December 10th, 2021



Dear Ministry Partner,

I've had two items on my reading list recently.

- 1. William Bradford's Of Plymouth Plantation (Thanksgiving reading) and,
- 2. The book of Exodus (family devotional reading).

Though written hundreds of years apart, they both were written as memorials of what God had done. Bradford wrote to help the Pilgrim's future generations remember how God had preserved their people as they left Europe and came to the New World. Moses wrote under direct command by God (Exodus 17:14) to recite God's acts to Joshua, the Israelites' next leader.

BVI's publishes stories for a similar reason. We continue to share true accounts of God's work in and through his people. This year we gave thanks as we completed our newest missions story about Elinor Young. It recounts her childhood struggles as polio ravaged her body. It recounts the time a man from China visited her small church in Chatteroy, Washington and pleaded for Christians to go share the gospel. Elinor answered the call but felt embarrassment as people looked on, seeing only her crutches. The man from China met their apologies with a clear and accurate response. "Whom the Lord calls, He will use!" And that's what God has done. Elinor's translation work among the Kimyal people of Irian Jaya culminated with the delivery of the New Testament in their language.

Neither Bradford nor Moses wrote "memorial" books so that the next generation could simply hear a good story and then move on with their lives. No, they wrote that the next generation would see that **the faithful God of the past is the faithful God of the present and future** and that they might set their hope in Him! That's the same reason we share the Elinor Young story and continue to publish other memorials of God's grace.





If you have been part of our support team this past year, we want to thank you. Your gifts help us produce materials like *Beautiful Feet Upon the Mountains* that supply ministry partners here in the US and Canada as well as partners in places like Brazil, Liberia, India and Papua New Guinea.

In 2022 we hope to share these resources in more countries and languages than ever. One way we plan to do that is through the help of our new staff member, Lee Brooks. Lee's work includes overseeing our agreements with international partners. His efforts will allow us to be **proactive** in developing partnerships in area where more Gospel materials for children's ministry are still needed.



Staff members like Lee are part of the vital infrastructure we need to carry out our mission. Would you please consider a year end gift towards this ongoing work of declaring the Gospel to the next generation?



Helping Children See Jesus,

Tom Luttmann–Executive Director



Elinor, Katie (author) and Del (illustrator) joined us for the unboxing of *Beautiful Feet Upon the Mountains*. Watch the video by scanning here or visiting <u>www.biblevisuals.org/BFUTM</u>



Excerpt from Beautiful Feet Upon the Mountains

"... O Father, my Father, the promise that You gave Simeon in the Bible that he would see Jesus Christ and hold Him in his arms before he died, I also have been waiting under that same promise, O God. You looked at all the different languages and chose which ones will be put into Your Word. You thought that we should see Your Word in our language. O God, today, you have placed Your Word into my hands, just like you promised. And for all this, O God, I give You praise!"

