy teaching a Bible Study on Zoom with a group of young people (ages 10-14). We "meet" weekly and look

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at Bible verses and discuss them. We are hoping to expand to involve more students. At the end of a 6 to 8-week study, they receive a certificate of completion and a gift certificate for pizza!

Inner City Outreach

BSM provided Bibles and tracts to an inner-city ministry in Portland which does street evangelism. The ministry is connected to the First Assembly of God

and its food distribution outreach.

We have a partnership with Ossipee Valley Christian School and their "Police Pals" outreach to law enforcement. Students from Grades 4 and 5 provide personalized "care packages" with the Gos-

pel of John included. Their long-range vision is to present the gospel to law enforcement officers throughout the state.

Community Contact

BSM is planning to re-establish contact with the City of Westbrook and City of Portland regarding our desire to hold youth sports/Bible outreach events at school gymnasiums.

We are praying about expanding our Bible studies into more senior-living

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Word in Action



The author of Hebrews described the Word of God as "sharper than any double-edged sword." Paul called it "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God" (Ephesians 6:17).

This sword imagery also appears in Isaiah 49:2, Revelation 1:16, and Revelation 2:12. As a sharp, double-bladed sword, the Word of God is our definitive offensive weapon against the assaults of a spiritual enemy. When Satan tempted our Lord in the wilderness, Jesus wielded the sword of God's Word to counter the devil's attacks (Matthew 4:4). His example teaches us to do the same.

The vital power of God's message exists in its ability to pierce and penetrate the innermost depths of the human soul. It can cut through any obstacle to access and inspect our unspoken thoughts and hidden secrets (Matthew 10:26; Luke 8:17; 12:2; Mark 4:22). It can cross-examine and judge the attitudes of our hearts.

Because the Word of God is living and active, Peter encouraged Christians to pay close attention to it (2 Peter 1:19).

May we let it be a lamp to guide our feet and a light to illuminate our path through this life (Psalm 119:105).

(Courtesy: gotquestions.org)

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communities. We welcome interested volunteers to pray and get involved with this opportunity.

On the international level, we have established a partnership with a ministry in Kenya through a Christian brother, Steve Lombo. We'll have more on this at a later date.

Events on the Horizon

Our 2022 Walkathon is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2022 at the Eastern Promenade in Portland.

Plans are underway for a new Amish Tour for September 19-23, 2022. Please see detailed information on this page.

We would enjoy having you join us for one or both of these events. They help us raise needed funds for our ministry.

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To God Be the Glory!! ***

Come With Us this Fall! See Trip Details Inside!