

**“Sealed” Nehemiah 10-11 3/23/25**

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Sealed." in Nehemiah 10-11. To the souls on this Online Word *through Podcast or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expository Questions. (*Maranatha Worship Songs : Videos are watchable upon the click on the website : \_\_\_\_\_*).

- Q1. In 10:1, "Now those who placed *their seal on the document were*: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah," what does it mean in the Scripture? And what can we learn from here?
- Q2. In 10:31, " *if the peoples of the land brought wares or any grain to sell on the Sabbath day, we would not buy it from them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day; and we would forego the seventh year's produce and the exacting of every debt,*" what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives ?
- Q3. In 11:3, "These *are* the heads of the province who dwelt in Jerusalem. (But in the cities of Judah everyone dwelt in his own possession in their cities—Israelites, priests, Levites, Nethinim, and descendants of Solomon's servants.)," what does it mean? And who were Nethinim?

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

In the last time, in Nehemiah 9:38, "And because of all this, We make a sure *covenant* and write *it*; Our leaders, our Levites, *and* our priests seal *it*," making the sure covenant in the next chapter 10. God, because of all of this, we want to make a covenant with You. We are going to serve You. We're going to be Your people.

**Captivity Return**

Bible	References	World History
Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:1)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Return(458BC)(Ezra7:1-10:44) "about 2K" Ezra (Priest) "spiritual revival"  3 <sup>rd</sup> Return(444BC)  Nehemiah (Governor of Judah) (Nehemiah 1:1-13:31) "Rebuilding City Walls"	Artaxerxes I (464-423)

Under Ezra's leadership (Ezra 7:1-10:44) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> return in 458 BC, the temple of God had been rebuilt. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> return in 444 BC, under Nehemiah's leadership, the city walls were rebuilt and so the city was secured but inconvenient.

**TEXT: NKJV [KJV]**

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p><b>10</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup> Now those who placed <i>their seal on the document were</i>:</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>(1-27) Sealing Israelites 1=Q1 (The covenant including "God's law, all commandments, His ordinances, and His statutes" in verse 29, of the Lord, God had made with</p>
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Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah, <sup>2</sup> Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, <sup>3</sup> Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, <sup>4</sup> Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, <sup>5</sup> Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, <sup>6</sup> Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, <sup>7</sup> Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,

Israelites in the days of Moses was restored. When they possessed the promised land, some upon Mount Gerizim to pronounce the blessing if they kept it. The others were up on Mount Ebal to pronounce the curses if they failed to keep it. Here Israelites accepted with sealing to be bound to follow God. After you are guided by God with His counsel, you will be received by God to glory into heaven from Earth. So, they meditated it day and night. Here, through prayer, we as the followers of Jesus need meditate the word of God. By the sealed and dwelling Spirit of Christ in each of us, taking His yoke/calling to each of us causes rest in each soul because He is gentle and lowly in heart, His yoke/calling is easy, and His burden/duty is light to each of us. *Deu 8:11; Deu 11:29-32; Ps 73:24; Ps 1:2; Mat 16:24; Mat 11:28-30<sup>1</sup>* )

<sup>8</sup> Maaziah, Bilgai, *and* Shemaiah. These *were* the priests.

8= (the Priests placed their seal on the document, being bound to it.)

<sup>9</sup> The Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, *and* Kadmiel. <sup>10</sup> Their brethren: Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, <sup>11</sup> Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah, <sup>12</sup> Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, <sup>13</sup> Hodijah, Bani, *and* Beninu. <sup>14</sup> The leaders of the people: Parosh, Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, <sup>15</sup> Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, <sup>16</sup> Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, <sup>17</sup> Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, <sup>18</sup> Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, <sup>19</sup> Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai, <sup>20</sup> Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, <sup>21</sup> Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, <sup>22</sup> Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, <sup>23</sup> Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub, <sup>24</sup> Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek, <sup>25</sup> Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, <sup>26</sup> Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, <sup>27</sup> Malluch, Harim, *and* Baanah.

9= (The Levites placed their seal)

14= (The leaders of chiefs of the people placed their seal).

<sup>28</sup> Now the rest of the people—the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters,

(28-39) Israelites' Duties

<sup>1</sup> *Deu 8:11* Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today; *Deu 11:29-32* Now it shall be, when the Lord your God has brought you into the land which you go to possess, that you shall put the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the curse on Mount Ebal. <sup>30</sup> Are they not on the other side of the Jordan, toward the setting sun, in the land of the Canaanites who dwell in the plain opposite Gilgal, beside the terebinth trees of Moreh? <sup>31</sup> For you will cross over the Jordan and go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you, and you will possess it and dwell in it. <sup>32</sup> And you shall be careful to observe all the statutes and judgments which I set before you today; *Ps 73:24* You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory; *Ps 1:2* But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night; *Mat 16:24* Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me; *Mat 11:28-30* Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

everyone who had knowledge and understanding—<sup>29</sup> these joined with their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse and an oath to walk in God's Law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the Lord our Lord, and His ordinances and His statutes:

<sup>30</sup> We would not give our daughters as wives to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons;

<sup>31</sup> *if* the peoples of the land brought wares or any grain to sell on the Sabbath day, we would not buy it from them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day; and we would forego the seventh year's *produce* and the exacting of every debt.

30= (The intermarriage then resulted in idolatry, For example, king Solomon's intermarriage with 1,000 foreign women caused his heart turned after other gods, not loyal to the Lord his God. In OT time, it was prohibited due to turning heart after idols. In NT time, the unequal yoke between believers and unbelievers is prohibited rather than mere racial difference. *1 Kings 11:1-4; Deu 7:3-4; 2 Cor 6:14<sup>2</sup>* )

31=Q2 (The neighboring village people would bring to the city their handy work, vegetables, fruits and so on to sell in the city on the Sabbath day when they worshiped God. The Israelites were forbidden to buy them inside the city due to distraction of focus on God. In the 7th year you let the land rest so that the poor or the beasts may eat what they leave on the land. Also 7<sup>th</sup> year, every creditor released the debts of every debtor. But nobody has become righteous by keeping the Sabbath law because our flesh is nothing good although law is good and holy. So, in NT time, we can be righteous upon faith in the Lord, the Son of Man, of the Sabbath by serving in the newness of the Spirit, not in the oldness of the letter of law, walking according to the Spirit, not the flesh to keep law, One person esteems one day, Saturday or Sunday, above another, weekday. Another esteems every day alike. So, like Paul I'd like to observe every day to the Lord, as long as the Lord is in my heart. Every day is Sabbath day. Every year is Sabbath year. *Ex 23:11; Deu 15:1-2; Mat 12:1,8; Rom 7:6-7; Rom 8:3-4; Rom 10:4; Rom 14:5-6<sup>3</sup>*)

<sup>2</sup> *1 Kings 11:1-4* But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites—<sup>2</sup>from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, "You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. <sup>3</sup> And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. <sup>4</sup> For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David; *Deu 7:3-4* Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. <sup>4</sup> For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly; *2 Cor 6:14* Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? <sup>3</sup> *Ex 23:11* but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave, the beasts of the field may eat. In like manner you shall do with your vineyard and your olive grove; *Deu 15:1-2* At the end of every seven years you shall grant a release of debts. <sup>2</sup> And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the Lord's release; *Mat 12:1,8* <sup>1</sup> 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>8</sup> For the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.; *Rom 7:6-7* <sup>6</sup> But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter. <sup>7</sup> What shall we say then? Is the law

<p><sup>32</sup> Also we made ordinances for ourselves, to exact from ourselves yearly one-third of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: <sup>33</sup> for the showbread, for the regular grain offering, for the regular burnt offering of the Sabbaths, the New Moons, and the set feasts; for the holy things, for the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and all the work of the house of our God.</p> <p><sup>34</sup> We cast lots among the priests, the Levites, and the people, for bringing the wood offering into the house of our God, according to our fathers' houses, at the appointed times year by year, to burn on the altar of the Lord our God as <i>it is</i> written in the Law.</p> <p><sup>35</sup> And <i>we made ordinances</i> to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to the house of the Lord;</p> <p><sup>36</sup> to bring the firstborn of our sons and our cattle, as <i>it is</i> written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and our flocks, to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God; <sup>37</sup> to bring the firstfruits of our dough, our offerings, the fruit from all kinds of trees, <i>the new wine and oil</i>, to the priests, to the storerooms of the house of our God; and to bring the tithes of our land to the Levites, for the Levites should receive the tithes in all our farming communities. <sup>38</sup> And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse.</p>	<p>32= (They would give a 3<sup>rd</sup> part of the shekel every year for the support of the temple so that they can continue the sacrifices and continue the ministry within the temple. It was sort of a tax. This was a commitment of the believers. In NT, we are told a cheerful giver, not grudgingly, or of necessity. God only accepts willing mind offering; 1 shekel is 2/5 ounces or 11.34 gram 2 Cor 8:12<sup>4</sup>)</p> <p>34= (Wood offering was needed to the burning alter on the court in the temple of God.)</p> <p>35= (all firstfruits of our ground and all trees annually to the house of the Lord)</p> <p>36= (The first born among men and beasts was given to God. But God took the Levites instead of all the firstborn among Israelites. Ex 13:1-2; Num 3:45<sup>5</sup>)</p> <p>37=(Brining in a 10<sup>th</sup> part of your crops and all was to support the Levites who ministered within the temple because the laborer is worthy of his wages. In the NT, donors should have a ready heart such as justice, mercy, and faith to bring the tithe. Otherwise, God would not accept it. Lev 27:30; 1 Tim 5:18; Mat 23:23<sup>6</sup>)</p>
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sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet.;" Rom 8:3-4 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit; Rom 10:4 For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes; Rom 14:5-6 One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup> He who observes the day, observes *it* to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it*. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

<sup>4</sup> 2 Cor 8:12 For if there is first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what one has, *and* not according to what he does not have.

<sup>5</sup> Ex 13:1-2 Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and beast; it is Mine; Num 3:45 Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the livestock of the Levites instead of their livestock. The Levites shall be Mine: I *am* the Lord.

<sup>6</sup> Lev 27:30 And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the Lord's. It *is* holy to the Lord; 1 Tim 5:18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer *is* worthy of his wages." Mat 23:23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

<sup>39</sup> For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary *are*, *where* the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and the singers *are*; and we will not neglect the house of our God.

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<sup>1</sup> Now the leaders of the people dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city, and nine-tenths *were to dwell* in *other* cities. <sup>2</sup> And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to dwell at Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> These *are* the heads of the province who dwelt in Jerusalem. (But in the cities of Judah everyone dwelt in his own possession in their cities—Israelites, priests, Levites, Nethinim, and descendants of Solomon's servants.) <sup>4</sup> Also in Jerusalem dwelt *some* of the children of Judah and of the children of Benjamin. The children of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the children of Perez; <sup>5</sup> and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-Hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. <sup>6</sup> All the sons of Perez who dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred and sixty-eight valiant men.

<sup>7</sup> And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of Pedaiiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiiah; <sup>8</sup> and after him Gabbai *and* Sallai, nine hundred and twenty-eight. <sup>9</sup> Joel the son of Zichri *was* their overseer, and Judah the son of Senuah *was* second over the city.

<sup>10</sup> Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, and Jachin; <sup>11</sup> Seraiah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, *was* the leader of the house of God. <sup>12</sup> Their brethren who did the work of the house *were* eight hundred and twenty-two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, <sup>13</sup> and his brethren, heads of the fathers' *houses*, *were* two hundred and forty-two; and Amashai the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of

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(1-2) Dwellers in Jerusalem

1= (The rebuilt city of Jerusalem with wall was secure but was not convenient. So by lot, the dwellers within the city of Jerusalem were chosen with a few willing movers to dwell in Jerusalem city, up to verse 24)

(3-6) Judah dwellers in Jerusalem

3=Q3 (Nethinims was the Gibeonites who were the hewers of wood, drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, covenanted with Joshua. They were assigned to David, Solomon, and others, being transferred to the temple service. *Joshua 9:3, 27; Ezra 8:20; Ezra 2:58*<sup>7</sup>)

(7-9) Benjamin dwellers in Jerusalem

(10-14) Priests in Jerusalem

<sup>7</sup> *Joshua 9:3, 27* <sup>3</sup> But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, <sup>27</sup> And that day Joshua made them woodcutters and water carriers for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, in the place which He would choose, even to this day.; *Ezra 8:20* also of the Nethinim, whom David and the leaders had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim. All of them were designated by name; *Ezra 2:58* All the Nethinim and the children of Solomon's servants were three hundred and ninety-two.

Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, <sup>14</sup> and their brethren, mighty men of valor, *were* one hundred and twenty-eight. Their overseer *was* Zabdiel the son of *one of* the great men.

(15-18) Levites in Jerusalem

<sup>15</sup> Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; <sup>16</sup> Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the heads of the Levites, *had* the oversight of the business outside of the house of God; <sup>17</sup> Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the leader *who* began the thanksgiving with prayer; Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; and Abda the son of Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. <sup>18</sup> All the Levites in the holy city *were* two hundred and eighty-four.

(19-24) Servants in Jerusalem

<sup>19</sup> Moreover the gatekeepers, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren who kept the gates, *were* one hundred and seventy-two.

<sup>20</sup> And the rest of Israel, of the priests *and* Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah, everyone in his inheritance. <sup>21</sup> But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel. And Ziha and Gishpa *were* over the Nethinim.

<sup>22</sup> Also the overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha, of the sons of Asaph, the singers in charge of the service of the house of God. <sup>23</sup> For *it was* the king's command concerning them that a certain portion should be for the singers, a quota day by day. <sup>24</sup> Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* the king's deputy in all matters concerning the people.

(25-36) Dwellers outside of Jerusalem

<sup>25</sup> And as for the villages with their fields, *some of* the children of Judah dwelt in Kirjath Arba and its villages, Dibon and its villages, Jekabzeel and its villages; <sup>26</sup> in Jeshua, Moladah, Beth Pelet, <sup>27</sup> Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its villages; <sup>28</sup> in Ziklag and Meconah and its villages; <sup>29</sup> in En Rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth, <sup>30</sup> Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages; in Lachish and its fields; in Azekah and its villages. They dwelt from Beersheba to the Valley of Hinnom. <sup>31</sup> Also the children of Benjamin from Geba *dwelt* in Michmash, Aija, and Bethel, and their villages; <sup>32</sup> in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah; <sup>33</sup> in Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim; <sup>34</sup> in Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat; <sup>35</sup> in Lod, Ono, *and* the Valley of Craftsmen. <sup>36</sup> Some of the Judean divisions of Levites *were* in Benjamin.

36= (most tribes of Judah southern nation rather than Israel northern nation were Judah and Benjamin tribes with Levites, other than the other 10 tribes of Israel nation.)

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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## 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 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!

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## Pray for Christians and Underground Churches in Iran.

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.

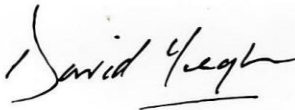
**It is our privilege to serve people like Magda and Firouz. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and partnership which have allowed us to do so.**

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.

**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.

North America	Europe	Asia	Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United States:</b> 230 million</li> <li>• <b>Canada:</b> 22 million</li> <li>• <b>Mexico:</b> 120 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Russia:</b> 105 million</li> <li>• <b>Germany:</b> 50 million</li> <li>• <b>United Kingdom:</b> 40 million</li> <li>• <b>France:</b> 38 million</li> <li>• <b>Italy:</b> 44 million</li> <li>• <b>Spain:</b> 37 million</li> <li>• <b>Poland:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Ukraine:</b> 30 million</li> <li>• <b>Romania:</b> 18 million</li> <li>• <b>Netherlands:</b> 12 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Philippines:</b> 90 million</li> <li>• <b>China:</b> 70 million</li> <li>• <b>India:</b> 31 million</li> <li>• <b>Indonesia:</b> 25 million</li> <li>• <b>South Korea:</b> 15 million</li> <li>• <b>Vietnam:</b> 7 million</li> <li>• <b>Kazakhstan:</b> 4 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nigeria:</b> 85 million</li> <li>• <b>Democratic Republic of the Congo:</b> 65 million</li> <li>• <b>Ethiopia:</b> 45 million</li> <li>• <b>South Africa:</b> 37 million</li> <li>• <b>Kenya:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Uganda:</b> 34 million</li> <li>• <b>Tanzania:</b> 30 million</li> <li>• <b>Ghana:</b> 24 million</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Central America and the Caribbean</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guatemala:</b> 13 million</li> <li>• <b>Honduras:</b> 7 million</li> <li>• <b>El Salvador:</b> 6 million</li> <li>• <b>Nicaragua:</b> 5 million</li> <li>• <b>Cuba:</b> 6 million</li> <li>• <b>Dominican Republic:</b> 9 million</li> <li>• <b>Haiti:</b> 6 million</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Middle East</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Egypt:</b> 10 million</li> <li>• <b>Lebanon:</b> 2 million</li> <li>• <b>Iraq:</b> 0.5 million</li> <li>• <b>Syria:</b> 0.5 million</li> <li>• <b>Jordan:</b> 0.4 million</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oceania</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Australia:</b> 14 million</li> <li>• <b>Papua New Guinea:</b> 8 million</li> <li>• <b>New Zealand:</b> 2 million</li> <li>• <b>Fiji:</b> 0.6 million</li> </ul>	<p>“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.  <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Mat 28:18-20).</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>South America</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brazil:</b> 180 million</li> <li>• <b>Argentina:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Colombia:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Peru:</b> 25 million</li> <li>• <b>Venezuela:</b> 25 million</li> <li>• <b>Chile:</b> 16 million</li> </ul>			<p><b>Note:</b> there are more Christians than we often realize, but only a few are truly Scripture-based Christians. So, anyone among them who wanders from the truth should be turned to the life by faith through all the Scripture (Jame 5:19; Dan 12:3)</p> <p>Sources:  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country:</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQBeX0M3Ego">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQBeX0M3Ego</a></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

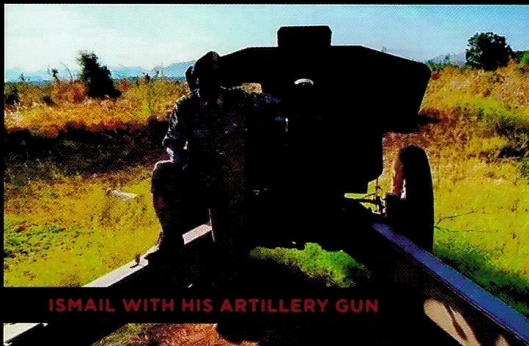
United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek .... MAP

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."*

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# Pray for the Feeding People From Starvation and Sickness.



**ISMAIL WITH HIS ARTILLERY GUN**

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



**WE STARTED THE FEEDING PROGRAM TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM STARVATION AND SICKNESS**

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



**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.

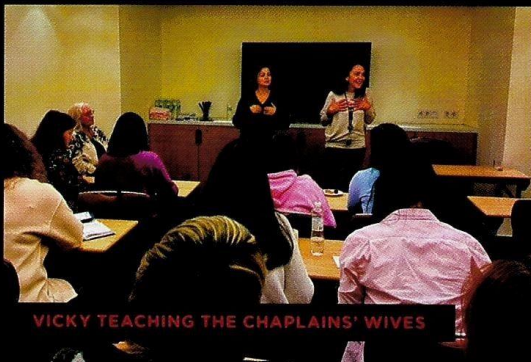
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

*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 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.



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

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FORCED UPON THEM**

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.

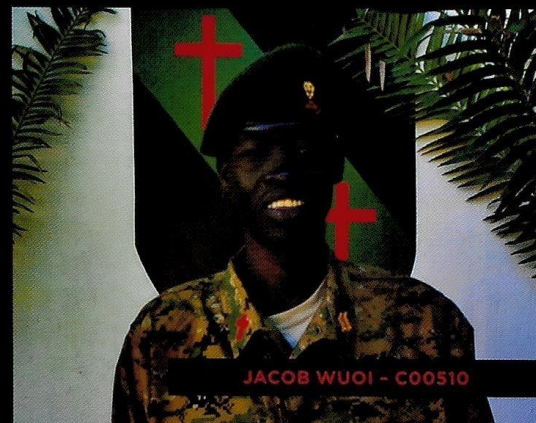
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

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

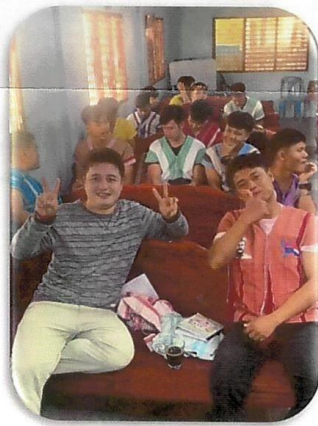
**ON OUR WAY TO CLASS A WILD ELEPHANT CROSSED THE ROAD.** What a sight! Only tourists want to see wild elephants, not so with the locals, as they can be incredibly destructive, in some cases kill humans. On the Thai/Burma border many elephants come from Burma as they often are poached but are protected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

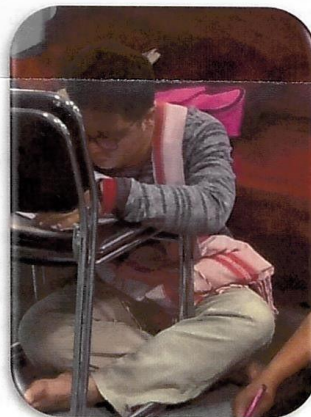


*This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.*

**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.*

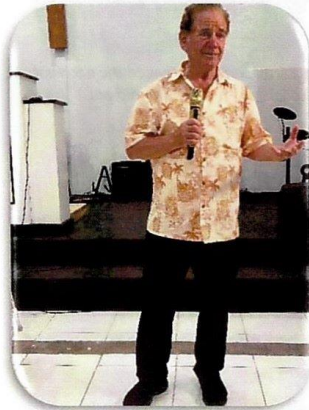


*.... Girls on the other!*

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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. 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.



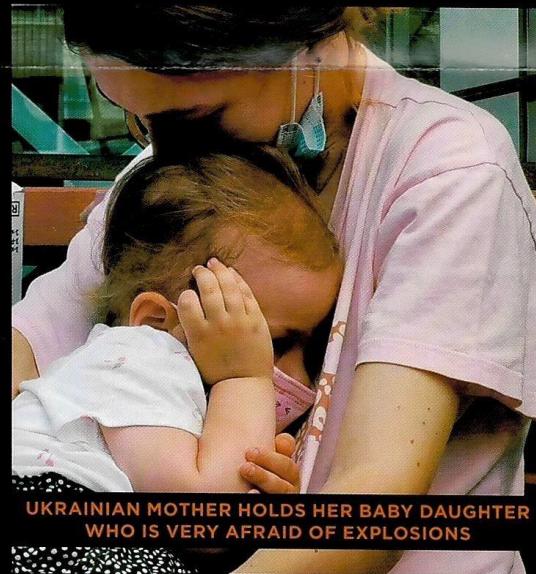
At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that this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

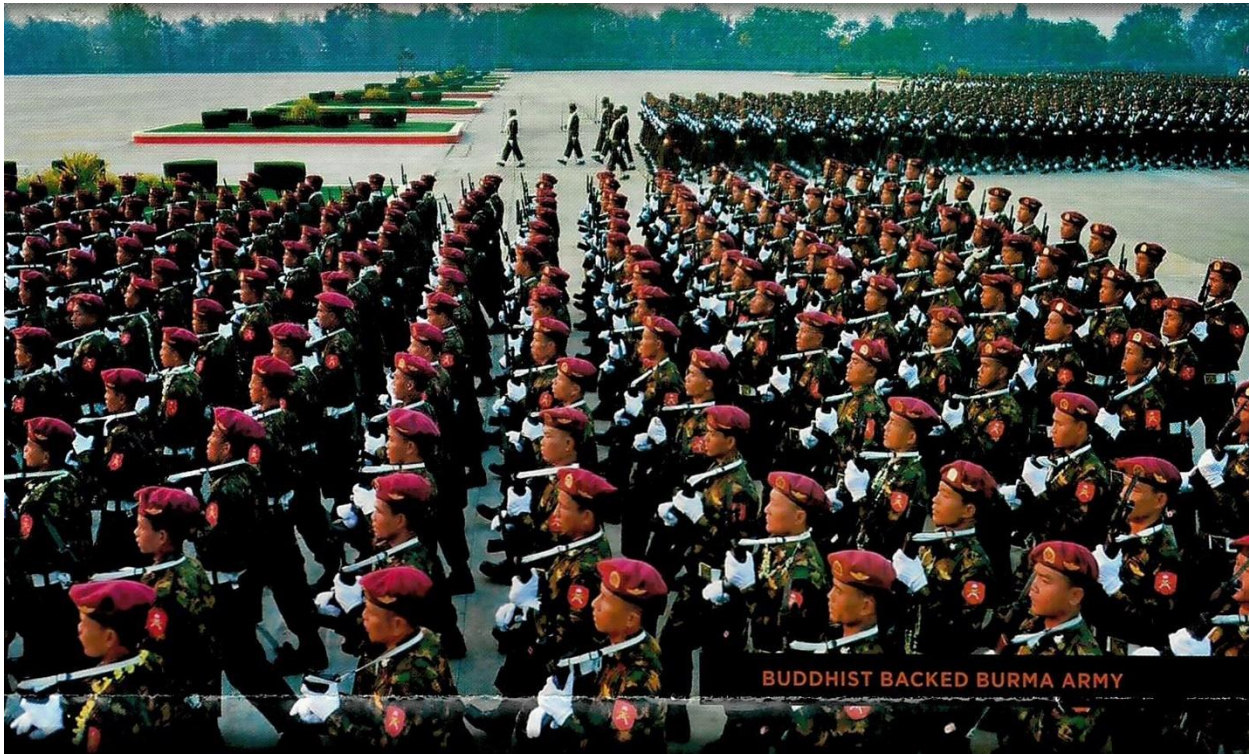
**IRAN**

**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**

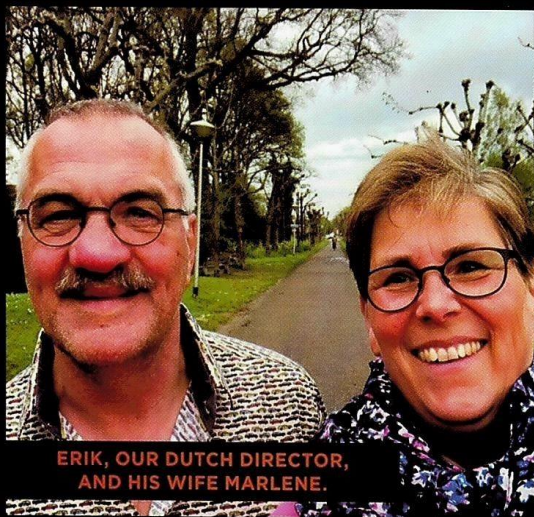
And, often, I would only eat twice a day. When I would return to Moscow after each of my trips, I would run to the only McDonald's in the city to find food. Every month, when I would travel, I would lose at least 20 pounds, but it was never a problem; instead, it was a great joy.

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.**

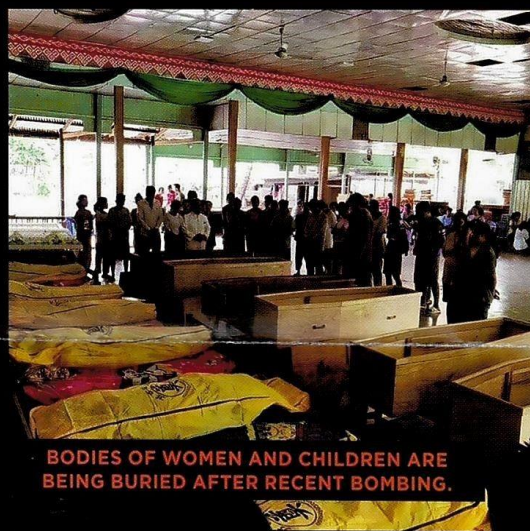
Unfortunately, Erik, the director of the Dutch office, had a heart attack at age 63 and went home to be with the Lord. It was a shock to all of us, and the Dutch office is having to deal with such a great loss. We gave his

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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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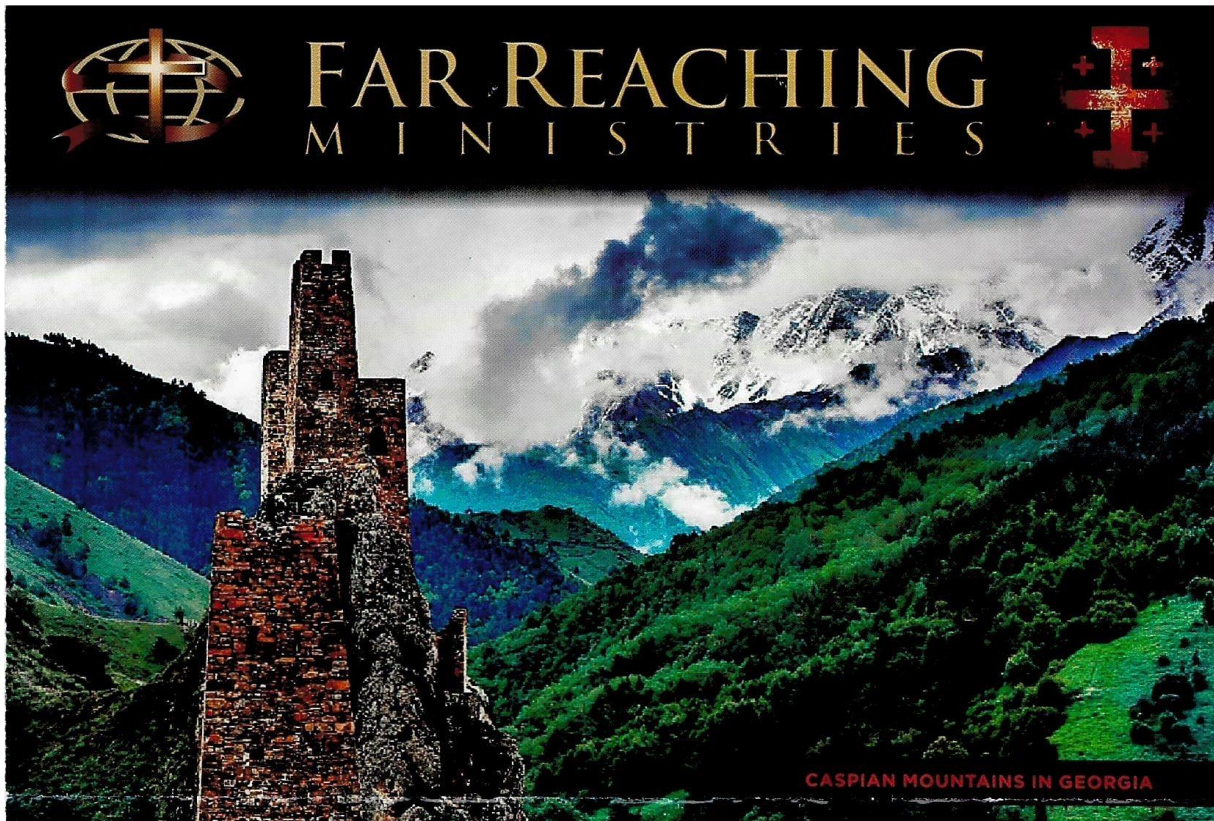
# LIVING EPISTLE WITH AI

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.

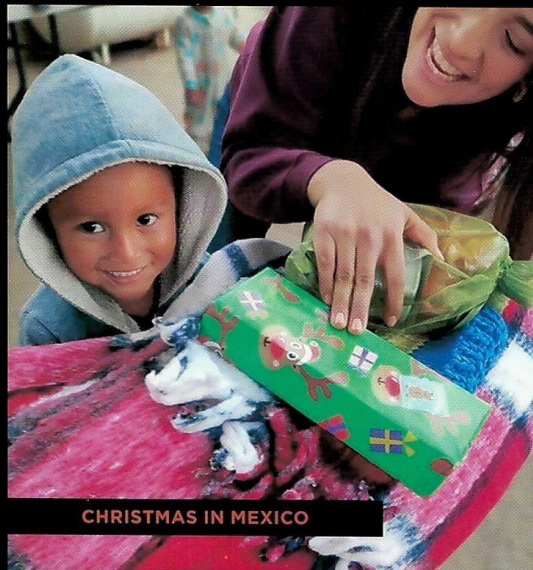
Calvary Chapel Trujillo has a great team that wants to get involved in helping these young ladies. What impressed me was that Cory already had top lawyers



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.



## 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



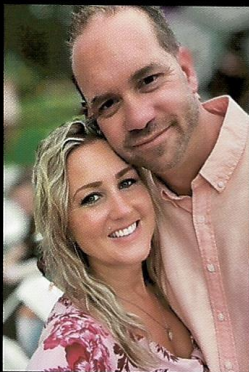
CALVARY CHAPEL TBILISI'S  
NEW SANCTUARY

### MISSION TO GEORGIA

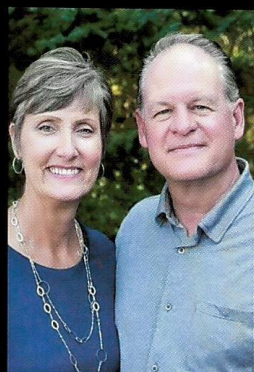


Calvary Chapel Tbilisi, in the country of Georgia, has found a bigger church home. Being led by Jason and Britney Havertape, they are a vibrant, growing church in this former Soviet Union nation. They are unwavering in their continued mission to transform lives and the country through Bible and English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

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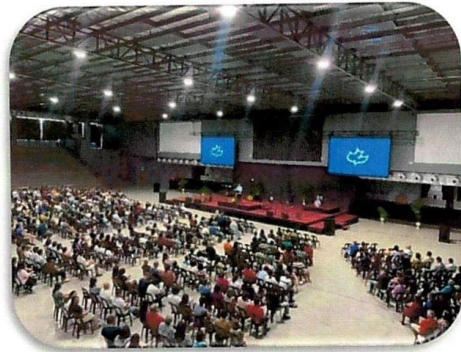
**THE PHILIPPINES: 21 PEOPLE ASK JESUS INTO THEIR HEARTS!** The angels in Heaven rejoice! This happened in Bacolod City as the PTA participants went out into the streets and houses with the Gospel. Two homes requested to have home Bible studies which usually brings more salvation as people hear the Word 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).



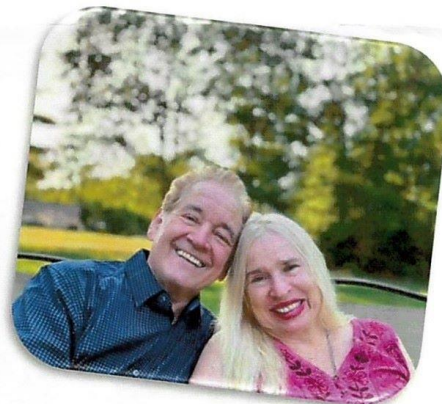
**CONCERNING MY POSITION** Sorry to say that after Pastor Chuck went to heaven a few Calvary Chapels have slowly moved away from the Word of God. Emerging church ideas, seeker friendly, spiritual formations and progressive ideas seem to have crept in. My position is the "old fashioned" Jesus People,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

Your missionaries for Asia,

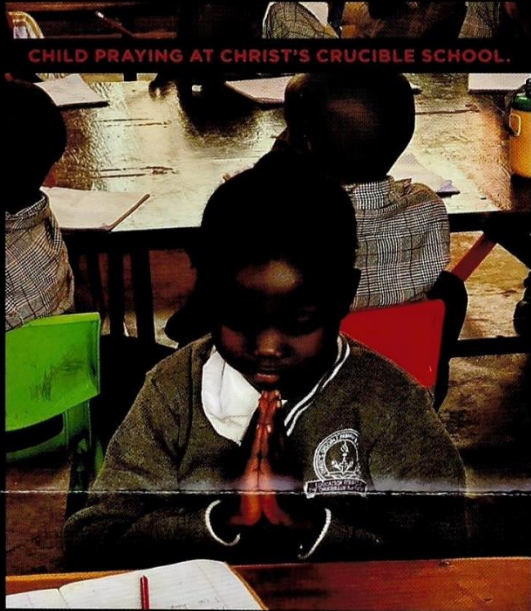
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Keep on Prayer for Evangelism against the kingdom of hell in Africa for 30 years, e.g., Christ's Crucible School in Uganda

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.**

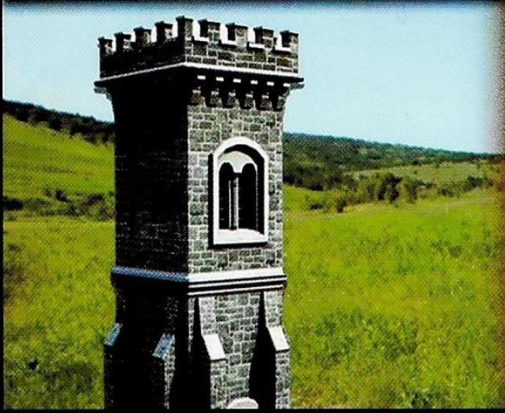


program, taking students verse by verse from Genesis to Revelation. We will also give practical ministry training in four areas: evangelical outreach, Children's Ministry, discipleship for adults, and counseling and visitations (spending three months in each module). In addition, students will learn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

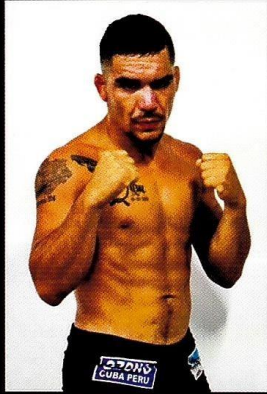
Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) has recently been introduced to Fedor from Odesa, Ukraine. Fedor has a ministry that helps the elderly and poor who have no place to live. Currently, they live in a crowded room on the second floor. There is just enough room to walk around the beds and no place for them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

Pray for Missionaries in all of the World, e.g., Peru, Afghanistan, Vietnam, etc.



**TOP MMA FIGHTER IN PERU NOW STUDYING FOR MINISTRY**

one mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter in Peru, so he is famous in the nation. He told me that when he started fighting, he did not even have enough money to eat. After training when all the gym broke for a walk, because he did not have any money for food, and he did not want others to know how poor he was. After winning many fights, he started to get sponsors and could buy food and better provide for himself, but he said this was a blessing in disguise because the struggles made him stronger.

Luis' gym is only a block from Calvary Chapel Trujillo, and he was invited to visit one weekend. He met Jesus Christ and received eternal life almost immediately. Soon after, Luis felt the Lord asking him to give up fighting and serve Him, and he obeyed without question. He has completed his first year of Bible school and just started his second. He is not a prideful, aggressive, or loud fighter as one may expect; instead, I saw a brother, humble and committed to serve Christ with all his heart. Cory wants to eventually move him into full-time ministry. The Lord spoke to Vicky and me and told us to give him \$1,000. He later said that his wife had called and was looking for their last four dollars. With the gift they were able to get caught up on all their bills and they are celebrating their fourth anniversary. I believe the Lord wants us to support Luis; I would ask for 10 to 20 people to sponsor him so he can be in full-time ministry.

I want to encourage all of you to invest in others serving the Lord, and I have no doubt you will reap great treasures in heaven. You can sign up to support for as little as \$10 a month, or if the Lord leads you \$50, \$75, or \$100. I want to raise at least \$1,000 a month for Luis and his wife, who are both currently serving voluntarily.

Many of you have heard of Jim and Elizabeth Elliott. Elizabeth is the author of the book *Through the Gates of Splendor* which shares the tragic killing of her husband and four other men. They were murdered by the very tribe they were trying to win for Christ. Shortly after, Elizabeth and her daughter moved into the village where the murders occurred to demonstrate Christ's love. Pastor Pablo Elliott, the adopted son of Bert Elliott, has been

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shepherding the flock and running the school built by his father. Pablo has faced corruption, and an evil man trying to steal the ministry's land. Pablo has had to spend a considerable amount of his personal support and is fighting to keep the land. As we listened to Pastor Pablo's struggle, God led me to give him \$10,000, but I know they need more. If the Lord leads you to give a gift, we will pass it along giving 100% of what you give.



**ADOPTED SON OF JIM ELLIOTT'S BROTHER WHO WAS ALSO A MISSIONARY**

Far Reaching Ministries is involved in multiple clandestine operations to save believers and innocent lives. I have shared in previous newsletters about our work in Afghanistan.

During the Afghanistan evacuation operation, we were contacted by Shannon Spann, a former CIA agent, and she asked us to help extract 28 people who worked for the agency. These were people who had worked for the U.S. government but were left behind. The entire intelligence world was caught by surprise when the withdrawal from Afghanistan was done with no advanced notice. What was done resulted in tens of thousands of men, women, and children being tortured, raped, and brutally murdered. Folks, I do not have any knowledge of the inner workings of the CIA, but I did know what would happen to these people.

During the Vietnam war both the Hmong and Montagnards indigenous people helped the CIA and the 5th Special Forces Group, which are Green Berets trained hard to fight Viet Cong forces. The Hmong and Montagnards were Christians fighting against communism, so they created deep bonds with the U.S. soldiers. When the United States pulled out of Vietnam, our government abandoned them, and they suffered horribly in what is referred to as the forgotten genocide. To others, promises made might not matter, but to me they do.

## EQUIP

# Darius: trained leader equips new believers with God's Word

Faithful Darius chased a car through the streets of his city to deliver a precious copy of the Bible. As a result, a small group of new believers is now equipped to grow in their faith.

Trained church planter Darius was halted at a red light on his bike one day when something in an adjacent car caught his eye. It was a small cross hanging from the rear-view mirror.

Darius knew this symbol was popular among the increasingly non-Islamic people of Iran and was not necessarily indicative of an active Christian faith. Yet his heart quickened.

In that moment, Darius decided to give the driver of the car the Persian Bible that was stashed in his backpack. This precious Bible was one of only ten that had escaped attention when his home was raided earlier that year by intelligence agents. Darius had spent six weeks in prison following the raid, yet his passion for giving others the Word of God had not been diminished.

As Darius was about to knock on the car window, the light turned green, and the car sped off. Undeterred, Darius gave chase on his bike. As the car stopped at a second red light, Darius was relieved to have caught up. But once more, the lights changed. Darius was starting to give up hope when he saw the car pull over.

Now hot and tired, Darius pulled over too. As he approached, he could see the driver had his head bowed. The driver looked up and lowered the window when Darius knocked. "I want to give you a gift," Darius explained breathlessly. He reached into his bag for the Bible. "This book is about Jesus," he said. "Your cross is a symbol of what He has done for us."

The face of the man – whose name was Farhad – lit up. "Do

you know what I was just doing?" Farhad asked, excitedly. "I was praying because my friends and I became Christians, but we had no idea how to find a Bible!"

Through God's providence and Darius' boldness, Farhad and his friends now have access to the Bible as well as to discipleship and fellowship resources like *Safar* and *Weekly Fellowship*. This group of new believers has been equipped to not only believe the Gospel, but to actively follow Jesus as Lord.

*Farhad and his friends are one group out of many that have been equipped with the Bible and other resources to help them grow this year. Please pray for their continued walk with Christ and for Darius as he continues in ministry.*



**Hundreds of thousands**

of Persian speakers were equipped to grow in faith in 2024 as they gained access to the Word of God and to discipleship and fellowship resources.