



**Bible Visuals  
International**

PO Box 153  
Akron, PA 17501-0153

Phone: 717-859-1131  
www.biblevisuals.org  
info@biblevisuals.org

# Intercessor

## A Word from the President



In June 1968, Frank Carlson, the United States Senator from Kansas, spoke to the Senate Breakfast group. The subject of his presentation is even more relevant today as we ponder what he said 40 years ago.

The title of his talk was *Wanted A Man—A Man Who Will Stand*. His scripture reference was Ezekiel 22:30: "I sought for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it." Carlson went on to say,

*God is searching for men and women who are unique, thoroughly saved, and filled to running over with His spirit.*

*Modern Americans have accepted and are tolerating conditions never before permitted by any generation of our ancestors.*

*Never have so many hated on such flimsy cause. Never have so many denounced so many with such little knowledge. Never has the dollar been as important as it is today. Never has wild pleasure or physical abandonment been considered fitting human behavior as it is today.*

*Never have public officials been so brazen and open in seeking the vote of people through promises of things that are morally and spiritually wrong. Never have ministers of the Gospel turned their pulpits and pastoral duties toward direction of the social order to the near exclusion of the salvational order as abounds in our time.*

To bring credibility to his concern 40 years ago, these two headlines appeared last month in Portland, Maine:

1. **Same-sex Marriage Backed by Ministers** The subheading reads: Religious leaders from 14 faiths in Maine form a coalition to support the right and freedom to marry for gays.
2. By a liberal clergyman: **Church Should Lead Way for Gay Marriage.** The first paragraph states: Gay marriage is ethical and [the] Christian Church should be leading the way to make it legal.

It's within this culture that BVI continues to send forth the good news that Christ loves the sinner and through Him there can be forgiveness and victory.

We trust that you will stand with us as we continue to reach young tender hearts with the truth of God's word.

## Funds Needed to Replace Bookkeeping Workstation

The aging workstation that handles our bookkeeping needs to be replaced. BVI's shipping department would come to a halt if it were to fail. Amount needed: \$1,300.

## Web Site Overhaul

BVI's web site will be under construction during January/February 2009.

## A Note from the BVI Board of Directors

We would like for you to meet the third member of our current staff, Patti Pope, BVI's Office Manager. As you read about her, we pray that the Lord will speak to you concerning possibly supporting her ministry at BVI. Her support level is currently at 48%.

Patti has been serving at Bible Visuals a little over ten years. Originally hired to be Karen Weitzel's assistant, she now oversees the BVI office under the supervision of the BVI Board Management Committee.

Patti came to know Jesus as her Saviour and Lord in her late teens. She attended Nyack College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Christian education. After college, she served 14 years with a Christian ministry based in Lititz, PA, then joined the BVI staff in 1998. Patti attends the Lancaster Evangelical Free Church in Lititz and shares an apartment with her mother in Akron, PA.



Patti works alongside Melody with handling many bookkeeping responsibilities including financial reports for the Board and the annual financial audit. She thoroughly enjoys the challenge of typesetting for the Production Department and also coordinates the various projects currently in progress. Patti also works with our dear volunteers, scheduling them for various assignments.

## 2008 Volunteer Appreciation Brunch



**Top Row, L to R:** Kris M, Vicki Z, Ron & Pat M, Yuko W, Nancy G, Katherine H, Mary Jane M, Miriam R, Melody M, Mona C. **Bottom Row, L to R:** Patti P, Clarence & Arlene C, Betty B, Anne G, Dorothy L, Mary Kay S

A special luncheon was held in October to honor those who serve the Lord by volunteering at the BVI office. From October '07 through September '08 these faithful volunteers donated over 671 hours!

There's also something to do at the BVI office besides label bulk mailings! If you have spare time, call the BVI office at 717.859.1131 and we'll put you to work!

Dear Friend of BVI,

Many of you have prayed for and supported us during this year of transition and we thank you and want you to know that God has answered. The Lord has blessed us and provided for our needs.

Through special people like you, the Lord provided the financial resources which allowed us to bring to completion many important projects including:

1. A new visualized song *Away in a Manger/Silent Night*
2. The release of our first Clip Art CD
3. The development and release of a correlated CD for BVI's missionary story, *John and Betty Stam*
4. Needed reprints of several popular titles

We continue to thank the Lord for the commitment of our wonderful staff: Patti, Melody and Yuko as they continue to labor for the Lord. Please remember them in your prayers and with your support. They are hard at work effectively doing God's business.



Mark with completed John/Betty Stam CD

We live in a world of increasing uncertainty. In an environment of great changes, we who know Christ must declare to people everywhere that we believe in a God who does not change and in a Gospel message that is forever settled in heaven and can never pass away.

We covet your continued prayers and support as we declare the message. Remember, over 80% of people who accept Christ do so before the age of 15 years. It is critical that BVI continue our ministry to the young people of the world. A reminder: any gifts postmarked before December 31, 2008 can be deducted on your 2008 tax return.

May you and your loved ones have a blessed Christmas. With much thanksgiving to our Lord for your interest and support.

*Michael Battaglia*  
Board President



# Bible Visuals International

PO Box 153, Akron, PA 17501

www.biblevisuals.org  
info@biblevisuals.org

## BVI Prayer Card Winter '08

Why not cut this out & place in your Bible?

<p><b>Sunday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray that many children and adults alike will come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ through the use of BVI materials.</li> <li>Pray for spiritual growth and encouragement for the BVI staff, Board, volunteers and their families as they fellowship at their various churches.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Monday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray for Melody, Yuko and Patti as they interact with customers, processing requests for BVI materials.</li> <li>Pray for wisdom for the BVI staff as they work with a Web programmer on the mammoth job of overhauling BVI's web site.</li> <li>Pray for wisdom for the Mandarin project, which requires digitalizing as well as translation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray for safety as the staff commutes to/from the office and ministry opportunities.</li> <li>Praise: the interactive CD for <i>John and Betty Stam</i> is now available.</li> <li>Pray for funding to print those volumes which have been colored and updated.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please pray that Yuko's green card application will be approved soon.</li> <li>Pray for funding to print those volumes which have been colored and updated.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray for safe delivery of materials shipped out on Tuesdays and Thursdays.</li> <li>Pray for funds to replace the bookkeeping workstation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Praise for the new digital printer which has greatly improved and streamlined producing BVI's Print-on-Demand format of out-of-stock volumes.</li> <li>Pray that Debby will be able to complete her illustrations for <i>Walking God's Trail</i> by June 30.</li> <li>Pray for creativity as work is done to prepare the new two-story Native American volume for press.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pray for wisdom for planning BVI's 50th Anniversary banquet (to be held in 2009).</li> <li>Pray for the BVI Board as they continue to direct the ministry, that the Lord would guide them in decision making and goal setting.</li> </ul>
---	---	---	---	---	---	---

## Join BVI's Electronic Prayer Chain

Would you like to receive prayer requests/praise updates via e-mail? These are sent out every month or two. Please e-mail us at info@biblevisuals.org, and we will be happy to include you on this list. Please note that BVI is committed to protecting your privacy. We **DO NOT** sell, rent or share your address information with **ANY** other organization.

## Production Department News by Patti Pope

**Old Testament volumes on the Tabernacle:** Yuko has completed colorizing, activities were written by Bryan Willoughby

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness:** colorization by Yuko nearing completion

**Whiter than Snow:** colorization in progress by Yuko

**Ly Huy's Escape:** Work has begun on developing the components to include on the correlated CD

**Doming, the Popsicle Boy:** Kristin Mayer is developing review questions and activities

**Walking God's Trail:** Debby Saint hopes to complete the illustrations by June

Please pray for wisdom as the BVI Staff and Board decide on which titles to work on and print in 2009, as well as for funding.



## Projects Waiting for Funds to Be Printed

The following have been colorized, and where needed, activities and review questions were added to the teaching text.

Visualized Songs: *I Sing the Mighty Power of God, We've a Story to Tell to the Nations, A Christian's Belief, The Bible Stands*

Visualized Stories: *Doming, the Popsicle Boy, Penny/Turea, Praying Hyde*

Visualized Bible Volumes: *NT 42-Christ and the Church, OT 9-The Tabernacle, Part 1, OT 10-The Tabernacle Part 2, OT 11-Sacrifice, OT 14-Death*

## Translation Update

Please pray for LiShan who met with Board member Jean Keiser and Patti in August to discuss translating BVI's NT Visualized Bible volumes into Mandarin and making it available in a digital format.



L to R: Patti, LiShan, Jean

### Other Projects:

**Amharic:** Exploring God's Word by Bekele G, in Canada

**Spanish:** NT Volume 24 by Kenneth K, a missionary in Barcelona, Spain

## Ministry Department News by Yuko Willoughby

God gave my husband Bryan and me the opportunity to teach about Jewish culture and holidays at the Blue Church in Springfield in October. It was our second time to be there so some kids remembered us from last year.

BVI's Give-A-Vision programs offer teaching children the truth and application from the Bible plus introducing them to different cultures and belief systems. We used the GAV program called *Adventures in the Jewish World*. At this point, the Jewish World is the only program which is available for purchase. Work is currently under way on the Muslim World and the Chinese World, but there are seven other programs that are in development. Will you pray with us about making progress in developing the GAV Program?

We would be happy to conduct children's meetings for your church if it is located in or near the Lancaster area. For more information, please contact me at the BVI office (717.859.1131).



Yuko interviews Aaron (Bryan) about the Day of Atonement.