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### What's New

SHARING MATERIAL FOR THE COLUMBIA UNION

**NEW EMPLOYEE** 

# More Than 115,000 Bibles and Steps to Christ to be Distributed in the Columbia Union

by Josh Hey

Recently we were privileged to work with the Columbia Union Conference and a generous donor to make Bibles and sharing material available to them to distribute around their territory.

We are very thankful we were able to be part of this great effort and want to share with everyone how our daily work at Pacific Press impacts the lives of so many people. We pray the Holy Spirit guides each person who comes in contact with these material.

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Some 15,600 Bibles and more than 100,000 **Steps to Christ** arrived at Columbia Union Conference headquarters in Columbia, Md.,

on Thursday—ready to be distributed to churches and members across the union. It is the second large-scale distribution in the last two years where union leaders sent the books to representatives from the territories' eight conferences.

Obed Rosette, pastor of Potomac Conference's Takoma Park (Md.) Spanish and Ebenezer Spanish church in Hyattsville, Md., helped gather the books for the Potomac churches, and says that, "We are really grateful to receive Bibles at the price that we are getting them. When somebody wants to know about Jesus, the first thing that they need is a Bible."

The Bibles were given to churches at a greatly reduced price and the Steps to Christ were funded--all thanks to a donor.

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This is a great blessing for the churches," says Rubén Ramos, vice president of Multilingual Ministries in the Columbia Union, who noted that many members are active doing outreach—opening their homes, using their cars and personal resources in ministry. "It is fair that we as an organization equip them with tools ... to help them to give Bible studies to prepare people for Jesus' coming and get baptized," he said.

Ramos adds that he prays that the Lord will use every single Steps to Christ, Bible and Bible study, to bring their family, friends or acquaintances to fall in love with Jesus and give themselves to the Lord.

\*The union also distributed Bible study booklets.





## Welcome Elliott Wickward!

#### by Kirsten Berger

Elliott and his wife, Mara, felt God leading them to the area when his wife was offered the Science teacher position at Gem State Academy, and PPPA had an opening in Elliott's field of study.

He says, "The more we looked into the area and these jobs, the bigger and brighter the neon sign got that this was where God was leading."

Elliott joined the Engineering team at the end of June and has enjoyed learning how things work and figuring out ways to fix them.

As a Pacific Northwesterner, Elliott was eager to move back to the PNW after living in Florida for the last few years. He shares, "I am excited to be back in the Pacific Northwest to be closer to family and the wide range of nature the PNW has to offer." In addition to his appreciation for nature, Elliott's hobbies revolve around building, creating, and storytelling. When asked to share an interesting fact about himself, Elliott revealed that he broke a 20-year taco-eating record at a former church.

Welcome to Pacific Press, Elliott!



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