### "A Bill of Divorcement" Deuteronomy 23-24 1/26/25

- Q1. In 23:18, "You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the Lord your God for any vowed offering, for both of these *are* an abomination to the Lord your God.," what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?
- Q2. In 24:1, "When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce, puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house," what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?
- Q3. In 24:21"When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow," what does it mean with an example? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time of Deuteronomy 22:30, "A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's bed," a man's sexual relationship with his father's wife: incest is prohibited. E.g. Reuben's incest with Jacob's 4<sup>th</sup> wife in the light of *Genesis 35:22*, "And it happened, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine; and Israel heard *about it.*"

Today we cover the Mosaic law to the Jews. But when Jesus yielded up His spirit on the cross, He tore down the veil in the temple that had separated us from God in the light of Mattew 27:50-51, "And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. <sup>51</sup> Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split." Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:20-21, "and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those *who are* under the law, as under the law, that I might win those *who are* under the law; <sup>21</sup> to those *who are* without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those *who are* without law." So, we are not under Mosaic law but under law toward Christ or the Mosaic law toward Christ.

#### TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

23 <sup>1</sup> "He who is emasculated by crushing [wounded in
the stones] or mutilation [privy member] shall not
enter the assembly [congregation] of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> "One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation none of his *descendants* shall enter the assembly of the Lord.

#### 23

1=( He who is emasculated -- not able to produce children; he who is mutilated or castrated shall not enter the assembly of the Lord)

- <sup>3</sup> "An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation none of his *descendants* shall enter the assembly of the Lord forever, <sup>4</sup> because they did not meet you with bread and water on the road when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.
- <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam, but the Lord your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you. <sup>6</sup> You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever. 7 "You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he is your brother. You shall not abhor an Egyptian, because you were an alien in his land. 8 The children of the third generation born to them may enter the assembly of the Lord. 9 "When the army goes out against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing. 10 If there is any man among you who becomes unclean by some occurrence in the night, then he shall go outside the camp; he shall not come inside the camp. <sup>11</sup> But it shall be, when evening comes, that he shall wash with water; and when the sun sets, he may come into the camp. 12 "Also you shall have a place outside the camp, where you may go out; 13 and you shall have an implement among your equipment, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and turn and cover your refuse. 14 For the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore your camp shall be holy, that He may see no unclean thing among you, and turn away from you. 15 "You shall not give back to his master the slave who has escaped from his master to you. <sup>16</sup> He may dwell with you in your midst, in the place which he chooses within one of your gates, where it seems best to him; you shall not oppress him. 17 "There shall be no ritual harlot of the

5=(Even if Balaam was bribed by Balak to curse Israelites, Balaam listened to God and blessed Israel for a while. But Balaam later disobeyed God, stumbling Israel to worship Baal the idol at Peor. *Num* 22:35,38; *Num* 24:11)

7= (Edomite was descended from Esau the elder brother of Jacob or Israel)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Num 22:35,38 <sup>35</sup> Then the Angel of the Lord said to Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you shall speak." So Balaam went with the princes of Balak. <sup>38</sup> And Balaam said to Balak, "Look, I have come to you! Now, have I any power at all to say anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I must speak."; Num 24:1 Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he did not go as at other times, to seek to use sorcery, but he set his face toward the wilderness.

daughters of Israel, or a perverted one of the sons of Israel.

<sup>18</sup> You shall not bring the wages of a harlot or the price of a dog to the house of the Lord your God for any vowed offering, for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God. 19 "You shall not charge interest to your brother—interest on money or food or anything that is lent out at interest. <sup>20</sup> To a foreigner you may charge interest, but to your brother you shall not charge interest, that the Lord your God may bless you in all to which you set your hand in the land which you are entering to possess. <sup>21</sup> "When you make a vow to the Lord your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the Lord your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to you. <sup>22</sup> But if you abstain from vowing, it shall not be sin to you. <sup>23</sup> That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform, for you voluntarily vowed to the Lord your God what you have promised with your mouth. <sup>24</sup> "When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes at your pleasure, but you shall not put any in your container. <sup>25</sup> When you come into your neighbor's standing grain, you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not use a sickle on your neighbor's standing grain.

24 <sup>1</sup>"When a man takes a wife and marries her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a certificate of divorce [a bill of divorcement], puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house, <sup>2</sup> when she has departed from his house, and goes and becomes another man's *wife*, <sup>3</sup> *if* the latter husband detests her and writes her a certificate of divorce, puts *it* in her hand, and sends her out of his house, or if the latter husband dies who took her as

18= Q1 (Then, the worships of some idols involved prostitution practice. For example, Balaam's counsel caused Israelites to commit harlotry with the women of Moab in the Baal worship at Peor. God wants marriage to be clean or holy for the purpose of godly offspring. So, we as parents should bring up children in the training and admonition of the Lord. So, God prohibits the offering with prostitution practice or any other unclean practices such illegality. Here is a dog means an unclean or unholy male prostitute in the context such as not to give what is holy to the dogs - unclean, unholy, or unwanting people. Num 25:1-3; Mal 2:15; Eph 6:4; Mat 7:6<sup>2</sup>)

25=( God's heart is on the needy or hungry people because our God is merciful. So a needy or hungry person may eat grapes through vineyards, grains through grainfields, or other fruits, not taking them out for extra own possession. E.g., Jesus' disciples took the grains accordingly but the issue of Sabbath raised to Jesus by Pharisees. *Mat 12:1-2³*)

#### 24

1=Q2 (Generally, God hates divorce but rarely allowed it for uncleanness such as virginity or adultery issue with a certificate or a bill of divorce. Also, in verse 4, the divorce was final and irreversible. Jesus says in general what God has joined together, let not man separates, except sexual immorality. A divorced person is discouraged to remarry. Note the key of marriage is Agape love the fruit of the Spirit only among Christians. The

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Num 25:1-3 Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. <sup>2</sup> They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. <sup>3</sup> So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel; *Mal 2:15* But did He not make *them* one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. *Eph 6:4* And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.; *Mat 7:6* Do not give what is holy to the dogs; nor cast your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Mat 12:1-2 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain and to eat. <sup>2</sup> And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!"

his wife, <sup>4</sup> then her former husband who divorced her must not take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled; for that *is* an abomination before the Lord, and you shall not bring sin on the land which the Lord your God is giving you *as* an inheritance.

- <sup>5</sup> "When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.
- <sup>6</sup> "No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone in pledge, for he takes *one*'s living in pledge. <sup>7</sup> "If a man is found kidnapping any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and mistreats him or sells him, then that kidnapper shall die; and you shall put away the evil from among you.
- <sup>8</sup> "Take heed in an outbreak of leprosy, that you carefully observe and do according to all that the priests, the Levites, shall teach you; just as I commanded them, *so* you shall be careful to do.
- <sup>9</sup> Remember what the Lord your God did to Miriam on the way when you came out of Egypt! <sup>10</sup> "When you lend your brother anything, you shall not go into

divorce is undeadly sin. *Mal 2:16; Num 5:13; Deu 22:17; Mat 5:31-32; Mark 10:4-9*<sup>4</sup>)

4= (A divorced wife was discouraged to remarry the former husband *Jer 3:1*<sup>5</sup>)

5=(A married couple was to remain at home one year for happiness, practically protecting one flesh of the couple from possible separation or divorce due to the hardness of hearts. Even a man who is betrothed to a woman is recommended to return to his house for the happy marriage. *Deu* 20:76)

8= (Leprosy was hard to be cured but today is cured by medicine)

9= (Miriam's leprosy was punished by God for her speaking against Moses' marriage with an Ethiopian woman *Num* 12:8-10<sup>7</sup>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> *Mal 2:16* For the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously; *Num 5:13* and a man lies with her carnally, and it is hidden from the eyes of her husband, and it is concealed that she has defiled herself, and *there was* no witness against her, nor was she caught—; *Deu 22:17* Now he has charged her with shameful conduct, saying, "I found your daughter *was* not a virgin," and yet these *are the evidences of* my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city; *Mat 5:31-32* Furthermore it has been said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup> But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery; *Mark 10:4-9* They said, "Moses permitted *a man* to write a certificate of divorce, and to dismiss *her.*" <sup>5</sup> And Jesus answered and said to them, "Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh'; so then they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Jer 3:1* "They say, 'If a man divorces his wife, And she goes from him And becomes another man's, May he return to her again?' Would not that land be greatly polluted? But you have played the harlot with many lovers; Yet return to Me," says the Lord.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Deu 20:7 And what man *is there* who is betrothed to a woman and has not married her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man marry her.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Num 12:8-10 I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in bdark sayings; And he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?" <sup>9</sup> So the anger of the Lord was aroused against them, and He departed. <sup>10</sup> And when the cloud departed from above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam *became* leprous, as *white as* snow. Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and there she was, a leper.

his house to get his pledge. <sup>11</sup> You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you lend shall bring the pledge out to you.

<sup>12</sup> And if the man *is* poor, you shall not keep his pledge overnight. <sup>13</sup> You shall in any case return the pledge to him again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own garment and bless you; and it shall be righteousness to you before the Lord your God. <sup>14</sup> "You shall not oppress a hired servant *who is* poor and needy, *whether* one of your brethren or one of the aliens who *is* in your land within your gates. <sup>15</sup> Each day you shall give *him* his wages, and not let the sun go down on it, for he *is* poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the Lord, and it be sin to you.

<sup>16</sup> "Fathers shall not be put to death for *their* children, nor shall children be put to death for *their* fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin.

<sup>17</sup> "You shall not pervert justice due the stranger or the fatherless, nor take a widow's garment as a pledge. <sup>18</sup> But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the Lord your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this thing.

<sup>19</sup> "When you reap your harvest in your field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. <sup>20</sup> When you beat your olive trees, you shall not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. <sup>21</sup> When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean *it* afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. <sup>22</sup> And

12= (God's heart is on the poor or the needy people. Love them as yourself. So return the pledge, which is necessary thing such as only one garment or only one blanket, to the poor or the needy. So you may willingly do so for the satisfaction of the needy by the Spirit. *Deu* 15:7-88)

15= (Timely wage payment is required.)

16= (Each person is guilty of own sin, not succeed to others, either father or child, although the idolatry sin, i.e., idol worship in the household affects to the residing generations,  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  generations, e.g., a pagan religion in a home affected all the living people in the home – then up to  $4^{th}$  generation or grandchildren. *Ezekiel 18:20; Ex*  $20:5^9$ )

21=Q3 (Our God's heart is on the stranger, the fatherless, the widow, or the least. Don't take out all of your harvest in the fields but leave some leftover for their gleaning. For example, Ruth the widow gathered the leftover or gleaned head of grain in Boaz's field, becoming the woman in Jesus' lineage *Ruth* 2:2<sup>10</sup>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Deu 15:7-8 "If there is among you a poor man of your brethren, within any of the gates in your land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother, <sup>8</sup> but you shall open your hand wide to him and willingly lend him sufficient for his need, whatever he needs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ezkiel 18:20 The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.; Ex 20:5 you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting<sup>[b]</sup> the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  Ruth 2:2 So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, "Please let me go to the field, and glean heads of grain after him in

you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I command you to do this thing.

Note: Most Christians say the Scripture is important, but rarely study every word in the Scripture and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Scripture Study (NKJV) -- All Scripture Expositional Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. Also the whole verses of NIV as a reference are observed equally to KJV and NKJV for every online word. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Scripture is the Scripture per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

whose sight I may find favor." And she said to her, "Go, my daughter."



#### CALVARY CHAPEL KOREA

Loudermilk Family Occasional Newsletter - December 2024

Dear Friends and Family,

After nearly 19 years here in Korea (16 years since starting Calvary Chapel in Daejeon), we finally had an actual American style Thanksgiving dinner at the church. Everyone had a great time as we got to see some people we hadn't seen in a while, and some visitors were brought in as well. It was a good time of fellowship and getting into God's Word to be reminded of the need for thankfulness and prayer.

Rejoice in the Lord always.
Again I will say, rejoice!
Let your gentleness be known to all men.
The Lord is at hand.
Be anxious for nothing,
but in everything by prayer
and supplication, with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God;
and the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds through
Christ Jesus.









Philippians 4:4-

Everyone is now even more excited about our upcoming Christmas party on December 25<sup>th</sup> where we will worship with songs of Christmas, share the Gospel of God's Grace, and enjoy the fun of a white elephant gift exchange which we have done every year from the beginning. It is another chance for evangelism as people who don't normally attend church tend to come enjoy the time with us. Please pray for effective outreach for those who need to know God's salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As you consider us with your prayers in 2025, please pray that God would raise up an army of young people that are on fire for the Lord with a desire for evangelism. Pray that us older folks would be ready and willing to disciple them and help them along the way.

Pray that all of us would increase in the knowledge of His will, to walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, to be fruitful and increase in the knowledge of God. Strengthened with His power, patient with joy, and always giving thanks to Him.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Mike, Hye-Young, and Jeena mike@ccdaejeon.org / www.ccdaejeon.org

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Pray for Iran & Underground Church. We are one body of Christ as long as any soul is not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ (Heb 6:1; Eph 1:22-23)



NOVEMBER 2024

# In a region at war, the Lord remains at work

Dear Friend,

With all that has been taking place this year in the Middle East, I know many hearts are heavy. Our thoughts and prayers are turned towards this war-torn region and all those suffering there.

I want to encourage you today that the Lord is at work in this part of the world. 2024 has been a year of much ministry and, by God's grace, we have seen many people putting their trust in Jesus, many lives transformed, and the hope of the Gospel changing communities.

In this letter, I am delighted to share with you just two of the many stories from this year. One is the story of my friend and colleague Magda, who serves with our women's ministry team. The other is of Firouz, one of the many church planters we have trained for the Iranian church, and who we continue to support.

As you will read, both Magda and Firouz have stood firm for Jesus under unimaginable pressure. Both have paid a great price as a result. Both testify that God is faithful even in the darkest chapters of our lives. And both believe Christ - and His beautiful Gospel of hope - is worth any cost.

It is our privilege to serve people like Magda and Firouz. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and partnership which have allowed us to do so.

Our desire, as we look forward to 2025, is to do even more. We want to train, equip, and send more faithful ministers of the Gospel for the Persian-speaking church.

To do this, we need your help, so I ask you to consider making a gift this end of year. On the reverse of this letter are examples of how your gift can strengthen the Persian-speaking church at this time. We would be grateful for your prayerful consideration.

As we approach the close of the year with all its festivities, we pray it's a wonderful time for you and your loved ones. I pray the stories in this letter would encourage you and would help lift your eyes afresh to our beautiful Savior who - as Magda and Firouz testify - is faithful and good and worthy of our all.

Grace and peace,

David Yeghnazar

Executive Director, Elam Ministries

P.S. We want to do more to support the Persian-speaking church to declare the hope of Christ. On the reverse of this letter you'll discover the tangible ways your gift can make a real difference. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. We are so grateful for your partnership.

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# **European Union Mission**

(Thank you for your prayers. EU mission team has had a safe & joyful tour, sharing Jesus face to face with EU people. Most of them were so glad to share Jesus amazingly as you prayed.)

From 9/26 To 10/4, 2024

In 2023, during Paul's footsteps mission tour and evangelism, several significant observations were made: Firstly, English emerged as the predominant language among people in the European Union (EU). Secondly, despite a rich Christian history, there are relatively a few Scripture-based Christians in the midst of a post-Christian culture. Thirdly, it was noted that upon sharing the words of God, many individuals displayed unexpected curiosity or interest. Lastly, leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the dissemination of God's words can be accelerated significantly, aligning with the prophecy of Daniel 12:4b, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

These findings serve as a compelling motivation for us, as debtors of Jesus' love, to endeavor to spread the entirety of God's words throughout the EU whenever providence allows.

S oli Deo Gloria! For those on the EU Mission from 9/26 to 10/4, the mobile apps have been launched. We the Board invite you to review any eBook that encourages others to dive into our expositional study and grow in their knowledge of Jesus and their life by faith. If the Lord wills, please consider doing so. Use the code "Review" for free access, and "Calvary" for a 30% discount. The Apple App Store, with over 650 million users per week, and Google Play Store, with over 2.5 billion users per month. The more increasing materialism, the more demanding this kind of App the whole counsel of God in exposition to every soul at all nations.









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<sup>&</sup>quot;Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Mathew 24:35).

<sup>&</sup>quot;He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

## Christian Population By Country

This list includes approximate numbers for the Christian population in key countries across different regions.

North America	Europe	Asia	Africa
<ul> <li>United         States: 230         million</li> <li>Canada: 22         million</li> <li>Mexico: 120         million</li> <li>Central America         and the Caribbean</li> <li>Guatemala:         <ul> <li>13 million</li> <li>Honduras: 7                 million</li> <li>Fl Salvador:                 6 million</li> <li>Nicaragua:                 5 million</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cuba: 6         million</li> <li>Dominican         Republic: 9         million</li> <li>Haiti: 6         million</li> <li>South America</li> <li>Brazil: 180         million</li> <li>Argentina:                 35 million</li> <li>Colombia:                 35 million</li> <li>Peru: 25         million</li> <li>Venezuela:                 25 million</li> <li>Chile: 16         million</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Russia: 105 million</li> <li>Germany: 50 million</li> <li>United Kingdom: 40 million</li> <li>France: 38 million</li> <li>Italy: 44 million</li> <li>Spain: 37 million</li> <li>Poland: 35 million</li> <li>Ukraine: 30 million</li> <li>Romania: 18 million</li> <li>Netherlands: 12 million</li> <li>Middle East</li> <li>Egypt: 10 million</li> <li>Lebanon: 2 million</li> <li>Iraq: 0.5 million</li> <li>Syria: 0.5 million</li> <li>Jordan: 0.4 million</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Philippines:         <ul> <li>90 million</li> </ul> </li> <li>China: 70             million</li> <li>India: 31             million</li> <li>Indonesia:             25 million</li> </ul> <li>South         <ul> <li>Korea: 15</li> <li>million</li> </ul> </li> <li>Vietnam: 7         <ul> <li>million</li> </ul> </li> <li>Kazakhstan:         <ul> <li>4 million</li> </ul> </li> <li>Oceania</li> <li>Australia: 14         <ul> <li>million</li> <li>Papua New</li> <li>Guinea: 8             million</li> <li>New</li> <li>Zealand: 2             million</li> </ul> </li> <li>Fiji: 0.6         <ul> <li>million</li> </ul> </li>	Nigeria: 85 million Democratic Republic of the Congo: 65 million Ethiopia: 45 million South Africa: 37 million Kenya: 35 million Uganda: 34 million Tanzania: 30 million Tanzani

## **Delivery of the words of God**

#### in the Gospel and in all the Scripture

Calvary Chapel Anaheim Hills (all Scripture)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:16-17).

<b>English</b>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>French</u>	<u>German</u>	<u>Italian</u>	<u>Dutch</u>	<u>Greek</u>	<u>Turkish</u>

Affluent and Well-prepared Retiree And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:19-21).

Let go, Let God CCAH has been led daily by the Spirit in the Whole Counsel of God for its beliefs, and their consequent practices since over 20 years ago. Through CCAH, our Lord has been increasing faith, the word of God, its consequent practice, love, or joy with the perishable means. God has faithfully been touching the least souls like flames such as the addicted, the retirees, the indigent, the homeless, the veterans, and the rarely touched souls in the world -- free from where Christ is named, commercial capitalism is controlling, territorial boundaries are lined, and racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores -- in the light of Matthew 25:40, "And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

We have been volitionally, joyfully, and thankfully praying and following His continual direction until our Lord comes again. That's our privilege and our blessing. Please pray through our love for each other as long as we the one body of Christ on the earth are not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ.



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The entirety of God's words is truth. The truth matters in the eternity wherever - indoor, outdoor, online, offline, at sea, or in sky - and whenever - Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time - and whatever - mega church, basilica, or chapel (Psalm 119:160; John 4:23; 5:39; 17:17; Col 2:16-17) Christian Population by Country

teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.....(Matthew 28:20a)

## **Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:**

"Greater Works" in John 14:12 -Our prayer support group are praying, offering, or going. You may do so. Psalm 83:18 "That they many know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth."

Bosnia and Herzegovina -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

China -- Hannah, Jeremy, Merry, Mi Young... MAP

European Union - Lily, Wayne, Jane, T K, Raura, Paul.....MAP EU

France -- Joy Diacou... MAP

Haiti – Brian McDaniel MAP

India -- Abraham Motakatia, Varughese Saji, Kris Davis, Y Suri, K P Yohannan MAP

Iran -- Christina, David, Ray Sleiman, Shahin, Reza, Brian.... MAP

Indonesia -- Choon Choi, Jong Kim, Robinson Pea MAP

Iraq, Afghanistan -- Heather Mercer, Sami T (in other Muslim countries)...... MAP MAP

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

Japan -- Chester Hudspeth, Janet Mctaggart, Kyomasa & Taeko.... MAP

Kenya -- Ed Compean, Helen Ju, Rob Gordon... MAP

Lebanon -- Raymond Sleighman... MAP

Nepal -- Joseph & Esther Choi..... MAP

Nicaragua -- Michael & Jackelin Gaude..... MAP

Mexico -- Alex & Cruz Sanchez, Garry & Keri Goo, James & Monica Arista, Octavio, Martin, Victor &

Sonia Mayoral..... MAP

North Korea -- Ed, Inquired Anonymous Missionaries..... MAP

Peru -- Timothy Kim, J Y Oh, Lucho..... MAP

Philippines -- Dodong, Jim Davis..... MAP

Russia -- Robert Ovcharenko..... MAP

Scotland -- Chris & Jenn Lawsons, Steve Kostlan MAP

South Korea -- Mike, Peter, Seoung, Victor, Loudermilk... MAP

Sudan -- Gary Kusunoki, Robert, In Hwa Shin(Leprosy in other African countries), Wes ... MAP

Uganda -- Brian Kelly... MAP

United Arab Emirates - Simon Baek .... MAP

Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan -- Jed & Renee Gourley, George & Pam Markey.. MAP MAP

Please pray for Missionaries and for Christians over all the earth.

James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

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## Pray for the Feeding People From Starvation and Sickness.



God could deliver him. Ismail said that if God can heal me from this, He is real, and I will follow him and he did.

In one particular battle Ismail was in, his unit was being attacked by 700 Islamic enemy soldiers and his unit had only 100 men. His unit was told to attack even though they were greatly outnumbered, but he said, "Today is Sunday. Let us pray this whole day and seek our God that He will be with us." So, all the soldiers spent the

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WE STARTED THE FEEDING PROGRAM TO KEEP PEOPLE

next day, Ismail took his artillery gun and fired seven shots; all seven hit critical enemy positions, and within a few minutes, the enemy was in full retreat leaving the area and did not return. The men spent the day giving thanks to the Lord for His deliverance. Ismail was known for

day in prayer. The

many great feats of heroism, once capturing 16 enemy soldiers and three trucks full of military supplies. On another occasion, his position was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) that killed over 100 soldiers and 30 civilians. Once again, Ismail escaped uninjured, and the people said it was because of his relationship with Christ that he was delivered.

I am at the chaplain base as this letter is being written. We sent for Ismail's wife to be brought from the Nuba Mountains to the base. We will do our best to comfort her in her grief and give her the stipend that we give for each fallen chaplain, which can take care of her for years.

Ismail was around 55 years of age and served in the war for 37 years. In his life, he had brought many men and



NEW CHURCH BUILT BY JOSHUA SPRINGS CALVARY CHAPEL AND JEREL HAGERMAN

women to Christ. He had planted a church in a radical Muslim area where the people were some of the most violent, but to this day, his church is still alive with over 200 converted Muslims.

He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

Wes Bentley

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Far Reaching Ministries

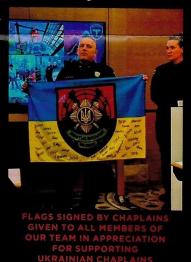
## Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



I cannot live with myself knowing this is going on, and I am willing to spend the rest of my life protecting and caring for those who do not have the ability to protect and care for themselves.

I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching shows that bring a wreck back to a

thing of beauty reminds me of how the Lord takes broken lives and restores them. But would far more desire to save these children and set up places of refuge for the handicapped and children of all ages, including babies and toddlers. Please understand we plan on starting what does not



exist in Ukraine, and when we find children who are being abused by parents, we will not allow it to continue. When the laws of the land do not protect women and children, we, as believers, answer to a higher law, God's law, and will do what is necessary to ensure these children are not harmed by parents or anyone, such as a boyfriend.

In March of last year, we wrote about children who were being sexually abused in Central and South America, and I was truly stunned by how the body of Christ responded. It was far beyond what I ever expected. Because the response was so tremendous, many children are being rescued, but now we need people to come alongside and help us build the infrastructure to save children in Ukraine. You can sign up for a monthly amount of whatever you feel led to give. It could be \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100. And if you can give far more because of how God has blessed you, we welcome the gift and assure you that these funds will be used solely for this project. I want to let you know that as we begin this project, we cannot send you a biography and photo of a specific child. Once we have children in our care, we will send you information about a child for whom you can pray. So please consider joining us in the rescue of these children.

Hopefully, in time, we will have the ability to facilitate adoptions. It would be my heart's desire that the homes would be a place of love until we can find a family that will care for these children.



Folks, I have some investments that should bring a great return in the next couple of years, and if the Lord blesses I will willingly give it to care for these children.

The Bible says in Psalm 68:5-6 that He is a father to the fatherless and sets the lonely in families.

We will actively seek to follow every lead to find the children who are abandoned and abused. A few years ago, a couple was arrested, and when the police came, they found that the couple had a little girl. When the officers asked her what her name was, she responded, "Stupid." The child had a black eye and deep-purple

## Pray for the Rescue from Afghanistan & Ukraine and for His glory.



# WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

I have too much to share once again but let me just give you an update on Afghanistan first.

On our Afghanistan operation, we have rescued around 2,700 individuals. During this operation, we raised about \$5.5 million, but we will have spent close to \$6.5

million by the time our last refugees are safely resettled. Brent came to me and asked what I wanted to do when the money had run out, and I told him that we would spend what was needed

to get every last person the Lord had entrusted us with to relocate to a safe country. For all of you who have given, thank you, I believe you have touched the heart of God. And I would like to give a special thanks to North Country Chapel for helping to save so many lives. Far Reaching Ministries is in the final stages of shutting down operations in Afghanistan.

In March, Luke, Vicky, and I were at the chaplain refresher course in Ukraine. The time was far better than

I could have imagined. We had brought eight pastors from the U.S., most had been with us the last time men like Pastor Lloyd Pulley, Pastor James Class, and Pastor David Mercer to name a few. The fact that many of us returned had great meaning to the Ukrainians. One of

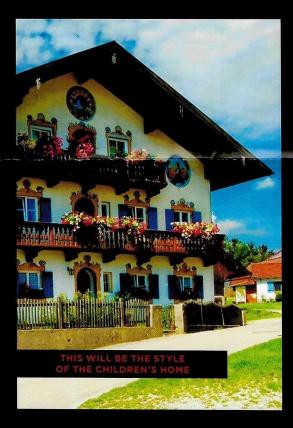
the chaplains said that the last year had been "hell on earth". And when he was traveling with his family, his son said, "Dad, where are we going?" His father replied, "Paradise!" I was told that the Radisson Resort we were staying at, in

the Carpathian Mountains, was considered by many Ukrainians to be a once in a lifetime destination. One brother told me that if you had stayed at this resort, you had arrived and were considered to have lived a life worth living. It was a nice hotel, but by U.S. standards it would be considered average. But for our chaplains and their families, these retreats are a great blessing.

After the conference the pastors traveled back to the U.S.,

## Pray for Feeding the Lord's Lambs in Ukraine and in S Sudan

Second, I want to share an update on our orphanage project in Ukraine. We have found a great location that is even better than the first. It not only has room for an orphanage but future Bible school as well as a chaplain base. The property is seven acres and has a natural waterway. When the owner found out believers from the U.S. wanted to help Ukrainian orphans, he lowered the price from \$180,000 to \$140,000. We have raised the complete amount to purchase the property so that the next phase will be the construction of the first dorm for 100 children. For another \$250,000, we will be able to complete a kitchen and cafeteria, and the new children's dorm. We have already raised the first \$100,000 and only need another \$150,000 to complete the initial phase of



the project. One of the ideas is to build the buildings in an Austrian or German Bavarian style so that the children will grow up in a beautiful home and have many happy memories.

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PASTOR LLOYD TRAINING CHAPLAINS IN ORRAINE

We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

The third thing I need to share is that Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) has shipped a container of Bibles into China. We can share no details so as not to hamper future operations.

The fourth thing we must report is the loss of two more chaplains—Chaplain Jacob Wuoi and Chaplain John Ebele. With the death of three more chaplains in the last year, this brings the total to 76 chaplains lost since the beginning of the ministry.



Jacob joined the chaplaincy program in 2019. He fell ill one evening and was gone by morning. Being in South Sudan, he was buried the next day, and whatever took him, we will never know. Jacob had graduated in Class 11 and served for four years before he was summoned home by our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Q 1. How many members or offerings are at CCAH?

A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish Scriptures & 200 lunches per week for the homeless, and over a million online visitors (Mat 25:40 "unto one of the least of these"). It doesn't matter. It's something we leave the numbers with God. He knows those that are His and that's the important thing (e.g. David's motive for census in 1 Chro 21:1). Therefore, we don't worry about the numbers of the members and of tithes and offerings because the Lord has given the increase, He has added them to CCAH so far (1 Cor 3:7; Acts 2:47; 2 Sam 24:1-3), not as we have done at all, and CCAH is His own church (souls), the Lord's church, "Jesus is all in all," purchased with His blood (Mat 16:18; 1 Cor 6:20; Acts 20:28). Since His foolishness is wiser than men, such as all men's visions/ plans/ programs (1 Cor 1:25; Zechariah 4:6), and His thoughts unto each soul are more in number than the sand (Psalm 139:17-18), we are just active obedient followers of the Lord, venturing out in faith, "Let CCAH go, let God."

And if you did indeed receive the increase, why do you boast as if you had not received it? (1 Cor 4:7) For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ (2 Cor 2:17), CCAH continues faithfully in teaching the entire Scripture simply without alteration, fellowship, communion, and prayers, being the witnesses to Christ, powered with the Spirit, in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8; 2:42, 47). The truth the Word of God matters wherever - offline, indoor, outdoor, online, at sea, or in sky - and whenever -Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (John 5:39; 17:17). The truth shall make us free (John 8:32), from where Christ is named, where commercial capitalism is controlling, where territorial boundaries are lined, or where racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores. Every Christian is exhorted to go to church at any convenient place unless she is against "the principles of doctrine of Christ" (Heb 6:1) because of "one church (Eklesia) on the earth" (Eph 1:22-23). Touchable over 1,000 souls by offline and foreseeable over 1 million souls by online at CCAH are being fed by the whole counsel of God throughout the Spirit, living by every His word (1 John 2:27; Luke 4:4). CCAH does care about each soul because we believe that everybody is impartially created by God in His image (Gen 1:26) -- regardless of race, gender, age, wealth, or education such as Caucasian, male, youth, rich, Ivy league graduate, or not-- and that the eternal value of each soul is much greater than the value of any material/temporal/perishable things on the earth (James 3:17; Mat 16:26). When God leads, God provides (1 Chronicles 22:11). So, we don't seek money because it follows the faith in the almighty Lord by the love of God. Therefore, we never ask people for money, but would offer what we have to the Lord and pray Him to handle the issues (like Andrew rather than Philip in John 6:6-9). Individually, we can discern our each mind before the Lord, as how much love for Him can be observed (1) by the money index to divide willing expenditures to God by total expenditures (Luke 12:34; 21:2-3), as well as (2) by how much the words of God we love (John 1:1). We know that any offering to God without willing mind is not accepted by God (2 Cor 8:12). The public love money especially in capitalism society because without money capitalism would not exist. However, we as Christians should not love money but should know its nature (1 Timothy 6:10). CCAH has been controlled not by money even in the capitalism society but by sovereign almighty God. The foundation of CCAH finance has begun from a homeless person's 2 dime offering to the Lord for CCAH at the Rock Fortress facility. The willing mind part for an offering should always prevail over its money part. An offering box in a church service or a donation button on websites through CCAH is a way to express a donor's love for God by willing donation, the 1st part rather than 2nd money part, according to the Scripture (Mark 12:43; Luke 21:3-4). In fact, the fund raising or the fund seeking is not necessary for CCAH but the Lord seeking is sufficient because God is continually working through His church, CCAH, in Acts 29 (1 Chronicles 28:9; 2 Chronicles 15:1-2). We have spent offerings/donations about 40% for external ministries (for missions in Philippians 4:15-19 & for charity in Matthew 25:40) based upon our faith of "one church (Eklesia) on the earth" -the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4st Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

CCAH is the poor in material and spirit, but is the rich to give it away for Christ's sake, e.g., about 40% of annual offerings, with the poor hearts in spirit. The Lord is the shepherd of CCAH who is "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor 6:10).

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:47b "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" 1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?"

Source: <a href="https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Q&A.htm">https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Q&A.htm</a> for full Q&A

### Prayer for Ukrainian Children & Orphans' Necessity with His love.

## **UKRAINIAN CHILDREN'S HOME - GHOST OPERATIONS**



I have never had a project weigh so heavily on my heart as to the need for caring for abandoned and handicapped children.

In Ukraine, there are no homes for abandoned or handicapped children. Far Reaching Ministries wants to raise funds to start a first-of-itskind children's home for both abandoned and handicapped children.

We need people to come alongside us and help us build the infrastructure to save children in Ukraine. A project of this magnitude will require that we raise \$1,000.000. You can sign up for a monthly amount from \$25 to \$100 or more if able to do so. We welcome gifts of any amount and assure you that these funds will be used solely for this project.

Please consider joining us in the rescue of these precious children by marking "Ukrainian Children's Home" on the enclosed gift card along with your donation.

## **UKRAINIAN ORPHAN**



After traveling to Ukraine, Far Reaching Ministries witnessed firsthand the condition of the abandoned and handicapped children. These precious children suffer not only through wartorn conditions, but also non-existent infrastructure to care for them, the most vulnerable of society.

We have an urgent need for sponsors to come alongside us with a \$75 monthly

sponsorship. If you are not able to commit to this amount, any gift will be welcomed. Your sponsorship will not only provide a home for the children, including necessities such as food, clothing, and medical care, but most importantly they will receive love along with being raised in a Christian family.

Please prayerfully consider helping in this dire situation, and if you would count it a privilege to financially support one of these precious children, please mark "Ukrainian Orphan" on the enclosed gift card along with your donation. After we receive your monthly commitment, we will then send you a photo of a child that you can pray for.



Dear Calvary Chapel Pastor,

July 2024

**ON OUR WAY TO CLASS A WILD ELEPHANT CROSSED THE ROAD.** What a sight! Only tourists want to see wild elephants, not so with the locals, as they can be incredibly destructive, in some

cases kill humans. On the Thai/Burma border many elephants come from Burma as they often are poached but are protected in Thailand. The Karen still come in numbers into Thailand for similar reasons being displaced and killed by the Burmese military. Pray for these hurting people.

SORROW GREETS US ON THE BORDER. Two horrific accidents occurred days before we arrived. Poor people often travel in the back of pick-up trucks, this was the case and all in the back were thrown out, 4 died (all young people) most hospitalized. They all lived in the Karen community (18 in one truck, 10 in the other). We became part of the pastoral team, visited 3 hospitals, bringing comfort, prayer and some financial assistance (God provided). Next came the memorial services in which the unbelievers present were all able to hear the message of eternal life available to all who put their trust in Jesus.



This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.

PTA TRAINING A BIG HIT Pastors, Church workers and Bible School students all joined together in learning Inductive method of Bible Study and Evangelism & Discipleship. One that joined was in my class 24 years ago when he said, "For the first time I can understand the Bible!" House to house evangelism was fruitful as several people prayed and came to the Church service that night. I wish you could see the radiating joy flooding their faces as the students shared their personal experiences in sharing the gospel. Pray for the new believers and seeds.



Boys on one side...



All were diligent in their Bible study.



.... Girls on the other!

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INDONESIA: FROM JAVA TO SUMATRA With a Muslim population of over two hundred million my heart is always heavy when we land in this great country. Sad to confess in preparation I needed to pray, "Dear Lord, help me to see Muslims as You see them, in need of the Savior Jesus." With my heart adjustment it makes a great difference in how I look at them. Most are just trying to work and care for their families. I was blessed watching one of our PTA Team members share Jesus with a Muslim family on the boat over to Sumatra.

They are open!

SHONDA'S TESTIMONY BROUGHT APPLAUSE Because of discrimination, oppression, and persecution; many Christians feel discouraged. Shonda was asked repeatedly to share her testimony which includes losing her eyesight 24 years ago. Even though legally blind, she continues to love, pray for people, and has a great attitude, loving the Lord even through one of the worst disabilities. She has a loving, listening ear combined with a compassionate heart which brings comfort to all those she ministers to.



SUMATRA TEACHATHON! The last day of the Seminar I taught from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm! The pastors and wives were extremely motivated and thankful for our training in Inductive method of Bible Study and Marriage & Family. Many have struggling congregations yet love the Lord and share their faith with the lost. We can't use the word "missionary" publicly for they are illegal. So, when we talk, we just use the word, "M" instead of the whole word. for Christian Indonesians, for boldness in their witness and God's protection.

CALVARY CHAPEL KNOXVILLE, TENNESEE: PTA TAUGHT INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY What a super group of students, over 100 studied, discussed and were blessed learning how to better understand the Bible. If you are interested in me coming to your Calvary, just email me. Feel free Pastors & wives at the Sumatra PTA Seminar to contact Pastor Mark Kirk for a reference.



IMPORTANT NOTE: Sorry to say, after Pastor Chuck went to heaven some congregations have slowly move away from the Word of God. Emerging church ideas, seeker friendly and spiritual formations seem to be creeping into some Calvary Chapel churches. My position is the "old-fashioned" Jesus People, Pastor Chuck & his brother Paul and "what does the Bible say?" kind of guy, just FYI.

Please pray for us, we believe that we are indeed in the Last Days and that the people need to know the Lord, that is our Mission, building up the Church and evangelizing the lost. If the Lord moves you, we could use your support, Thank you!

Lord bless you,

Jim & Shonda Davis

#### Pray for Ukrainians to be Protected from Explosions and for Peace in Christ

Luke and I met with Ukrainian officers in charge of training their chaplains and showed them pictures of our base and training center in South Sudan. We showed them videos of the chaplain silent drill team we use for evangelical outreach. Just like the Marine Corps silent-drill team, our men do a 15-minute drill without any verbal command. The men then share God's Word, and many soldiers get saved. I am not sure if the officers that Luke and I met with are truly saved, but both were very respectful. At the end of our conversation, the senior officer asked how I would motivate his men as their military is very demoralized.



At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and, on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that this would be meaningful to them. You see, at one of the worst times in the war with Russia, when it looked as if all might be lost, Ukraine miraculously got two Neptune missiles working. They fired them at the Moskva, the flagship of the Russian fleet while it was in port, and amazingly, they hit the ship. Not wanting to accept defeat, the Russians pulled the ship out to sea and said it had sunk in heavy seas, but truthfully, it was the damage the Ukrainian army inflicted on the ship that sank it. This was the largest ship in the Russian fleet, and nothing like this has happened since the Second World War. I told the officers about the war in South Sudan and said that we refused to surrender when we were outmanned and outgunned but not outfought, and we won the war. The two men laughed and said that we had a great strategy for encouraging the men. Sometimes, men need to be reminded to never give up and never surrender. They need to understand that they have a God given role to protect women and children, even at the cost of one's life. See folks we do not fear men, we fear the Lord. men we were made for battle; we were made to protect

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those that cannot protect themselves. It is important that Luke and I live trusting the Lord so that those around us can see what true faith looks like. This is why we go to the frontlines. Many times, non-believers do not understand why we would go to such dangerous places, but you see this action opens the door to share about the Lord.



I was in Europe when a Russian missile hit a children's hospital and maternity ward in Ukraine, killing mothers and children. One photo, in particular, troubled me.



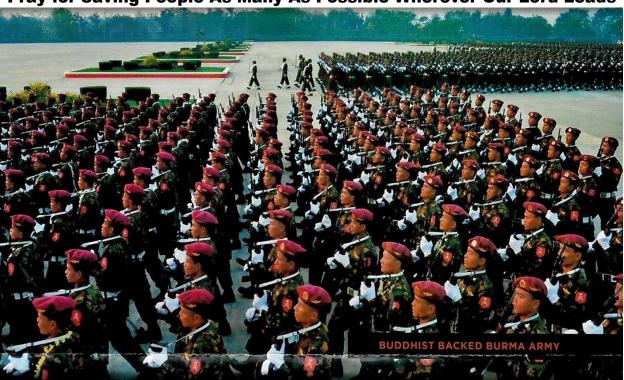
UKRAINIAN MOTHER HOLDS HER BABY DAUGHTER WHO IS VERY AFRAID OF EXPLOSIONS

The photo was of a baby girl covering her ears and holding on to her mother. It is hard for me to see children afraid. Even worse, the death of a parent is devastating for a child. In an instant, the love and security they have known is gone—leaving the child utility traumatized. Russia and Ukraine continue to be at war, but no one can justify targeting a hospital with

# Pray for Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and other Muslim countries, especially underground Christians.

#### IRAN A school for Afghan refugees Darius and Shahnaz are new believers in Iran. AFGHANISTAN As they grew in their faith through regular fellowship, Darius and Shahnaz became convinced they should be reaching out and Food aid for destitute families serving their local community. They soon More than half of the population in Afghanistan is connected with a local family of eight Afghan facing acute food insecurity. In light of this, Iranian refugees. The father of the family could not Christians from across the region have sent food parcels find work and - as refugees - the children were to scores of Christian households inside the country not allowed to attend the local school. Darius who are struggling. While security concerns mean that and Shahnaz's house fellowship helped the widespread food relief by Christians to the general father find a job and a new home. Shahnaz, population has not been possible, many Christian a teacher by profession, gave up her job and Afghan families have been giving away 10% of their food opened their home as a school for the children parcels to neighbors. Their desire to be generous reflects of the family. All six children are now being the love of Jesus in their community. Christians across educated, and other children excluded from the region are praying for the chance to increase food the formal education system have since joined relief to Afghanistan. this fledgling school. The family of Afghans have all put their faith in Christ. AFGHANISTAN **PAKISTAN** Discipleship and aid for PAKISTAN **IRAN** Afghan refugees An Iranian church is supporting a group of Afghan Christians who are among an Serving protesters estimated 250,000 Afghans who have fled to Amid the protests that sprang up in September 2022 following Pakistan since the Taliban seized power in the death of Mahsa Amini, Iranian Christians began sharing the 2021. The Christian Afghan refugees gather love of Christ with protesters. Many protesters were injured as for regular fellowship using the Weekly security forces viciously cracked down, and those injured often Fellowship resource to shape their meetings avoided accessing mainstream healthcare for fear of being arrested. and tune in remotely to the Sunday services Christians took care of injured people, sometimes even welcoming of the Iranian church. The Iranian church also assists with practical needs and food parcels them into their homes for recovery. We heard of at least one injured protester and several of his family members who confessed for these refugees in Pakistan. faith in Christ as a result of the loving care he received. Some Christians went out and shared the Gospel with protesters midprotest. Still others felt called to particularly reach out and show love to Kurdish Iranians, given Mahsa Amini was Kurdish – with many coming to Christ. 18

Pray for Saving People As Many As Possible Wherever Our Lord Leads



# ONE LONG JOURNEY

AS POSSIBLE

When I first met Tirza in Russia, it was probably in 1994. She was from the Dutch office of a sister organization, and I was leading a team into the Russian prisons. At that time, I never thought that she would still be in my life 30 years later. When we met, Tirza spoke six languages and worked harder than any two

men on my team. Today, she speaks 12 languages. She began working as an assistant to the director of the Dutch office right out of high school and had always worked for minimum wage so as not to be a burden to the ministry.

She and her husband, Hans, have been married for 37 years, as he likes to say, because they love each other. Hans wrote for a newspaper, and they humbly lived off his salary.

In the early days in Russia, when I traveled from prison to prison, it was hard to find food. I would go for weeks only eating Borsch, a Russian cabbage and beet soup.

And, often, I would only eat twice a day. When I would return to Moscow after each of my trips, I would run to the only McDonald's in the city to find food. Every month, when I would travel, I would lose at least 20 pounds, but it was never a problem; instead, it was a great joy.

I often traveled with Mark Piester, who also worked alongside Tirza in Holland. Mark, an American, had worked for years smuggling Bibles behind the Iron Curtain. He and I would spend days on trains and

buses-going from prison to prison sharing Christ-most of the time in the dead of winter. I would stare out the window for hours, looking at the snow drifts and Russian countryside, but I loved every minute. I never felt alone; it was me and the Lord, and I will always remember it as the most enjoyable time of ministry. Vicky knows the look when she sees me in this state. She always says, "What part of the world are you

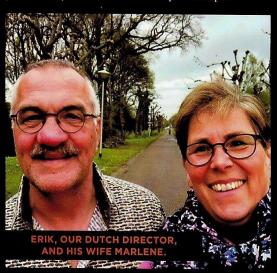
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planning to conquer next?" I respond back and just say, "I am lost in my thoughts, Love." But she smiles back and says, "You might as well tell me." Which makes me smile at how well she knows her husband. Then I tell her what I believe is God's next plan for the ministry.

Once, I got very sick in Russia and could find no medicine, so I traveled to Holland to stay with Tirza and Hans, and they took great care of me. The Dutch climate during winter is always rainy and overcast, but I did not mind because the rainy weather has always been my favorite. I stayed in the third-story attic of Tirza and Han's home. The attic had been turned into a nice bedroom with a window that I could open at night and listen to the rain. Tirza made great meals to nurse me back to health. When I got better, we rode bicycles to the Dutch office every morning, and we would stop at a bakery on the way to get something warm. The Dutch bakeries are the best in the world!

Tirza and Hans have been close friends of mine ever since. Hans loved American peanut butter, but it was unavailable in their home country 30 years ago. At the time, I worked at a food bank in America, and they would give me whatever food I wanted to give away. Back then, I had no money, but KLM Airlines would allow me to take two 75-pound boxes with me, so I brought Hans 140 pounds of peanut butter—my way of saying thanks to them for their hospitality. Vicky and I just recently visited them on a trip to Europe.

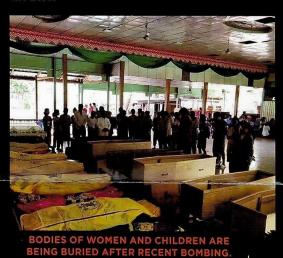


Unfortunately, Erik, the director of the Dutch office, had a heart attack at age 63 and went home to be with the Lord. It was a shock to all of us, and the Dutch office is having to deal with such a great loss. We gave his

wife, Marlene, our love and support, and I assured them that Far Reaching Ministries would not let this mission organization falter but will be with them through this very difficult time.

I will miss Erik and his passion for the Lord.

There is a very important and terrible need that Tirza informed me of. She never asks anything for herself. A few years ago, we purchased her a new car for work. When I told Tirza that we were going to buy her a much-needed car, she spent two days trying to talk me into giving it to other missionaries, but I knew it was God's will for her to have this car. This is why when she calls and says she has a great need, I know it is from the Lord.



Tirza shared with me that in Burma, the Junta Army is attacking and killing the Karen, Karenni, and Kachin Christian people. They bomb schools and kill for no reason. The Burma Army is Buddhist-backed, which dispels the image of Buddhists as being peace-loving. But the game the soldiers love is the rape of Christian women, often in front of their husband. Many women have been raped by as many as 20 men to the point they pass out and wake up naked hours later to find that their husband was killed during the rape.

One commander raped a woman and then told 20 of his men that if they did not also rape her, he would kill them; the men did as ordered. When she was finally released, the woman went home and told her husband what happened. He was not a good man and kicked her out of the house. Because she was in so much despair, she took her own life. How I wish the woman had met

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## Donation(Offering; Gift) Luke 21:1,4,5

"No One Loves Me Like You."

Why does CCAH use an online donation button or donation basket?

#### 1. CCAH is the Lord's Church

Calvary Chapel Anaheim Hills (CCAH) belongs to God, as expressed when Jesus told Peter, "I will build My church" (Matthew 16:18). This affirms that CCAH is not a human institution seeking financial gain but a group where followers of Christ gather to worship Him and advance His kingdom. The church's focus is to fulfill God's calling, ministering through the provision and guidance He provides, rather than through conventional fundraising methods or material wealth.

### 2. The Lord Doesn't Need Money but Your Heart

God, being self-sufficient, does not require human wealth. In Acts 17:25, Paul reminds us that God is not served by human hands, "as though He needed anything," because He gives life and all things. Therefore, offerings, tithes, gifts, or donations are not payments to God but expressions of love, faith, and obedience to His Word. God desires our hearts, and giving is a demonstration of where our heart is with Him. As Jesus taught in Matthew 10:37, loving God above all else—including family and possessions—is essential to being worthy of Him. It is not the amount we give but the love and devotion that accompany our giving.

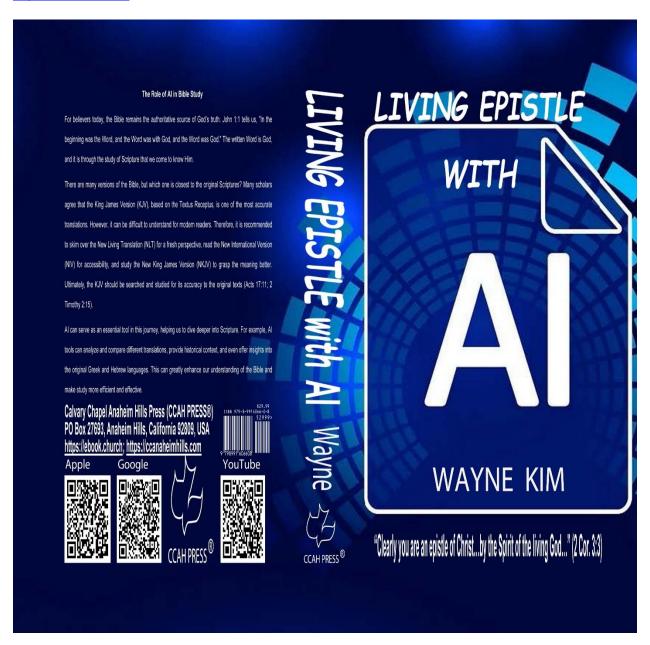
## 3. A Donation Basket or Online Donation Button as a Reflection of Your Love for God

In today's world, shaped by capitalism and materialism, money has become central to human life. However, how we allocate our financial resources reflects the priorities of our heart. As Matthew 6:21 states, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." CCAH uses a donation basket or online donation button as a way for individuals to examine their love for God, gauging it through their willingness to support His work. These tools are not for fundraising but rather to encourage believers to align their financial priorities with their faith, recognizing that where one's money goes often indicates where their heart lies.

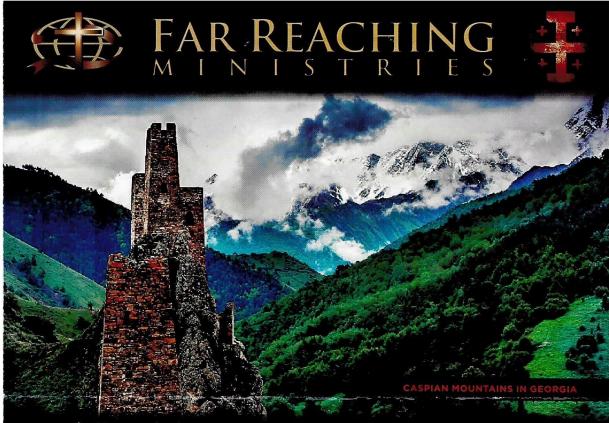
CCAH follows a Spirit-led approach, relying on God's provision rather than human efforts to seek funds. Therefore, donations at CCAH serve as a personal testament to one's love for God, and are gratefully accepted as an act of faith and commitment to advancing His kingdom. Note that we do tolerate others' fund raising for Godly things which are in Jesus, because of the supremacy of Agape love.

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This book of "LIVING EPISTLE WITH AI" the title contemplated from the verse-by-verse inductive expository studies – has been published on October 15, 2024, coming from the CCAH sheep's inductive & expositional Scripture Studies from September 17, 2023, to September 15, 2024, via the "Online Word for Global CrusadeTM" viewed by multitudes on the earth. A free either ebook ("Review", 30% "Calvary" Code) or free paperback book is available for "first-come first-served." <a href="https://ebook.church">https://ebook.church</a> or <a href="https://ebook.church">https://ebook.church</a> or



In today's world, many factors—like pandemics, family matters, work pressures, factions, materialism, hierarchies, partialities, or even the rise of a post-Christian culture—often give us reasons to excuse ourselves from going to church. However, we can never make excuses when it comes to having fellowship (exclusively bond relationship) with our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, naturally overflowing our relationships with family and others. To know Him more and to live by faith through His Word, we have access to platforms like Apple, Google, WordPress, or YouTube anytime and anywhere, if the Lord permits.



# NO MAN WILL WANT ME

I first met Jason and Britny Havertape in Russia almost 17 years ago. They were a young family with three small children and had been serving in Russia for about nine years. They had both learned to speak fluent Russian and were planting a Calvary Chapel. Even the children were speaking the Russian language. They did not

own a car because they lived off of only about \$900 in monthly support. During the winter, Britny would take the children around by pulling them on a snow sled, even going to the church and to buy groceries for the

family. Eventually, the family could grow to include eight children.

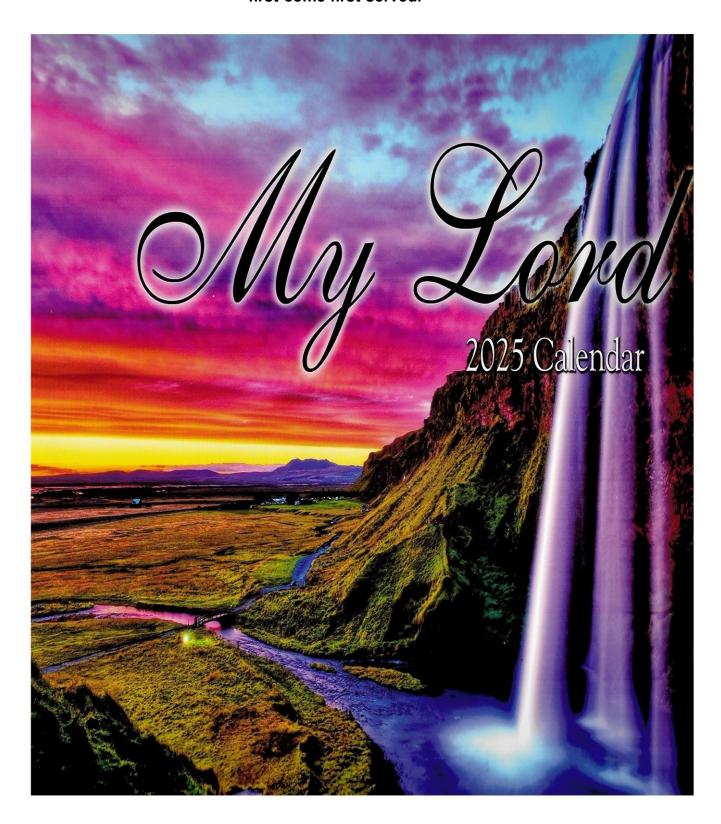
Jason and Britny came home from the mission field for a couple of years, but both realized that they did not belong in the U.S. They prayed and decided to go and start a new work in the country of Georgia. While it is a former part of the Soviet Union, it has a completely different language. People refer to it as the spaghetti language because the letters look like curled-up spaghetti noodles.

Recently, Vicky and I flew into Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, and Jason picked us up and drove us to

the hotel. We were having a pastors' conference with pastors from a closed country to encourage them in their respective ministries. The subject of the conference: Preparing for Persecution.

The country of Georgia is rich in history and in the middle of Tbilisi is a castle that dates back to the year 400 A.D. And the Caspian Mountains are one of the most beautiful mountain ranges I have ever seen. The Georgian flag has five crosses on it to testify to their Christian roots.

Free the Scripture Verse Calendar for 2025, as a Thanksgiving Gift, is available for "first-come first-served."



## Thanksgiving Community Service (HQ)

At the Community Center, 8201 E Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim Hills, CA 92809 On 11/24/27 Sunday at 3-4 pm

"in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Happy Thanksgiving Week! Jesus loves (Agape) you.

Jesus loves us.

We love each other in His Spirit.

Here is a beloved lunch box made by ministers, and please enjoy it if the Lord permits.



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## Keep on Prayer for Peru and other Latin America to Turn Back to the Truth (James 5:19). 5/21 – 5/29 CC Peru Lima, Lucho

Cory and I have the same heart to open a home to rescue these children. A home where they can grow up and have the life that a child is supposed to have and fulfill the biblical mandate that God has for each believer's life.



I know we will need to purchase a piece of property to build these homes, but right now, we are not asking for people to give. We need prayer first for God's direction as we form a battle plan on how to rescue these children.

Calvary Chapel Trujillo has a great team that wants to get involved in helping these young ladies. What impressed me was that Cory already had top lawyers



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and other people at the top of their fields committed to the work.

In the First and Second World Wars, the Western Front was where all the most extreme fighting took place. As the Lord makes us aware of new areas where spiritual warfare is tremendous, I see each of these as a new front. I have always believed that the Body of Christ is supposed to be a wrecking ball to Satan's kingdom. By prayer, evangelism, and showing God's love, we are called to destroy the kingdom of darkness.

For Far Reaching Ministries, Sudan was a war front, and then came our involvement in Afghanistan, Ukraine, Burma, and many other nations. I now firmly believe that the Lord will have us open up another front in South America. I have only ever had one real dream in my life: to fight battles with men of God that could change the course of history-fighting to win nations for Christ, giving people the tools they need to understand God's will. Ultimately, our calling is to help people not miss the life they were created for. Now, for all of you who want this life, it is crucial to understand that for every front-line combat soldier, it takes five to seventeen support soldiers to keep them in the battle. During D-Day in the Second World War, they needed 17 support soldiers for each combat soldier in battle. I want to encourage you all to be a part of this new front through prayer, financial support, or other ministry opportunities.



#### Mission To Georgia; Pray for the more the closer to Jesus

## THE WAR CROSS

Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) Chaplain Corps proudly presents the War Cross, a distinguished honor awarded in three classes-Bronze, Silver, and Gold —to recognize courage and dedication in war:

- Bronze is awarded for five years of wartime
- Silver honors those with seven years of service.
- Gold acknowledges a decade of unwavering faithfulness.

While traditionally reserved for Chaplain Corps members, FRM recently honored two Americans, Dustin Cummings and Roger Ulman, both pastors with Calvary Chapel. These men have shown extraordinary commitment, often giving up personal



THE WAR CROSS

family vacations, to work with our chaplains and chaplain cadets at our base in South Sudan. Pastor Dustin has served for twelve years, and Pastor Roger for nine years. Their commitment, along with the sacrifices of their incredible wives, reflects a deeply profound dedication to the Gospel.



## MISSION TO GEORGIA



Calvary Chapel Tbilisi, in the country of Georgia, has found a bigger church home. Being led by Jason and Britney Havertape, they are a vibrant, growing church in this former Soviet Union nation. They are unwavering in their continued mission to transform lives and the country through Bible and English language schools.

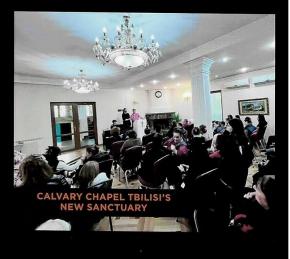
Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) is assembling a new team of missionaries ready to go there for one to three years to help plant churches and expand the work across Georgia. Whether you are young or elderly and have passion, dedication, and spiritual gifts, FRM wants to hear from you. If you feel you are being called, contact our office at (951) 677-4474.



PASTOR DUSTIN AND ANGELA CUMMINGS



PASTOR ROGER AND LISA ULMAN



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#### Pray for Philippine Ministry and Other Countries in Asia



Dear Calvary Pastor,

December 2024

**THE PHILIPPINES: 21 PEOPLE ASK JESUS INTO THEIR HEARTS!** The angels in Heaven rejoice! This happened in Bacolod City as the PTA participants went out into the streets and houses with the Gospel. Two homes requested to have home Bible studies which usually brings more salvation as people hear the Word of God explained. <u>Please pray</u> for these new believers and the home Bible studies.





PHILIPPINES: 70 PASTORS & CHRISTIAN WORKERS LEARN HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE Mindanao Island is feared by some because of the radical Muslim presence, yet they are mostly active in remote areas. The Seminars were held in the City of Ozamiz, which I had taught in the same church back in 1985! Our PTA staff Pastor Rey and missionary, Steve Michaels did excellent jobs in communicating according to the reports; "I was glad to attend, because I was having a difficult time making outlines of my sermons but now, I learned the simplest way on how to do it!" Another Pastor said, "I haven't heard of the Inductive Method of Bible Study, but both facilitators explained it well. I will be using this method and encourage other pastors as well." As the pastors are given tools to help them understand the Word of God, so the Church is fed and grows!





THE PHILIPPINES: AN INSATIABLE HUNGER FOR THE BIBLE! Calvary Chapel of Dumaguete City is our Filipino Home Church. Years ago, I was the Senior Pastor. I brought on Pastor Joseph Jo to be my Assistant and in a short time, we swapped positions, and I became his assistant and then at the right time, completely turned it over to Pastor Jo who has grown the church and planted several others. I am speaking in the new building that was donated to the Church! Our PTA Print Shop supplies tracts and new believer books for the outreaches.

SHONDA TAUGHT THE KIDS They love her as she loves these poor kids as she was one of them in her childhood. They love to hear of Jesus and His love for children. I taught the Helping Hands group which is teenagers PTA is helping through HS and College. Even though we sat outside as it rained, they all listened earnestly to the Bible Study (including some parents).

CONCERNING MY POSITION Sorry to say that after Pastor Chuck went to heaven a few Calvary Chapels have slowly moved away from the Word of God. Emerging church ideas, seeker friendly, spiritual formations and progressive ideas



seem to have creeped in. My position is the "old fashioned" Jesus People, Pastor Chuck and his brother Paul church, and "what does the Bible say?" kind of guy, just FYI.

**COME TO THE PHILIPPINES, BRING A TEAM!** We have a Mission Center, a place to stay, open doors, gospel tracts in Filipino languages and a full staff. Music groups, children, youth, adult.... hearts are ready to hear about Jesus. Email me for more

information. Tremendous fruit awaits!

Please Pray for us, we need more missionaries, short and long term. And if the Lord moves you, we could use your support. THANK YOU SO MUCH! HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Your missionaries for Asia,

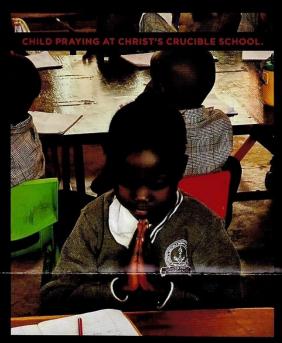
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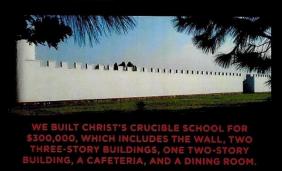
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Keep on Prayer for Evangelism against the kingdom of hell in Africa for 30 years, e.g., Christ's Crucible School in Uganda

and actually the polar opposite of Christlikeness. God's Word is very clear; it is the love of God that compels a person to repentance. Jesus, when He spoke of Himself, said, "I am meek, gentle of heart, and I offer you eternal rest for your souls." The Lord has called us to train men to behave with selflessness, generosity, great integrity, and, above all, not to shame the name of Christ.



When my daughter was young, she told me about a classmate everyone picked on at her school. I told her to befriend this girl, sit with her at lunch, play with her, and, if others ridicule her, defend her. She said, "But Dad, if I do this, I will be unpopular." I said, "I did not raise you to be popular but to be an example of Jesus Christ to a lost world!"



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In October 2024, we started a construction project in Uganda to build a new Bible school. One of the great things about Africa is that you can do so much for very little. Our existing school in Uganda was built to resemble a castle and sits on a compound that covers about 150-200 square yards. It has two three-story buildings that house 700 children, a kitchen, a dining hall, an administration block, and classrooms. If we had built the same building in the U.S., it would probably cost a fortune, but we were able to construct it for about \$300,000. We built the school to train up future leaders. I tell the community I will most likely be gone in 10-15 years, but this school will serve for years to come.

Now, my heart is to invest in the people training the leaders of the church. I want this new Bible school to house and train up to 200 students and staff. I recently met with Pastor Jerel Hagerman and Pastor Don McClure about registering this facility as a Calvary Bible Institute (CBI). In many African nations, the only training for a pastor is to learn how to listen to a sermon and repeat as much as you can in order to excite your audience. This Bible school will be a year-long resident

## WOULD HAVE COST \$10 - \$15 MILLION.



program, taking students verse by verse from Genesis to Revelation. We will also give practical ministry training in four areas: evangelical outreach, Children's Ministry, discipleship for adults, and counseling and visitations (spending three months in each module). In addition, students will learn about church government and financial administration, so they will have all the tools and training to build a healthy church family.

The new school will be built to have the look of a true European castle built 500 years ago. The reason this is important is that every nation has places like Cambridge