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Thus says the Lord

“My word will not return to me empty”

On the occasion of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House’s 100th Anniversary, the Management Team made a commitment to produce 100,000 Bibles. 50,000 of these were to be economical Bibles, and were to include the plan of salvation, “Eight Steps to a Better Life.” The other 50,000 were published in five different bindings (three in imitation leather, one in vinyl, and one with a hard cover). The idea was presented to the BSPH Foundation, the International Mission Board, to different National Conventions and individuals. The Foundation was the first one to enthusiastically respond to the idea by subventioning a portion of the production.

Perhaps you are asking yourself, where did these Bibles go? The answer is very simple. Eighty percent have been distributed in Latin America. The rest have been requested by churches for their evangelistic ministry among low-income communities.

Two years have gone by since then and the economical Bibles have all been distributed. More and more orders continue to come in. Once again, we presented the need to the BSPH Foundation and it has generously contributed \$79,000. The order for 75,000 Bibles has been placed with the manufacturer, and we hope to have these on hand very soon.

When you give your contribution to the BSPH Foundation, your money is used for the purpose it was designated for. But more importantly, you can trust in the Lord’s promise when he says, “...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”—Isaiah 55:11

One of My Favorite Heroines

When I was a small child my mother used to tell us stories about missionaries. That’s how I learned about William Carey, Adoniram Judson, Francisco Penzotti, Frank Patterson and

others. When I became an adult, I had the privilege of meeting several missionaries face to face. I used to watch them closely to see if any of them were like the heroes I had learned about.

One day Miss Viola Campbell came to Guatemala. She told us about her ministry at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House; that she had taught Christian Education at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Mexico; of her work in the development of Vacation Bible School materials, and that she was now serving as a field services consultant for the BSPH, presenting their materials and gathering information about the different countries’ needs for printed materials. This is how a friendship started and grew thru the years.

When I joined the BSPH personnel in 1979, I learned more about Miss Campbell’s love, dedication, and commitment to the ministry of the Publishing House, and her passion for communicating the love of Jesus, and for making disciples by using the VBS materials and other books

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she wrote. In addition, she taught me the art of being an editor. Patiently, step by step, she helped shape a new member of the BSPH team. Years later, she retired, but once in a while she would come by my office and ask, "How are things doing around here?" Before leaving, she would encourage me and pray with me.

During one of her visits, a few months before she passed away, she informed us that the Lord had put a desire in her heart to leave one half of her estate as an inheritance to the ministry of the Publishing House. And she did! The BSPH Foundation received those funds and very carefully and wisely has used them according to the wishes of that missionary.

Several books and electronic materials have been published and put into the hands of thousands of people, thanks to the legacy of a woman who loved the ministry of the Publishing House. Literally, her work continues to make a difference, even though she is not physically participating. With love and gratitude we say to that heroine, "*Your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*"

— *Jorge E. Díaz*



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