

“Be of Good Cheer!” Acts 23:1-35 7/28/24

Today, we’d like to see the title of “Be of Good Cheer!” in Acts 23:1-35.

To the souls on this Online Word *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we’d like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (*Maranatha Worship Songs*_____

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Q1. In verse 1, “Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, ‘Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day,’” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In verse 6, “But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, ‘Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!’ ” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In verse 11, “But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, ‘Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome,’” what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

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

In the last time in Acts 22:30, “The next day, because he wanted to know for certain why he was accused by the Jews, he released him from *his* bonds, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down and set him before them,” after Jew Christians heard of Paul’s testimony about Jesus’s sending Paul far from Jerusalem to the Gentiles, they were provoked in a turmoil due to their spiritual pride over the Gentile Christians. Paul was separated from them by the commander. In the next day, the commander set Paul before Sanhedrin council, “the chief priests and all their council,” to know the reason why Paul was accused by the Jews. Now Paul as a witness to Christ stood before most Judaists, such as Pharisees and Sadducees, or few Jew Christians

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Inductive Explanation in context & syntax

<p>¹Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, “Men <i>and</i> brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.”</p>	<p>1= Q1 (Paul did not use the formal address for this Sanhedrin council such as “Your honor” but Paul used “Men and brethren” because he used to be a member of this council, toward a common ground for convincing. Paul has lived in all good conscience before God until this day. It does mean before meeting Jesus all good conscience concerning Mosaic law and thereafter concerning knowledge of Christ or law of Christ. Here, we can learn that to reach a common ground is helpful to convince people, especially for a word minister <i>Phil 3:3-7</i>)</p>
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¹ *Phil 3:3-7* For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, ⁴ though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

<p>² And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.</p> <p>³ Then Paul said to him, “God will strike you, <i>you</i> whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?”</p> <p>⁴ And those who stood by said, “Do you revile God’s high priest?”</p> <p>⁵ Then Paul said, “I did not know, brethren, that he was the high priest; for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’ ”</p> <p>⁶ But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Men <i>and</i> brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead I am being judged!”</p> <p>⁷ And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees; and the assembly was divided. ⁸ For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both. ⁹ Then there arose a loud outcry. And the scribes of the Pharisees’ party arose and protested, saying, “We find no evil in this man; but if a spirit or an angel</p>	<p>2=(Anania the high priest ordered his servants to strike Paul's mouth. That's violation of Mosaic law due to the punishment upon Anania's assuming iniquity or sin without two or three witnesses. Anania was so greedy in history. <i>Deu 19:15</i>²)</p> <p>3= (Paul retorted to Anania as God would punish you because you as a hypocrite, whitewashed wall, violated the Mosaic law. <i>Mat 23:27</i>³)</p> <p>4-5= (Anania's servants pointing out Paul's defamation against God's high priest. Paul did not recognize the high priest Anania because of his thorn in flesh which was an eye problem where Tertius dictated what Paul said to Romans, i.e., the book of Romans. Paul apologized to him, quoting the Mosaic law Exodus 22:28.) <i>2 Cor 12:7; Rom 16:22; Ex 22:28</i>⁴</p> <p>6= Q2 (When Paul perceived Sadducees and Pharisees, Paul was given what he spoke in that hour by the Holy Spirit according to Jesus' promise. So, we should not blaspheme the Holy Spirit. Whether or not a person's word or deed is by the Spirit is discerned according to the word of God. Unless it is against the word of God, we better tolerate. Otherwise, we might be subject to the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. The Pharisees believed the bodily resurrection but the Sadducees did not so. The Pharisees believed the Old Testament and its traditions, while the Sadducees believed Pentateuch without its expository teaching. We don't add tradition to the Scripture, nor take from the Scripture <i>Mark 13:9-11; Mat 12:31; Eph 6:17; Deu 4:2; Rev 22:18-19</i>⁵)</p> <p>7-9= (A loud cry division between the Pharisees and the Sadducees came out. In that time, the Sadducees controlled the priesthood while Pharisees controlled scribes. The high priest Ananias was a Sadducee. The Sadducees were the humanists, while the Pharisees believed spirits or angels. So, the scribe said no evil in Paul who might have spoken via a spirit or an angel because they should not fight against God. Note we Christians follow the Holy Spirit's direction, which is</p>
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² *Deu 19:15* One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

³ *Mat 23:27* Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead *men's* bones and all uncleanness.

⁴ *2 Cor 12:7* And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure; *Rom 16:22* I, Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, greet you in the Lord; *Ex 22:28* You shall not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people.

⁵ *Mark 13:9-11* But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. ¹¹ But when they arrest *you* and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit; *Mat 12:31* Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men; *Eph 6:17* And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; *Deu 4:2* You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you; *Rev 22:18-19* For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

<p>has spoken to him, let us not fight against God.”</p> <p>¹⁰ Now when there arose a great dissension, the commander, fearing lest Paul might be pulled to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him by force from among them, and bring <i>him</i> into the barracks.</p> <p>¹¹ But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.”</p> <p>¹² And when it was day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. ¹³ Now there were more than forty who had formed this conspiracy. ¹⁴ They came to the chief priests and elders, and said, “We have bound ourselves under a great oath that we will eat nothing until we have killed Paul. ¹⁵ Now you, therefore, together with the council, suggest to the commander that he be brought down to you tomorrow, as though you were going to make further inquiries concerning him; but we are ready to kill him before he comes near.”</p> <p>¹⁶ So when Paul’s sister’s son heard of their ambush, he went and entered the barracks and told Paul.</p>	<p>in Jesus Christ, not other spirits’ directions. The Holy Spirit is never against the word of God on the Scripture.)</p> <p>10=(The commander ordered his soldiers to take out Paul by force into Antonio Fortress from crying audiences for his safety. So, Paul’s testimony concerning Jesus was completely rejected by his brothers as Jesus previously had told Paul. But whether or not a person receives it or whether or not a person believes it is not really my responsibility. So, Paul had no responsibility for their complete rejection. At this point, our success is to achieve an aim which is what God wants, not what you, I, or people want. Hereby, Paul was successful like Jeremiah because Paul actively obeyed what He wanted . Note no many stood with Paul but the Lord stood with him. And really, that is all you ever need! Acts 22:17-18⁶)</p> <p>11=Q3 (Paul might feel discouraged because his testimony just seemed to flop. But in the following night, basically the Lord said, no, you testified of Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness of Me in Rome. Shutting back the past, Jesus pointed him towards the future, as Paul confessed “forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward to mark for the prize of the high calling of God, which is in Christ Jesus.” Now Paul’s desire was to take the gospel to Rome. It’s learned that one of the best ways of getting out of the doldrums or depression from thinking of failures of the past is to get new goals established. <i>Phil 3:13-14</i>⁷)</p> <p>12-15= (The conspiracy of some 40 Jews to kill Paul, on the way between the Fortress and the Sanhedrin court, under an oath was shared with the chief priests – Ananias the Jews appointee & Caiaphas the Roman appointee – and elders.)</p> <p>16=(Paul’s nephew overheard the conspiracy and told him about it, showing God’s providential care for Paul. Paul never mentioned any of his family, but Luke here mentioned Paul’s sister’s son. Paul was likely disowned by his family upon his conversion in the light of “I have suffered the loss of all things.” <i>Phil 3:8</i>⁸)</p>
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⁶ Acts 22:17-18 Now it happened, when I returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, that I was in a trance ¹⁸ and saw Him saying to me, ‘Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, for they will not receive your testimony concerning Me.’

⁷ Phil 3:13-14 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Phil 3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom

¹⁷ Then Paul called one of the centurions to *him* and said, "Take this young man to the commander, for he has something to tell him." ¹⁸ So he took him and brought *him* to the commander and said, "Paul the prisoner called me to *him* and asked *me* to bring this young man to you. He has something to say to you."

¹⁹ Then the commander took him by the hand, went aside, and asked privately, "What is it that you have to tell me?"

²⁰ And he said, "The Jews have agreed to ask that you bring Paul down to the council tomorrow, as though they were going to inquire more fully about him. ²¹ But do not yield to them, for more than forty of them lie in wait for him, men who have bound themselves by an oath that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him; and now they are ready, waiting for the promise from you."

²² So the commander let the young man depart, and commanded *him*, "Tell no one that you have revealed these things to me." ²³ And he called for two centurions, saying, "Prepare two hundred soldiers, seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third hour of the night;

²⁴ and provide mounts to set Paul on, and bring *him* safely to Felix the governor."

²⁵ He wrote a letter in the following manner:

²⁶ Claudius Lysias,

To the most excellent governor Felix:

Greetings.

²⁷ This man was seized by the Jews and was about to be killed by them. Coming

17-23 = (Paul in a prison of the Fortress asked a centurion to bring the nephew to the commander for something to tell him. So, he reported it to the commander who secretly ordered 2 centurions to bring 200 soldiers, 70 horsemen, and 200 spearmen to send Paul to Casarea the Roman headquarters at 9 PM. Jewish time plus 6 hours was Roman time or our time. So, the 3rd hour of night was 9 PM, e.g., Jesus' crucifixion at 9 AM. Amazingly God chose the Roman army to deliver Paul toward Romans for his testimony concerning Jesus Christ. God's ways are higher than our ways. *Mark 15:25; Isaiah 55:9*⁹)

24= (The commander ordered to provide the ride for Paul likely by horses and safely to Felix the governor from AD 52 to 59, who in history was discharged by Nero from AD 54 to 68 for so many complaints against him for his mismanagement and all corruptions)

25-30 = (The commander Claudius Lysias gave his letter to the 2 centurions. The letter was given to governor Felix about why Paul as a Roman citizen and his accusers were brought to Felix immediately from Jews' plot to kill him. Paul was treated according to Roman law because a Roman was not punished unless there were charges.)

I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

⁹ *Mark 15:25* Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him; *Isaiah 55:9* For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts..

with the troops I rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman. ²⁸ And when I wanted to know the reason they accused him, I brought him before their council. ²⁹ I found out that he was accused concerning questions of their law, but had nothing charged against him deserving of death or chains. ³⁰ And when it was told me that the Jews lay in wait for the man, I sent him immediately to you, and also commanded his accusers to state before you the charges against him.

Farewell.

³¹ Then the soldiers, as they were commanded, took Paul and brought *him* by night to Antipatris. ³² The next day they left the horsemen to go on with him, and returned to the barracks. ³³ When they came to Caesarea and had delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him. ³⁴ And when the governor had read *it*, he asked what province he was from. And when he understood that *he was* from Cilicia, ³⁵ he said, "I will hear you when your accusers also have come." And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's Praetorium.

31-35= (The Roman soldiers took Paul by night to Antipatris, the base of the Samaritan mountains, from Jerusalem. In the next morning, they returned to the fortress in Jerusalem while the horsemen took Paul to Felix in Caesarea with the letter before his accusers arrived. Felix read the letter and then asked Paul's home, "Cilicia." And then Felix ordered Paul kept in prison at Herod's Praetorium or Herod's palace before his accusers' arrival. Here, Luke the author of Acts was with Paul from Jerusalem to Caesarea during the 2 years plus. Luke used many reliable sources such as eyewitnesses or interviews for perfect understanding of all things, being able to get the letter from Claudius to Felix. *Luke 1:1-4¹⁰*)

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible 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 Bible 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 Bible is the Bible 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).

All quotations are taken, except King James Version (KJV), from New King James Version

¹⁰ *Luke 1:1-4* Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.

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Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

European Union Mission

The conviction down on October 28, 2023.

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 Bible-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.

[all Scripture](#)

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

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

EU mission tour (9/26 – 10/4), with the aid of an AI tool

Please pray for the present work of a mobile APP for this purpose.

Christian Population By Country

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

<p>North America</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States: 230 million • Canada: 22 million • Mexico: 120 million 	<p>Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia: 105 million • Germany: 50 million • United Kingdom: 40 million • France: 38 million • Italy: 44 million • Spain: 37 million • Poland: 35 million • Ukraine: 30 million • Romania: 18 million • Netherlands: 12 million 	<p>Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philippines: 90 million • China: 70 million • India: 31 million • Indonesia: 25 million • South Korea: 15 million • Vietnam: 7 million • Kazakhstan: 4 million 	<p>Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nigeria: 85 million • Democratic Republic of the Congo: 65 million • Ethiopia: 45 million • South Africa: 37 million • Kenya: 35 million • Uganda: 34 million • Tanzania: 30 million • Ghana: 24 million
<p>Central America and the Caribbean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guatemala: 13 million • Honduras: 7 million • El Salvador: 6 million • Nicaragua: 5 million • Cuba: 6 million • Dominican Republic: 9 million • Haiti: 6 million 	<p>Middle East</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egypt: 10 million • Lebanon: 2 million • Iraq: 0.5 million • Syria: 0.5 million • Jordan: 0.4 million 	<p>Oceania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australia: 14 million • Papua New Guinea: 8 million • New Zealand: 2 million • Fiji: 0.6 million 	<p>“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. ¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ 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="color: red;">Note: there are more Christians than we often realize, but only a few are truly Bible-based Christians.</p> <p>Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOBeX0M3EgQ</p>
<p>South America</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil: 180 million • Argentina: 35 million • Colombia: 35 million • Peru: 25 million • Venezuela: 25 million • Chile: 16 million 			

Delivery of the words of God

in Gospel and in all Scripture

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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."

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

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"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

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

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

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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

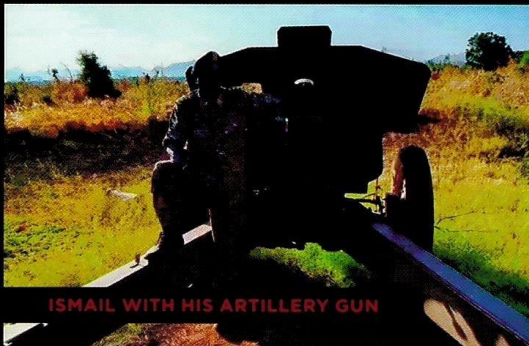
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*Please pray for Missionaries and for Christians over all the earth.
James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

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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



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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



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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.

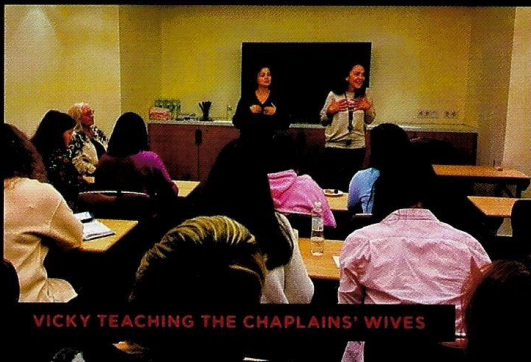
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

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Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



VICKY TEACHING THE CHAPLAINS' WIVES

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

I have always thought that if I reached an age when I was too old to travel, I would enjoy restoring a classic car. I enjoy watching shows that take an old car that is a wreck and bring it back to life. Truthfully, I would enjoy having a garage with half a dozen cars that I could slowly restore. Watching shows that bring a wreck back to a thing of beauty reminds me of how the Lord takes broken lives and restores them. But I would far more desire to save these children and set up places of refuge for the handicapped and children of all ages, including babies and toddlers. Please understand we plan on starting what does not exist in Ukraine, and when we find children who are being abused by parents, we will not allow it to continue. When the laws of the land do not protect women and children, we, as believers, answer to a higher law, God's law, and will do what is necessary to ensure these children are not harmed by parents or anyone, such as a boyfriend.



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

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

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



CHAPLAINS AT FRONT REACHING MANY

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

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

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

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



WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

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

On our Afghanistan operation, we have rescued around 2,700 individuals. During this operation, we raised about \$5.5 million, but we will have spent close to \$6.5 million by the time our last refugees are safely resettled. Brent came to me and asked what I wanted to do when the money had run out, and I told him that we would spend what was needed to get every last person the Lord had entrusted us with to relocate to a safe country. For all of you who have given, thank you, I believe you have touched the heart of God. And I would like to give a special thanks to North Country Chapel for helping to save so many lives. Far Reaching Ministries is in the final stages of shutting down operations in Afghanistan.

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

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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.

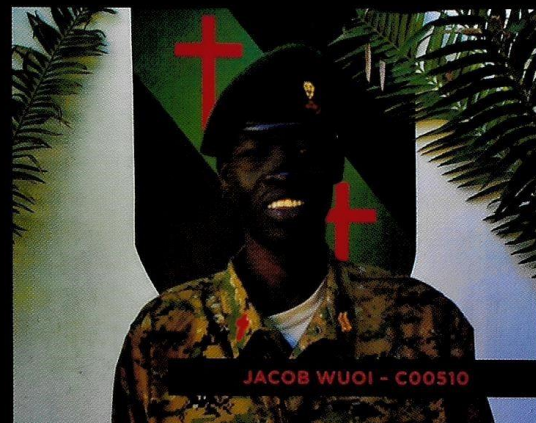
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

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

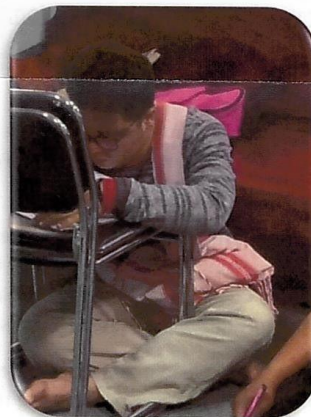


This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.

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



Boys on one side...



All were diligent in their Bible study.

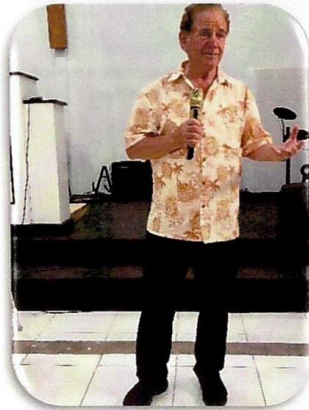
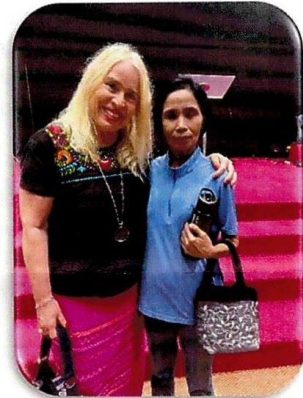


.... Girls on the other!

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

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



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