

“Absalom’s Death” 2 Samuel 18:1-33 2/16/25

Today, we’d like to see the title of “Absalom’s Death” in 2 Samuel 18:1-33.

To the souls on this Online Word *through Podcast or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we’d like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (*Maranatha Worship Songs : Videos are watchable upon the click on the website : [_____](#)*).


Q1. In verse 2, “Then David sent out one third of the people under the hand of Joab, one third under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab’s brother, and one third under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, ‘I also will surely go out with you myself,’ “ what does it mean in the leaders’ relationship with David? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In verse 14, “ Then Joab said, ‘I cannot linger with you.’ And he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through Absalom’s heart, while he was *still* alive in the midst of the terebinth tree,” explain Joab’s immediate action without thinking? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In verse 33, “Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: ‘O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!’” explain David’s present heart to Absalom in the light of their father-son long relationship? And what can we learn from here?

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

Mahanaim & Gilead (Source: <https://www.biblestudywithrandy.com>)

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|  | <p>Mahanaim & Gilead --- When Jacob was fleeing from his uncle Laban. Laban overlooked him in the mountains of Gilead and caught up with him at Mahanaim, and had threatened him, trying to return the household idols. But Laban did not find the idols through search. Then, Mahanaim was named by Jacob, meaning, “This is God’s camp.” (Gen 32:2; Gen 31:19-23, 35;¹)</p> |
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¹ Gen 32:2 When Jacob saw them, he said, “This is God’s camp.” And he called the name of that place Mahanaim.; Gen 31:19-23, 35 ¹⁹ Now Laban had gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel had stolen the household idols that were her father’s. ²⁰ And Jacob stole away, unknown to Laban the Syrian, in that he did not tell him that he intended to flee. ²¹ So he fled with all that he had. He arose and crossed the river, and headed toward the mountains of Gilead.

²² And Laban was told on the third day that Jacob had fled. ²³ Then he took his brethren with him and pursued him for

In the last time, in 2 Samuel 17:26-29, “So Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead. ²⁷ Now it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of Ammon, Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim, ²⁸ brought beds and basins, earthen vessels and wheat, barley and flour, parched *grain* and beans, lentils and parched *seeds*, ²⁹ honey and curds, sheep and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who *were* with him to eat. For they said, “The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness,” Absalom and his soldiers were on the land of Gilead in North bound, while David and his soldiers were at Mahanaim in South bound. See the above map.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

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| <p>¹ And David numbered the people who <i>were</i> with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. ² Then David sent out one third of the people under the hand of Joab, one third under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab’s brother, and one third under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, “I also will surely go out with you myself.”</p> <p>³ But the people answered, “You shall not go out! For if we flee away, they will not care about us; nor if half of us die, will they care about us. But <i>you are</i> worth ten thousand of us now. For you are now more help to us in the city.” ⁴ Then the king said to them, “Whatever seems best to you I will do.” So the king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands.</p> <p>⁵ Now the king had commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, “<i>Deal</i> gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains orders concerning Absalom.</p> | <p>2=Q1 (David had been shaken by Absalom’s rebellion but now he charged 3 leaders over the 3 troops against the pursuing troops of Absalom. The 2 sons of David’s sister Zeruiah were Joab and Abishai. Ittai was the one who had just recently come from Gath. David encouraged him to stay in Jerusalem, fleeing from Absalom’s rebellion.. But he told David, “As the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also your servant will be.” He used to be likely a general of the Philistine armies, defeated by David. Now he was faithful to David. It’s learned that the steward of God requires to be faithful to God. <i>1 Chron 2:15-16; 2 Sam 15:19-22; 1 Cor 4:1-2²</i>)</p> <p>5= (David still had a love for his son Absalom, although he as a rebellious son was right now in the midst of his rebellion of his father David. David said, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” That’s like the father’s heart to a son who wasted his possession with prodigal living and repent – the son said “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son” and his father saw him and</p> |
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seven days’ journey, and he overtook him in the mountains of Gilead. ³⁵ And she said to her father, “Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise before you, for the manner of women *is* with me.” And he searched but did not find the household idols; *1 Cor 4:1-2* Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. ² Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

² *1 Chron 2:15-16* Ozem the sixth, and David the seventh.¹⁶ Now their sisters *were* Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah *were* Abishai, Joab, and Asahel—three; *2 Sam 15:19-22* Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, “Why are you also going with us? Return and remain with the king. For you *are* a foreigner and also an exile from your own place. ²⁰ In fact, you came *only* yesterday. Should I make you wander up and down with us today, since I go I know not where? Return, and take your brethren back. Mercy and truth *be* with you.” ²¹ But Ittai answered the king and said, “As the Lord lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also your servant will be.” ²² So David said to Ittai, “Go, and cross over.” Then Ittai the Gittite and all his men and all the little ones who *were* with him crossed over.

⁶ So the people went out into the field of battle against Israel. And the battle was in the woods of Ephraim. ⁷ The people of Israel were overthrown there before the servants of David, and a great slaughter of twenty thousand took place there that day. ⁸ For the battle there was scattered over the face of the whole countryside, and the woods devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

⁹ Then Absalom met the servants of David. Absalom rode on a mule. The mule went under the thick boughs of a great terebinth tree, and his head caught in the terebinth; so he was left hanging between heaven and earth. And the mule which *was* under him went on. ¹⁰ Now a certain man saw *it* and told Joab, and said, "I just saw Absalom hanging in a terebinth tree!" ¹¹ So Joab said to the man who told him, "You just saw *him!* And why did you not strike him there to the ground? I would have given you ten *shekels* of silver and a belt."

¹² But the man said to Joab, "Though I were to receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in my hand, I would not raise my hand against the king's son. For in our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Beware lest anyone *touch* the young man Absalom!' ¹³ Otherwise I would have dealt falsely against my own life. For there is nothing hidden from the king, and you yourself would have set yourself against *me*."

¹⁴ Then Joab said, "I cannot linger with you." And he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through Absalom's heart, while he was *still* alive in the midst of the terebinth tree. ¹⁵ And ten young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded Absalom, and struck and killed him.

had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. This is a father's heart. How about God the Father's heart to us like the prodigal son? He gave only begotten son Jesus for us. *Luke 15:13, 16-20; John 3:16³*

9=(Absalom's long hair got hung up in the bough of the tree. Because the mule kept going, he just got ripped off.)

12= (The man refused to kill Absalom against David's commandment in verse 5 "Deal gently" even with 1,000 shekel of silver the rewards)

14=Q2 (Joab's immediate thrust through Absalom's heart in the midst of the terebinth tree with 3 spears without response to his subordinate's refusal. Evil doers often do rush into action without thinking because they don't care whether or not it is right or lawful. Even Caleb of Judah tribe, as a believer, immediately asked his brother Simeon without asking God's direction because he did what was right in his own eyes at that moment, with his flesh rather than by the Spirit. But God wants us always to communicate with Himself through prayers, loving a reason. So, before doing whatever, we should ask

³ *Luke 15:13, 16-20* ¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ¹⁶ And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, ¹⁹ and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him; *John 3:16* For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life..

¹⁶ So Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel. For Joab held back the people. ¹⁷ And they took Absalom and cast him into a large pit in the woods, and laid a very large heap of stones over him. Then all Israel fled, everyone to his tent. ¹⁸ Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up a pillar for himself, which *is* in the King's Valley. For he said, "I have no son to keep my name in remembrance." He called the pillar after his own name. And to this day it is called Absalom's Monument. ¹⁹ Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Let me run now and take the news to the king, how the Lord has avenged him of his enemies."

²⁰ And Joab said to him, "You shall not take the news this day, for you shall take the news another day. But today you shall take no news, because the king's son is dead." ²¹ Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." So the Cushite bowed himself to Joab and ran.

²² And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said again to Joab, "But whatever happens, please let me also run after the Cushite." So Joab said, "Why will you run, my son, since you have no news ready?" ²³ "But whatever happens," *he said*, "let me run." So he said to him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain, and outran the Cushite. ²⁴ Now David was sitting between the two gates. And the watchman went up to the roof over the gate, to the wall, lifted his eyes and looked, and there was a man, running alone. ²⁵ Then the watchman cried out and told the king. And the king said, "If he *is* alone, *there is* news in his mouth." And he came rapidly and drew near.

²⁶ Then the watchman saw *another* man running, and the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said, "There is *another* man, running alone!"

And the king said, "He also brings news."

Him for His counsel. *Judges 1:2-3; Judges 17:6; 1 Thes 5:17; Isaiah 1:18⁴*)

17-18= (Today as we pass by Kidron valley in the right side of the Moriah mount, the tomb of Absalom is located in the southeast corner of the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem..)

20-32= (in verse 28, Ahimaaz delivered the news of the victory over the rebels, "All is well!...the Lord your God who has delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king," while in verse 32, Cushite delivered the news of Absalom's death, "all who rise against you to do harm, be like *that* young man!")

⁴ *Judges 1:2-3* And the Lord said, "Judah shall go up. Indeed I have delivered the land into his hand." ³ So Judah said to Simeon his brother, "Come up with me to my allotted territory, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I will likewise go with you to your allotted territory." And Simeon went with him; *Judges 17:6* In those days *there* was no king in Israel; everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes; *1 Thes 5:17* pray without ceasing; *Isaiah 1:18* "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as

²⁷ So the watchman said, "I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok."

And the king said, "He *is* a good man, and comes with good news."

²⁸ So Ahimaaz called out and said to the king, "All is well!" Then he bowed down with his face to the earth before the king, and said, "Blessed *be* the Lord your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king!" ²⁹ The king said, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant and *me* your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I did not know what *it was about*."

³⁰ And the king said, "Turn aside *and* stand here." So he turned aside and stood still.

³¹ Just then the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "There is good news, my lord the king! For the Lord has avenged you this day of all those who rose against you."

³² And the king said to the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?" So the Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do harm, be like *that* young man!"

³³ Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus: "O my son Absalom—my son, my son Absalom—if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!"

33=Q3(David was wailing, lamenting over the death of his son. David had great cause to hate Absalom, and yet his love prevailed. Absalom was a rebel. He had rebelled against his father, yet David's love for him was deep, and David was forgiving. Absalom is a type of us, who have rebelled against God, against the authority of God, and against the words of God, and yet God loves us. David's love was so great for Absalom, that David had wished that he could've died in Absalom's stead. The thing that David desired, but could not die in Absalom's stead. But God did do for us, in that Jesus died in our stead, in order to redeem us unto God. Such love! Such deep love which passes knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. How much more love to our God the Father than to a human father's love!; David committed a sexual sin the adultery with Bathsheba and killed Uria her husband. The sin immediately affected to his family, but his sin was forgiven by God upon his repentance because our God's mercy endures forever. The sin affected to his sons – Amnon's rape of his half-sister Tamar, Absalom's killing Amnon. David was saddened by Absalom, reconciled after 2 full years in Jerusalem. But Absalom's bitterness grew up his rebellion against David. It's learned -- if possible, don't commit a sin. But if we commit a sin, confess it ASAP to Him. Ask the Lord the wisdom to reduce the sin's immediate consequences to others. Don't provoke your children, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. Eph 3:18-20; Mat 7:8-11; 2 Sam 12:9-10, 13; Psalm 106:1; 2 Sam 13:14, 28,29, 37; 2 Sam 14:28, 33; Eph 6:4 ⁵)

⁵ Eph 3:18-20 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us; ; Mat 7:8-11 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ⁹ Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰ Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!; 2 Sam 12:9-10, 13 Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife *to be* your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. ¹⁰ Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹³ So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." And Nathan said to David, "The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die; Psalm 106:1 Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever; 2 Sam 13:14, 28,29, 37 However, he would not heed her voice; and being stronger

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 Expository 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!

than she, he forced her and lay with her. ²⁸ Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, "Watch now, when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon!' then kill him. Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous and valiant." ²⁹ So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and each one got on his mule and fled. ³⁷ But Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day.; 2 Sam 14:28, 33 ²⁸ And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, but did not see the king's face. ³³ So Joab went to the king and told him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king. Then the king kissed Absalom. 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.



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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 4:4-7



Everyone is now even more excited about our upcoming Christmas party on December 25th 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!

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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.

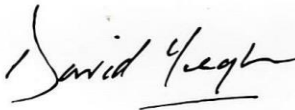
It is our privilege to serve people like Magda and Firouz. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and partnership which have allowed us to do so.

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.

Soli 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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"Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Mathew 24:35).

"He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

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Christian Population By Country

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

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| <p style="text-align: center;">South America</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil: 180 million • Argentina: 35 million • Colombia: 35 million • Peru: 25 million • Venezuela: 25 million • Chile: 16 million | | | <p>Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQBeX0M3Ego</p> |

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).

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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."

"...teach all nations..." (Matthew 28:19)

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

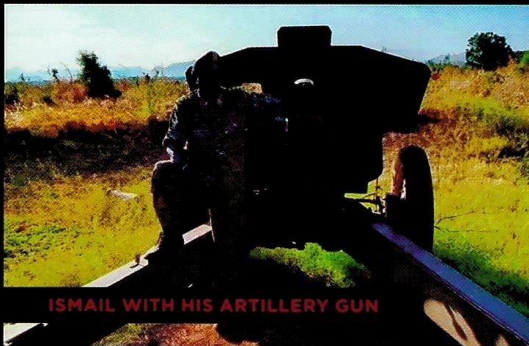
United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek MAP

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."*

See <https://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/missioncountries.htm>

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



day in prayer. The 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 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



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.

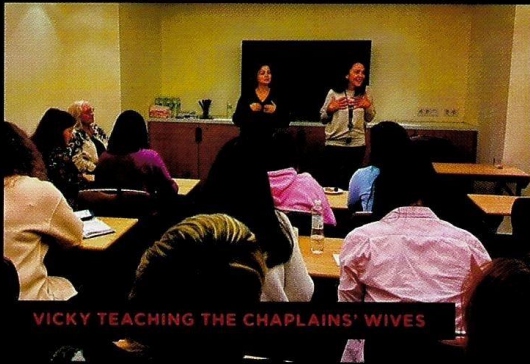
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

Wes Bentley

Wes Bentley

Far Reaching Ministries

Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



VICKY TEACHING THE CHAPLAINS' WIVES

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.

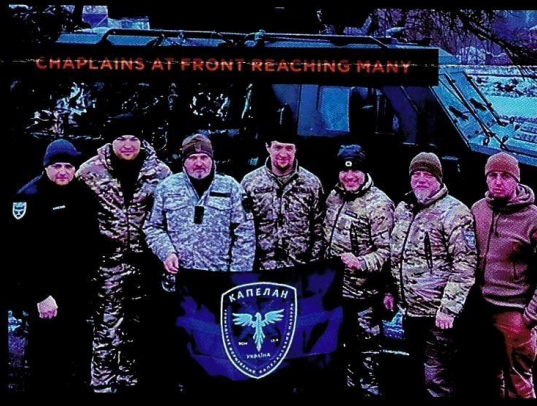
I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching shows that bring a wreck back to a thing of beauty reminds me of how the Lord takes broken lives and restores them. But I 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.



FLAGS SIGNED BY CHAPLAINS GIVEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF OUR TEAM IN APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN CHAPLAINS

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.



CHAPLAINS AT FRONT REACHING MANY

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.,

**THEY DID NOT CHOOSE
THIS WAR; IT WAS
FORCED UPON THEM**

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.

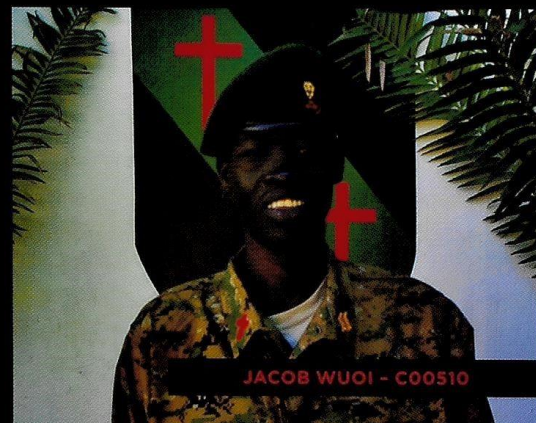
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

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 (Ekklesia) 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 (Ekklesia) on the earth" -- the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4th 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).

CCAHA 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: <https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Q&A.htm> 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-its-kind 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 war-torn 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.



Pastoral Training of Asia

Ministering to Ministers

Dear Calvary Chapel Pastor,

July 2024

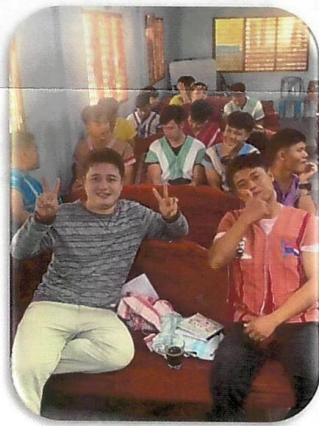
ON OUR WAY TO CLASS A WILD ELEPHANT CROSSED THE ROAD. What a sight! Only tourists want to see wild elephants, not so with the locals, as they can be incredibly destructive, in some cases kill humans. On the Thai/Burma border many elephants come from Burma as they often are poached but are protected in 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 GREETUS 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.

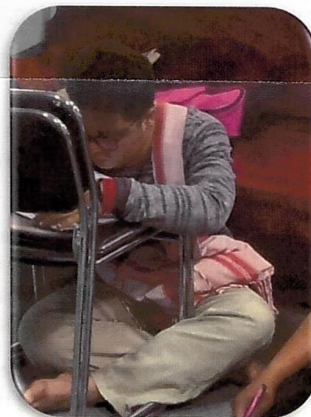


This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.

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.

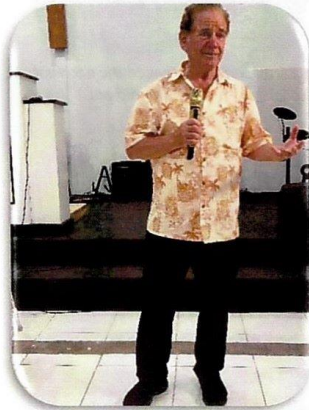
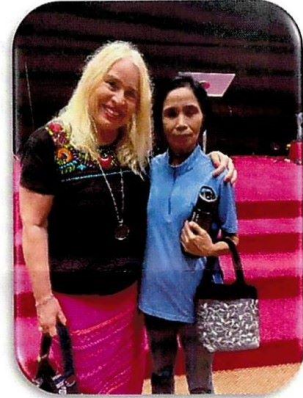


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INDONESIA: FROM JAVA TO SUMATRA With a Muslim population of over two hundred million my heart is always heavy when we land in this great country. Sad to confess in preparation I needed to pray, "Dear Lord, help me to see Muslims as You see them, in 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. Pray for Christian Indonesians, for boldness in their witness and God's protection.



Pastors & wives at the Sumatra PTA Seminar

CALVARY CHAPEL KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE : 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 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

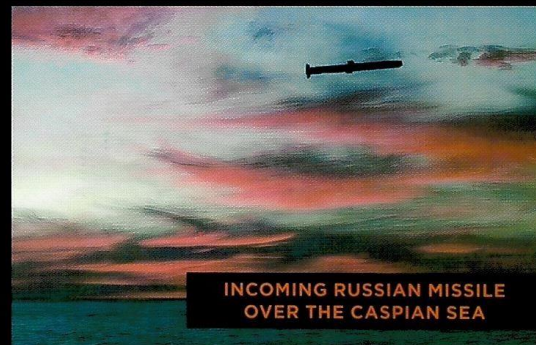
Luke and I met with Ukrainian officers in charge of training their chaplains and showed them pictures of our base and training center in South Sudan. We showed them videos of the chaplain silent drill team we use for evangelical outreach. Just like the Marine Corps silent-drill team, our men do a 15-minute 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.



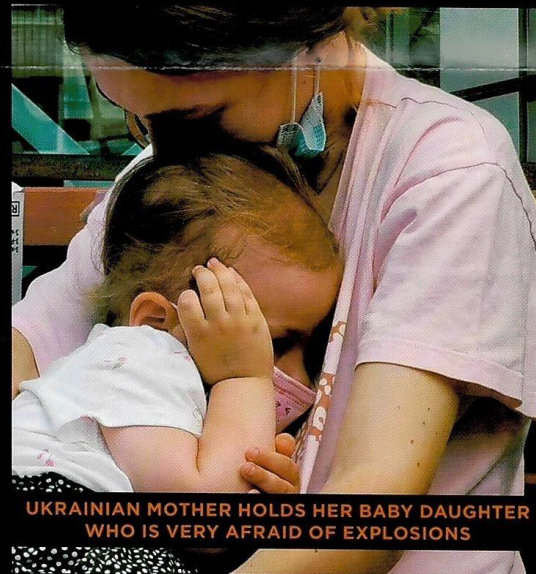
At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that this 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. As 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.



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 utterly 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. As they grew in their faith through regular fellowship, Darius and Shahnaz became convinced they should be reaching out and serving their local community. They soon connected with a local family of eight Afghan refugees. The father of the family could not find work and - as refugees - the children were not allowed to attend the local school. Darius and Shahnaz's house fellowship helped the father find a job and a new home. Shahnaz, a teacher by profession, gave up her job and opened their home as a school for the children of the family. All six children are now being educated, and other children excluded from the formal education system have since joined this fledgling school. The family of Afghans have all put their faith in Christ.

AFGHANISTAN

Food aid for destitute families

More than half of the population in Afghanistan is facing acute food insecurity. In light of this, Iranian Christians from across the region have sent food parcels to scores of Christian households inside the country who are struggling. While security concerns mean that widespread food relief by Christians to the general population has not been possible, many Christian Afghan families have been giving away 10% of their food parcels to neighbors. Their desire to be generous reflects the love of Jesus in their community. Christians across the region are praying for the chance to increase food relief to Afghanistan.

PAKISTAN

Discipleship and aid for Afghan refugees

An Iranian church is supporting a group of Afghan Christians who are among an estimated 250,000 Afghans who have fled to Pakistan since the Taliban seized power in 2021. The Christian Afghan refugees gather for regular fellowship using the Weekly Fellowship resource to shape their meetings and tune in remotely to the Sunday services of the Iranian church. The Iranian church also assists with practical needs and food parcels for these refugees in Pakistan.

IRAN

Serving protesters

Amid the protests that sprang up in September 2022 following the death of Mahsa Amini, Iranian Christians began sharing the love of Christ with protesters. Many protesters were injured as security forces viciously cracked down, and those injured often avoided accessing mainstream healthcare for fear of being arrested. Christians took care of injured people, sometimes even welcoming them into their homes for recovery. We heard of at least one injured protester and several of his family members who confessed faith in Christ as a result of the loving care he received. Some Christians went out and shared the Gospel with protesters mid-protest. Still others felt called to particularly reach out and show love to Kurdish Iranians, given Mahsa Amini was Kurdish - with many coming to Christ.

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



BUDDHIST BACKED BURMA ARMY

ONE LONG JOURNEY

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.

**I PRAY YOU JOIN US
IN SAVING AS MANY
AS POSSIBLE**

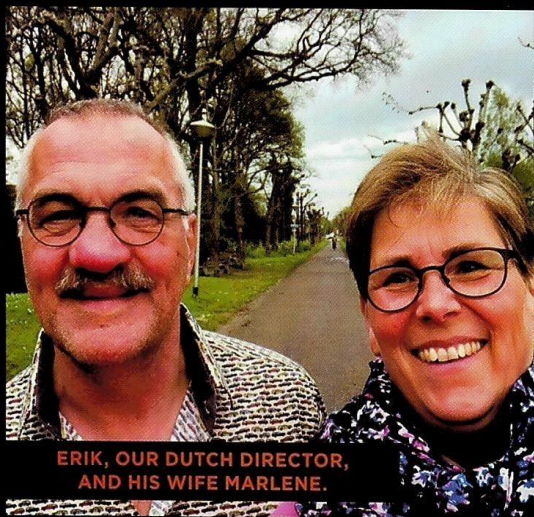
And, often, I would only eat twice a day. When I would return to Moscow after each of my trips, I would run to the only McDonald's in the city to find food. Every month, when I would travel, I would lose at least 20 pounds, but it was never a problem; instead, it was a great joy.

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

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 Hans'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.



**ERIK, OUR DUTCH DIRECTOR,
AND HIS WIFE MARLENE.**

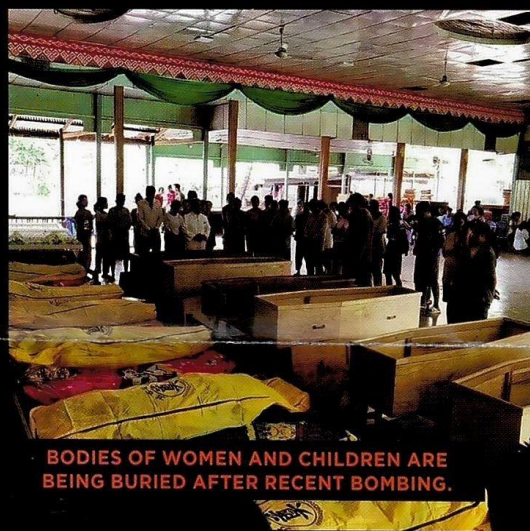
Unfortunately, Erik, the director of the Dutch office, had a heart attack at age 63 and went home to be with the Lord. It was a shock to all of us, and the Dutch office is having to deal with such a great loss. We gave his

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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.



**BODIES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE
BEING BURIED AFTER RECENT BOMBING.**

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

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 (CCA) 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.

CCA 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 Crusade™” 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.” <https://ebook.church> or <https://amazon.com>

The Role of AI in Bible Study


For believers today, the Bible remains the authoritative source of God’s truth. John 1:1 tells us, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” The written Word is God, and it is through the study of Scripture that we come to know Him.

There are many versions of the Bible, but which one is closest to the original Scriptures? Many scholars agree that the King James Version (KJV), based on the Textus Receptus, is one of the most accurate translations. However, it can be difficult to understand for modern readers. Therefore, it is recommended to skim over the New Living Translation (NLT) for a fresh perspective, read the New International Version (NIV) for accessibility, and study the New King James Version (NKJV) to grasp the meaning better. Ultimately, the KJV should be searched and studied for its accuracy to the original texts (Acts 17:11; 2 Timothy 2:15).


AI can serve as an essential tool in this journey, helping us to dive deeper into Scripture. For example, AI tools can analyze and compare different translations, provide historical context, and even offer insights into the original Greek and Hebrew languages. This can greatly enhance our understanding of the Bible and make study more efficient and effective.


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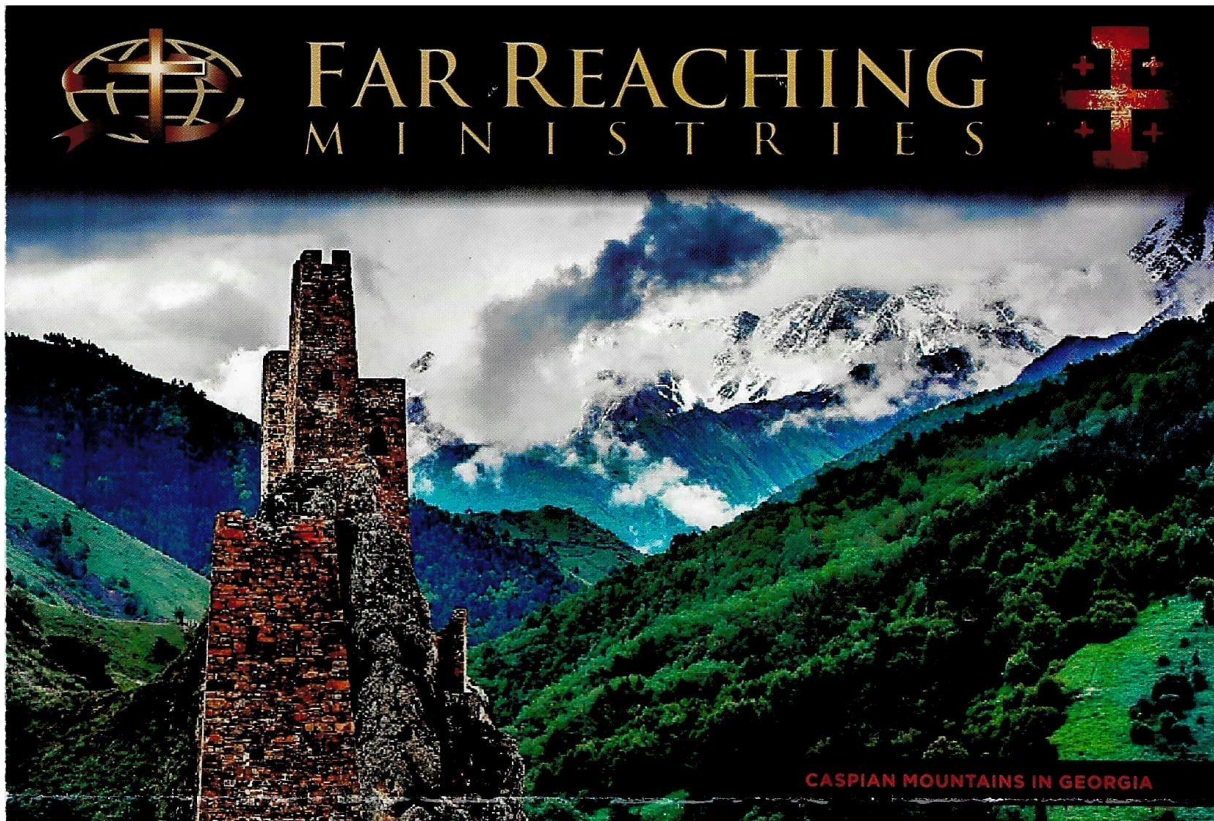
WITH AI

WAYNE KIM

“Clearly you are an epistle of Christ...by the Spirit of the living God...” (2 Cor. 3:3)

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.

Pray for wherever our Lord leads for His kingdom (e.g., Russia, Georgia...)



FAR REACHING MINISTRIES

CASPIAN MOUNTAINS IN GEORGIA

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.

GOING WHERE FEW WOULD DARE TO GO

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.

Keep on Prayer for Peru and other Latin America to Turn Back to the Truth (James 5:19). 5/20 – 5/28 CC Peru Lima, Lucho/Alberto

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.

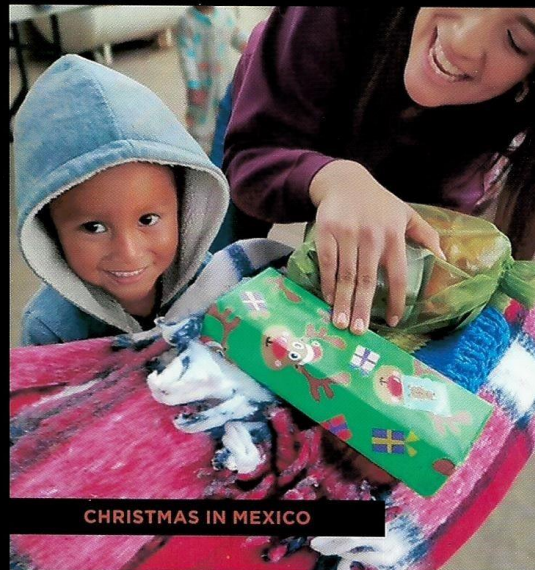
Calvary Chapel Trujillo has a great team that wants to get involved in helping these young ladies. What impressed me was that Cory already had top lawyers



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.



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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 service.
- **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 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.



THE WAR CROSS



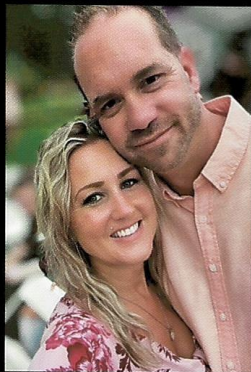
CALVARY CHAPEL TBILISI'S
NEW SANCTUARY

MISSION TO GEORGIA

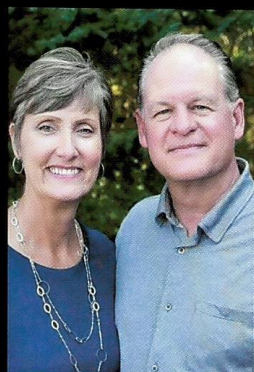


Calvary Chapel Tbilisi, in the country of Georgia, has found a bigger church home. Being led by Jason and Britney Havertape, they are a vibrant, growing church in this former Soviet Union nation. They are unwavering in their continued mission to transform lives and the country through Bible and English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



CALVARY CHAPEL TBILISI'S
NEW SANCTUARY

Pray for Philippine Ministry and Other Countries in Asia



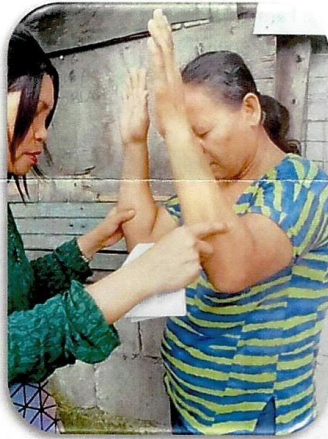
Pastoral Training of Asia

Ministering to Ministers

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. Please pray 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).

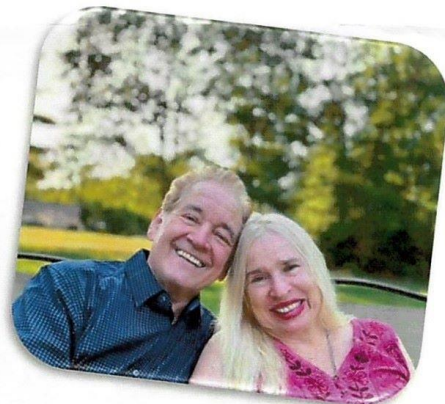


CONCERNING MY POSITION Sorry to say that after Pastor Chuck went to heaven a few Calvary Chapels have slowly moved away from the Word of God. Emerging church ideas, seeker friendly, spiritual formations and progressive ideas seem to have crept in. My position is the "old fashioned" Jesus People, Pastor 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!**

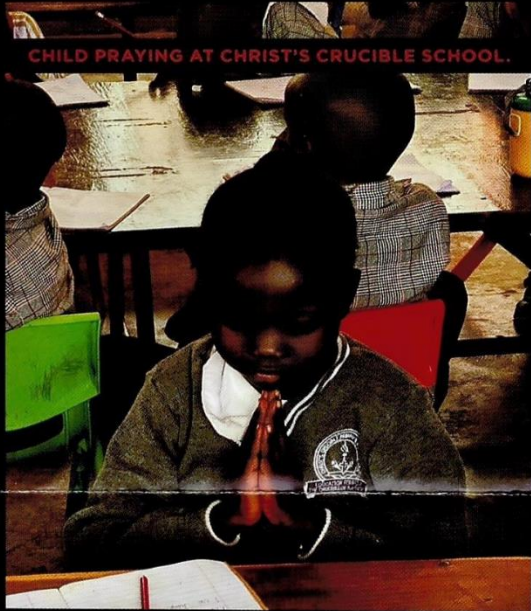
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Keep on Prayer for Evangelism against the kingdom of hell in Africa for 30 years, e.g., Christ's Crucible School in Uganda

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.



CHILD PRAYING AT CHRIST'S CRUCIBLE SCHOOL.

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!"



WE BUILT CHRIST'S CRUCIBLE SCHOOL FOR \$300,000, WHICH INCLUDES THE WALL, TWO THREE-STORY BUILDINGS, ONE TWO-STORY BUILDING, A CAFETERIA, AND A DINING ROOM.

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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

IN THE U.S., A SCHOOL LIKE THIS PROBABLY WOULD HAVE COST \$10 - \$15 MILLION.

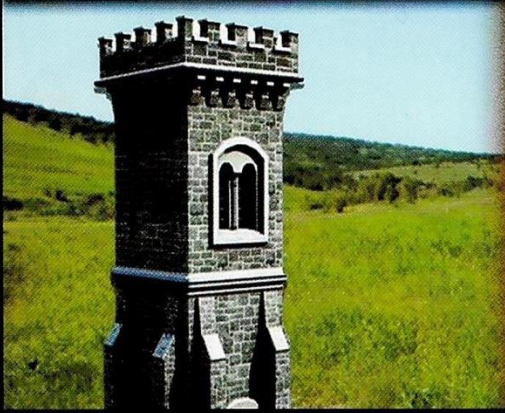


program, taking students verse by verse from Genesis to Revelation. We will also give practical ministry training in four areas: evangelical outreach, Children's Ministry, discipleship for adults, and counseling and visitations (spending three months in each module). In addition, students will learn 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

Pray for the ministries for the Bible Schools to train pastors (1) in Africa, the Fatherless' Food and the Elderly's home (2) in Ukraine.

CHRIST FOR A CONTINENT



THE BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT TO LOOK AS IF IT WERE A EUROPEAN CASTLE

Far Reaching Ministries is building a Bible school to train pastors to serve across Africa. Each year, up to 200 students will study the Word of God comprehensively—from Genesis to Revelation, chapter by chapter, verse by verse. They will be hands-on in ministry and are being trained to equip them to serve on the battlefield, as well as in hospitals, prisons, evangelism, and church planting.

For many pastors in Africa, the only training they receive is if they occasionally hear another pastor's sermon. This Bible school will provide a foundation that frontline pastors must have to be sent out across Africa, including to combat the rapid spread of radicalized forms of Islam.

The cost to build this Bible school, complete with student housing, is between \$250,000 - \$350,000, a small fraction of the tens of millions it would cost in the United States. This is a practical, cost-effective, and urgently needed school to prepare a new generation of frontline pastors. To be part of this vital project, please mark **"Bible School"** on the enclosed gift card, along with your donation.

FEDOR AND ALEX IN UKRAINE



NIGHTLY FEEDING OF THE HOMELESS, AND HEARING THE GOSPEL PREACHED

Fedor and his ministry assistant, Alex, often do not have enough to feed their families.

Far Reaching Ministries has committed to giving them \$500 a month to help them, hoping to raise \$1,000 a month for each

of them. This support will enable them to focus on ministry work and not worry about how to feed their families.

If you would count a privilege to bless these ministry leaders, please mark **"Fedor in Ukraine"**, or **"Alex in Ukraine"** along with your donation on the enclosed gift card.

UKRAINE HOME FOR THE ELDERLY



ELDERLY MAN FINDS CHRIST

Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) has recently been introduced to Fedor from Odesa, Ukraine. Fedor has a ministry that helps the elderly and poor who have no place to live. Currently, they live in a crowded room on the second floor. There is just enough room to walk around the beds and no place for them to sit.

Many of the elderly cannot walk, so once a week, they are carried down from the second story, bathe, and then sit in the sun for a while.

Fedor's dream is to build a home for the elderly and poor so that they can have a better quality of life. So, we at FRM would like to help Fedor fulfill his dream. We will need \$500,000-\$750,000 to purchase land and build this home that will house 200 elderly.

If you would like to help with this urgent need, please mark **"Home for Ukraine Elderly"** along with your donation on the enclosed gift card.