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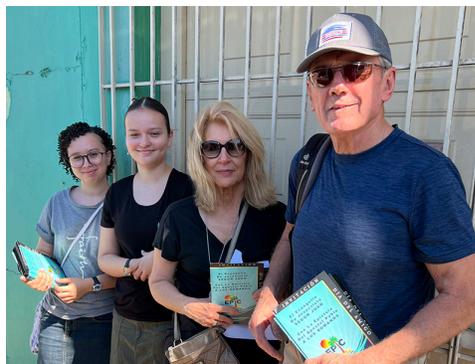
## Be filled with the Spirit...

by Joshua Stertz

He staggered toward me with an indecisive gait, occasionally stopping to lean against the wall. I could tell by looking at his face that he was in pain--physical, mental, emotional, and especially spiritual. As he stopped to lean against a wall, I walked up to him with an outstretched hand containing a John and Romans and said, "Un regalo" (a gift). It was at that moment I could smell the alcohol emanating from his pores, and I was heartbroken. Here was a Puerto Rican who was trying to find comfort, solace, peace in a bottle of "liquid courage," but instead it had him trapped. I thought of the verse in Ephesians 5:18, **"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit..."** We understand from God's word that the only way to be filled with the Spirit is to receive the gift of salvation freely offered by the Son of God.

As I write this brief article, I am on the island of Puerto Rico with a team of 15 other Americans from

six different US states to spread the gospel message in booklet form with whoever will listen. We are laboring in a collaborative effort with Bearing Precious Seed, Oshkosh, and Wings As Eagles to distribute gospels of John and Romans in several different cities in Puerto Rico. The man previously mentioned was one of about 15,000 individuals that have received a gospel booklet over the first several days of the campaign. This is part of the E.P.I.C. (Evangelizing People In the Caribbean) winter/spring outreach 2025. We have several more trips planned throughout the next couple of months, and some even still have open team member slots. Please visit [epic.wyldewood.org](http://epic.wyldewood.org) for more information. If you aren't able to join us, would you covenant to pray for us in the months of March and April as EPIC continues? We earnestly desire to see more lost souls receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and then be filled with the Spirit, which will satisfy their longing, empty souls. **"Brethren, pray for us."** I Thessalonians 5:25



*Clockwise from top left: Men placing scriptures inside invitations; Ken and Tricia on neighborhood blockwork with Pastor Cuadrado's kids; Kelli "tracting" a house; Pastor Perkins handing out John and Romans to cars at stoplight; Paul Peppel and the Perkins on street work duty; Alpha team ready for street work*



# HISTORY

# Highlights

## Belarus 1995

by Cheryl Ingalls



Traveling for a ministry like Couriers for Christ can be difficult with children. Long hours of travel; schooling in the van, hotels, parks, people's homes, churches; constantly being put in the position of meeting new people; and going to different Sunday school classes were all challenges our children faced. Of course, there were lots of positives also. They had lots fun adventures in making new friends, seeing sites in many different states, and going on an occasional trip overseas.

With all the stateside travel we wanted them to have an opportunity to really experience the mission field and understand the why of what we were doing. That opportunity was opened to us in 1995 when Missionary Mark Rose planned a summer of ministry in Belarus and invited several people to join him and his family.

Our five children ranged from grade school age (10) to college age (22). Two more young people joined us, Josh Stertz from our ministry and Cara Christensen from a supporting church in Minnesota.

The experience we had that summer was priceless. We all experienced the difficulties and joys of living on a foreign mission field. The nine of us lived in a small apartment in a high-rise apartment complex in Minsk. We learned to do our grocery shopping

while traveling on the buses, trams, and trains to get out to the village where the Roses had their church. All this was done without the benefit of speaking the language, and at that time very few of the people we met were able to speak English. In spite of the language barrier our boys got out and tried to teach baseball to some of the children in the apartment complex. The kids loved it, all of them!

Working alongside the missionary families we were split up, going to do ministry in different villages with the intention of reaching people with the gospel and starting more Bible studies. We did a combination VBS/tent meeting in a soccer field, distributed tracts, cleaned and helped update a small hospital, did some building projects, dug a well by hand, and developed a love for ministry and missionaries.

Today Josh, Cara, and all our children are either in full time ministry or heavily involved in their churches. Our family was able to go because of a small inheritance from my grandfather. It was an eternal investment and one that is still paying dividends in terms of lives touched and souls saved. I'd encourage you to pray about how you can be involved in missions.

**Praying...giving...going. It will change lives, yours and others.**



# Couriers for Christ

## 2024 Shipping and Publishing

*“To give light to them that sit in darkness....” Luke 1:79*

Month	Language	Description	Number/Pieces
January	English (Philippines)	Bibles	13
	English (Philippines)	New Testaments	40
February	Six dialects plus English (Philippines)	Tracts	2,637,955
March	Chichewa/English	John and Romans	271,680
	Chichewa	Tracts	752,000
June	Chichewa/English	New Testaments	15,624
	Chichewa/English	John and Romans	178,320
	Chichewa	John and Romans	19,600
August	English	Bibles	2,920
	Shona	Bibles	9,120
	Portuguese	Bibles	4,860
	Portuguese	John and Romans	16,200
	Ndebele	John and Romans	90,000
	English	New Testaments	3,240
	English	John and Romans	18,000
	Portuguese	Tracts	270,000
	September	Arabic	John and Romans
October	Spanish	John and Romans	72,630
	French (Togo, Africa)	John and Romans	193,320
	French	New Testaments	20,160
November	French	Bibles	5,460
	Ukrainian	Bibles	400
December	Bulgarian	Tracts	3,000
	Polish	Bibles	21,000

### Totals

Bibles.....	43,773
New Testaments.....	39,064
John and Romans.....	869,750
Tracts.....	3,662,955
<b>Grand total.....</b>	<b>4,615,542</b>



The Couriers for Christ team leaders and captains with Pastor Cuadrado

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