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## Together Each Accomplishes More!

by Joshua Stertz

The human body is amazing—because an omnipotent and omniscient God intricately designed it! As I sit here in my home office contemplating the goodness of our God and all that he has done in and through our ministry over the past couple of months, I reach to grab a sip of coffee. This is a routine movement that has been repeated for many years of my life, but in this moment, I begin to think of all that it takes to make this single action possible. My brain sends a signal to the muscles of my shoulder and arm, and with perfect precision my hand reaches out and grabs the mug, lifting it to the exact spot of my mouth. This enables me to take a sip of the coffee, but before that happens, the skin sensors on my face indicate how hot the coffee is and if I need to be extra careful. My lips keep the coffee from running down my chin and onto my shirt, not even to mention all that my body does “automatically” to process the freshly consumed liquid. All this is taking place automatically while I am concentrated on ministry work.



*Another container filled with Bibles and songbooks for Malawi on its way right now!*



*Kindergartners receive the gospel in the Dominican Republic in March*

Ephesians chapter four has been called the unity chapter in this New Testament book. We are challenged in verse three to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit. As we read further in the chapter, we see that God gave us gifts for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ. As I reflect on the three trips to the Caribbean (E.P.I.C.), a container shipped to Malawi, another to Papua New Guinea, an NFL Draft outreach, and several hundred thousand Portuguese John and Romans assembled for Brazil over the first third of 2025, I am overwhelmed by how the Lord uses us as individuals, but even more so when we work together with those of like faith and practice. Just like it takes more than just my mind or my hand to take a drink of coffee, it takes more than just Couriers for Christ to place the Word of God into the hands of those who don't have it!

I am thankful for our partner churches across the USA that give and pray for us so that we can continue this work that God has called us to steward. I am thankful for printing ministries like Bearing Precious Seed and Bible Literature Missionary Foundation (to name just a couple), who faithfully produce the scriptures that we ship and distribute. I am thankful for the BPS Seedline ministry and the seedline churches that assemble millions of John and Romans booklets annually, some of which are distributed by teams that

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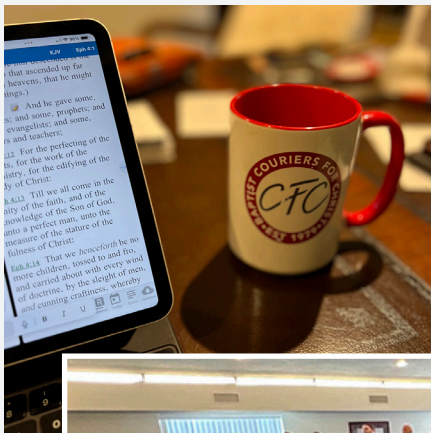
we take to foreign lands. I am thankful for the missionaries that we partner with to help them in their faithful evangelistic outreach in their cities and communities in Europe and beyond. I am thankful for each team member who sacrifices his time, finances, and effort to come with us to physically place the life-giving message of the gospel into the hands of those abroad. Verse 16 of Ephesians encapsulates the outcome of the body of Christ working together in loving unity for the furtherance of the gospel when it states, **"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."** Notice how several times in this verse it points out the individual (every joint, every part), yet it focuses on the overall increase when the body works together in unity.

Please pray for several key items over the summer and into the fall of 2025. We have multiple containers on their way or in progress to be shipped soon. We never take for granted their safety in reaching the field! It costs about \$7-10,000 to ship a 20 foot container loaded with scripture to Europe and beyond. We are so thankful for each church and individual that gives sacrificially towards the container shipping fund. Please pray for Dad and me as we will be in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on a survey trip as you are reading this in early June. We have a campaign scheduled with veteran missionary Nathan Ring (October 27-November 11, 2025), and we need safety and wisdom as we travel, mapping out the details for the upcoming scripture outreach. Please consider joining us for that outreach; there are a few open spots available at the time of this writing. Visit

[coursiersforchrist.com](http://coursiersforchrist.com) for more information and an application. Please pray for the safety of each of our CFC families as we continue to travel many miles across the USA this summer encouraging and challenging churches in their outreach-- around the corner and around the world.

If it takes multiple systems within our physical body to take a drink, does it not take multiple individuals within the body of Christ working together to reach the world with the gospel? Over eight billion people are on this planet today, yet if we work together in the unity and power of the Spirit, they CAN all hear... **"For we are labourers together with God...."** - I Corinthians 3:9 -

*Working together for the furtherance of the gospel!*



*The Word of God freely given to visitors and church members alike as a result of the sacrificial giving of partner churches*



*Collaboration of over 25 independent Baptist churches and nearly 300 believers to distribute over 80,000 John and Romans at the NFL draft in Green Bay this April*



*One of our faithful partner churches, without which we couldn't do what God has called us to do. Thank you to each partner that has caught the vision of CFC!*





# Bearing the **HEAT** of the Day!

by John Meyer

Our year started out with our trip to Puerto Rico and some challenges due to differences from Eastern Europe. In Puerto Rico one of the best ways to pass out John and Romans is to hand them to cars stopped at a red traffic light. I can tend to be a worrywart, and I was a little concerned about walking in the roadway between cars, but I found out very quickly that we were far enough away from the light by the time it turned green that we had no problem getting to the curb before traffic started moving. In Puerto Rico in January the highs get to almost 90 degrees. I figured out that it took about a gallon of electrolyte water a day to keep from getting dehydrated. Most of our team had to learn to drink more to stay hydrated. With the changes God gave us grace and taught us that we can trust



*Esther (above) and John (below left) handing out gospels of John and Romans*



Him to give us wisdom to press on. Through the heat

I remembered that the struggle was for souls, and the song that God gave me to push through the heat was "Work for the Night Is Coming." The second verse really struck me as it says, "Work through the sunny noon; Fill brightest hours with labor: Rest comes sure and soon. Give every flying minute Something to keep in store; Work, for the night is coming, When man works no more." We must keep in mind that there is a great night coming for the lost. This is a night of eternal darkness starting in hell, then on to the lake of fire. Just a few hours in the hot sun is nothing when it means the possibility of even one soul being saved from this awful darkness.

**I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. - John 9:4 -**

## Deputation travels and a personal note...

When we returned from Puerto Rico, we were home for a few days and then left on a Wednesday for our journey to Fair Oaks, California, and had several meetings out west. We had planned to divide the traveling time into three days and arrive in the afternoon on Friday. Late Thursday we were both worn out from traveling and were going to stop near Salt Lake City, Utah, to sleep and continue the trip on Friday. As we looked at the weather on Donner's Pass on I-80 near the California/Nevada state line, we noticed that the forecast called for FEET of snow coming in on Friday morning. For this reason we decided to drive through the night. We got over the mountain and down to around 3000 feet on the other side, where we decided to pull off and sleep before we continued the remainder of about an hour and a half. When we finally arrived in California, we got in bed and the rain started, which would have been snow on the pass. We were quite weary after 22 hours of driving, but, praise the Lord, we didn't miss any of our meetings.

We had meetings in several churches in Utah, California, and Idaho. We even got to meet a few of our pastor's college friends--and, wow, we heard a lot of funny college stories! On a personal note, we celebrated our fifth anniversary this year. We took a week while we were in Utah and parked the camper at Palisade Lake State Park. I can hardly believe how time flies. Esther has actually put up with me for five years. Our joke (although true because we made vows) is, "You're stuck with me!" The weather turned out to be pretty cold while we were there, but we did get out and do some hiking, and we also had some time to just rest. Since the weather was cold, the state park was pretty deserted, and so we had a lot of alone time with one another.



- Containers to arrive safely in Malawi, PNG, and Brazil
- The Lord to raise up future representatives for the Couriers ministry
- Safety in travel and spiritually powerful meetings for representatives
- Safety and guidance for Josh and Don while on the survey trip to Brazil June 2-11
- God to guide us where He wants us to have upcoming campaigns and scripture outreaches
- All the seed sown in the Caribbean through the EPIC outreach



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