

**“Truly God is Good” Psalms 73-74 8/04/24**

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Truly God is Good” in Psalms 73-74.

To the souls on this Online Word *through MP3 or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we'd like to suggest the 3 expository Questions. (*Maranatha Worship Songs*\_\_\_\_\_

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Q1. In 73:3, “For I was envious of the boastful, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked,” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In 73:17, “Until I went into the sanctuary of God; *Then* I understood their end,” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In 74:1, “O God, why have You cast *us* off forever? *Why* does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?” 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)**

The Book 3 are from Psalms 73 to 89. Asaph wrote mostly from Psalms 73 to 83. Asaph the Levite was one of choirs during David’s time and some of his descendants also served in choirs.

In the Psalm 73, Asaph wrote that he did not understand the wicked was prosperous while the righteous (one who lives by faith) suffer the hardship. But he entered God’s sanctuary, he was able to view each end and to understand it.

In the Psalm 73, Asaph, his descendant, wrote that Jerusalem had been destroyed by Babylonians, praying for His help. Most Jews had been carried away but a few people left in Jerusalem. Then, this author Asaph left in Jerusalem.

**TEXT: NKJV [KJV]**

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p><b>73</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup>Truly God <i>is</i> good to Israel,</p> <p>To such as are pure in heart.</p> <p><sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled;</p> <p>My steps had nearly slipped.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> For I was envious of the boastful,</p> <p>When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.</p>	<p>1= (Upon the faith that God is good, we may overcome the hardship during periods of trial and testing)</p> <p>2= (During the periods, Satan is so prone to challenge the goodness of God in my own heart. Satan is always interested in your destruction in the end. If God is good, then why did God allow this to happen to me? Here, almost stumbled his feet and nearly slipped his steps were stated. )</p> <p>3=Q1 (Satan is so persistent to my flesh which is nothing good. Only those who are in Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. Here the author was envious or jealous of the arrogant people when he saw the prosperity of the wicked. Satan is so persistent like a roaring lion to devour, such as Satan</p>
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<p><sup>4</sup> For <i>there are</i> no pangs [bands] in their death, But their strength <i>is</i> firm.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> They <i>are</i> not in trouble as <i>other</i> men, Nor are they plagued like <i>other</i> men.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> Therefore pride serves as their necklace; Violence covers them <i>like</i> a garment.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> They scoff and speak wickedly <i>concerning</i> oppression; They speak loftily. <sup>9</sup> They set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> Therefore his people return here, And waters of a full <i>cup</i> are drained by them.</p> <p><sup>11</sup> And they say, “How does God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?”</p> <p><sup>12</sup> Behold, these <i>are</i> the ungodly, Who are always at ease; They increase <i>in</i> riches.</p>	<p>tempted Jesus 3 times. How do I overcome Satan’s persistent temptations? We worship only God, We take up the whole armor of God with 6 weapons – gospel, faith, salvation, righteousness, truth, and the sword of the Spirit/the word of God; and/or our prayer and fasting e.g. Joseph the son of Jacob; <i>Rom 7:18; Rom 8:1; 1 Peter 5:8; Mat 4:8-10; Eph 6:13; Mat 17:19-21<sup>1</sup></i> )</p> <p>4-12= (the wicked people’s life)</p>
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<sup>1</sup> *Rom 7:18* For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find; *Rom 8:1* *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.; <sup>1</sup> *Peter 5:8* Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour; *Mat 4:8-10* Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”; *Eph 6:13* Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand; *Mat 17:19-21* Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” <sup>20</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. <sup>21</sup> However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”

<p>13 Surely I have cleansed my heart <i>in vain</i>, And washed my hands in innocence.</p> <p>14 For all day long I have been plagued, And chastened every morning. 15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, I would have been untrue to the generation of Your children. 16 When I thought <i>how</i> to understand this, It was too painful for me—</p> <p>17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; <i>Then</i> I understood their end.</p> <p>18 Surely You set them in slippery places; You cast them down to destruction.</p> <p>19 Oh, how they are <i>brought</i> to desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors.</p> <p>20 As a dream when <i>one</i> awakes, So, Lord, when You awake, You shall despise their image.</p>	<p>13-16= (The present suffering author's painful thought -- God's people in this generation would not think so)</p> <p>17=Q2 (The sanctuary of God gave him a whole new perspective to life because it brought him into the consciousness of the eternal. We are usually only analyzing those things of temporal material world around us which we could see and draw our conclusion from that without viewing the eternity. One who lays up treasure for himself, not rich toward God, loses his soul at the end and leaves all acquired treasure on the earth. The one who gains even the whole world temporal material things but loses his own soul at the end would not get any profit. When we are conscious of eternity, we can overcome Satan's temptation during hardship time <i>Luke 12:19-21; Mark 8:36<sup>2</sup></i>)</p> <p>18-19= (the wicked people are slipped and are in sudden destruction, utterly consumed with terrors)</p> <p>20=(The wicked have their image in a dream world against God, e.g., equality of disordered creatures rather than of the ordered creatures made by God. The image is unreality in the dream but the truth of God is reality. A dreamer speaks the dream, like the chaff, but one who have His word speaks His word, like the wheat. The entirety of His word is truth. God's word is truth. The truth is reality. <i>Jer 23:28; Psalm 119:160; John 17:17<sup>3</sup></i>)</p>
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<sup>2</sup> . *Luke 12:19-21* 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." <sup>20</sup> 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?' <sup>21</sup> "So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." ; *Mark 8:36* For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

<sup>3</sup> *Jer 23:28* The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?" says the Lord; *Psalm 119:160* The entirety of Your word *is* truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever; *John 17:17* Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

<p>21 Thus my heart was grieved, And I was vexed in my mind.</p> <p>22 I <i>was</i> so foolish and ignorant; I was <i>like</i> a beast before You.</p> <p>23 Nevertheless I <i>am</i> continually with You; You hold <i>me</i> by my right hand.</p> <p>24 You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me <i>to</i> glory.</p> <p>25 Whom have I in heaven <i>but</i> You? And <i>there is</i> none upon earth <i>that</i> I desire besides You.</p> <p>26 My flesh and my heart fail; <i>But</i> God <i>is</i> the strength of my heart and my portion forever.</p> <p>27 For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry.</p> <p>28 <i>But it is</i> good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord God, That I may declare all Your works.</p>	<p>21-28= (the author's confession before the Lord)</p> <p>24-25=(The end of their path is utter terror, e.g. a rich man. The end of my path is glory, e.g., Lazarus, because He has predestined me before my birth, called me from the eternal damnation, justified me by faith, and glorified me at the end of my path on the earth and immediately in heaven at the house of the Lord forever <i>Luke 16:23-24; Rom 8:30; Psalm 23:26<sup>4</sup></i>)</p> <p>26=(The author expresses his outward man such as flesh &amp; heart is perishing but his inward man such as the strength of deepest feeling status and his heavenly reward forever, which is incorruptible <i>2 Cor 4:16<sup>5</sup></i>)</p> <p>27-28=(Those who are far from the Lord and who desert Him shall perish and be destroyed. But we who draw near to the Lord and trust in Him declare His works. But far more, we have the hope of the resurrection upon His grace at our meeting Him, which is according to His abundant mercy the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from dead. We have everlasting life with the Lord from now – active obedient followers of Jesus, venturing out on faith -- to the future when He calls us in heaven. <i>1 Peter 1:13; 1 Peter 1:3; John 3:16<sup>6</sup></i>)</p>
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<sup>4</sup> *Luke 16:23-24* And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame; *Rom 8:30* Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified; *Psalm 23:26* Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever.

<sup>5</sup> *2 Cor 4:16* Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.

<sup>6</sup> *1 Peter 1:13* Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; *1 Peter 1:3* Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

<p><b>74</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup>O God, why have You cast <i>us</i> off forever?</p> <p><i>Why</i> does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Remember Your congregation, <i>which</i> You have purchased of old,</p> <p>The tribe of Your inheritance, <i>which</i> You have redeemed— This Mount Zion where You have dwelt.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Lift up Your feet to the perpetual desolations.</p> <p>The enemy has damaged everything in the sanctuary.</p> <p><sup>4</sup> Your enemies roar in the midst of Your meeting place;</p> <p>They set up their banners <i>for</i> signs.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> They seem like men who lift up Axes among the thick trees.</p> <p><sup>6</sup> And now they break down its carved work, all at once, With axes and hammers.</p> <p><sup>7</sup> They have set fire to Your sanctuary;</p>	<p><b>74</b></p> <p>1=Q3 (Now, Asaph as a descendant of the 1<sup>st</sup> Asaph during David's time saw the destroyed Jerusalem as God had allowed Babylon to destroy Jerusalem throughout the many years of Israelites' idolatry and sin. What kinds of divine characters do endure forever? God's mercy endures forever. Once He forgives your sin, you are deemed innocent although its wound remains. His righteousness endures forever. No one can alter His righteousness. The truth of the Lord endures forever. His truth never fails. His word endures forever, His word never passes away. His name endures forever. His name is honored forever. His patience never endures forever although His patience is much or long. It's also called as divine long suffering. God had much patience to their sin and idolatry during many years, But upon His time, He destroyed Jerusalem through Babylon, proving that His righteousness endures forever. So, it's best to confess it before the Lord whenever we commit sin or any failure from God's standard at His word because He is faithful to forgive it with even unknown unrighteousness, <i>1 Chro 16:34; Psalm 111:3; Psalm 117:2; 2 Cor 9:9; 1 Peter 1:25; Psalm 135:13; Neh 9:30; Jer 15:15; 1 Peter 3:20; 1 John 1:9</i><sup>7</sup> )</p> <p>2-23= (The author asked the Lord to deliver Israel from the destroyed Jerusalem, reminding God's marvelous works for his forefathers)</p>
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who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; *John 3:16* For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

<sup>7</sup> *1 Chro 16:34* Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever.; *Psalm 111:3* His work *is* honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever.; *Psalm 117:2* For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the Lord *endures* forever;*2 Cor 9:9* As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever." *1 Peter 1:25* But the word of the Lord endures forever." Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you; *Psalm 135:13* Your name, O Lord, *endures* forever, Your fame, O Lord, throughout all generations.; *Nehemiah 9:30* Yet for many years You had patience with them, And testified against them by Your Spirit in Your prophets. Yet they would not listen; Therefore You gave them into the hand of the peoples of the lands; *Jer 15:15* O Lord, You know; Remember me and visit me, And take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke; *1 Peter 3:20* who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water; *1 John 1:9* If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

<p>They have defiled the dwelling place of Your name to the ground.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> They said in their hearts, “Let us destroy them altogether.”</p> <p>They have burned up all the meeting places [all the synagogues] of God in the land.</p> <p><sup>9</sup> We do not see our signs; <i>There is</i> no longer any prophet; Nor <i>is there</i> any among us who knows how long.</p> <p><sup>10</sup> O God, how long will the adversary reproach? Will the enemy blaspheme Your name forever?</p> <p><sup>11</sup> Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? <i>Take it out of Your bosom and destroy them.</i></p> <p><sup>12</sup> For God <i>is</i> my King from of old, Working salvation in the midst of the earth.</p> <p><sup>13</sup> You divided the sea by Your strength; You broke the heads of the sea serpents [dragons] in the waters. <sup>14</sup> You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, <i>And gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.</i></p>	<p>8=(Babylonians the evil instrument did so in history. Like today, many are trying to erase God from our society and our schools. Many times, we are struggled with them according to the entirety of His true word but we should not be discouraged because they can't destroy His presence among our hearts and our faith that Jesus who is all in all will come again on the earth to establish the millennium kingdom. So in His body, each one should minister the gift which each one has received to one another – not polluted with the world such as His body like a retail store but purifying the world as salts and lights because the church is over all things in the world and the head of the church is Jesus, all in all on the earth, <i>Eph 1:22-23; 1 Peter 4:10<sup>8</sup></i>)</p> <p>9= (Jeremiah was in Egypt, BC 586, Daniel and Ezekiel were in Babylon. No prophet was left there and so there was a deserted city <i>Jer 43:2<sup>9</sup></i>)</p> <p>13-14 = (The sea is the Red Sea. The sea serpent or dragon refers to the Egyptian army destroyed in the Red Sea by God. Leviathan is like Crocodiles. God protected their forefathers from such wild animals and provided food – manna, quail &amp; water. The author, during painful heart to view the deserted Jerusalem, reviewed the marvelous works of God for his forefathers. The review reminds him that God is at work, not only in the past but also in his life today. We should learn this attitude because it makes us patient on the Lord during pains or trials. So, you and I would not give up on the Lord but are exhorted to be able to do all things in Christ who strengthens each of us <i>Phil 4:13<sup>10</sup></i> )</p>
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<sup>8</sup> *Eph 1:22-23* And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all; *1 Peter 4:10* As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

<sup>9</sup> *Jer 43:2* that Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men spoke, saying to Jeremiah, “You speak falsely! The Lord our God has not sent you to say, ‘Do not go to Egypt to dwell there.’”

<sup>10</sup> *Phil 4:13* I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

<p>15 You broke open the fountain and the flood; You dried up mighty rivers.</p> <p>16 The day <i>is</i> Yours, the night also <i>is</i> Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun.</p> <p>17 You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter.</p> <p>18 Remember this, <i>that</i> the enemy has reproached, O Lord, And <i>that</i> a foolish people has blasphemed Your name.</p> <p>19 Oh, do not deliver the life of Your turtledove to the wild beast! Do not forget the life of Your poor forever.</p> <p>20 Have respect to the covenant; For the dark places of the earth are full of the haunts of cruelty.</p> <p>21 Oh, do not let the oppressed return ashamed! Let the poor and needy praise Your name.</p> <p>22 Arise, O God, plead Your own cause; Remember how the foolish man reproaches You daily.</p> <p>23 Do not forget the voice of Your enemies; The tumult of those who rise up against You increases continually.</p>	<p>15-17= (God is almighty and the creator of the heaven and the earth)</p> <p>18-23 = (the author is pleading to God to deliver us, the turtledove – the oppressed, the poor, and the needy – in the covenant from the enemies, the wild beast, the reproaching people, the blaspheming people, the foolish people, and the tumult of those against God.)</p>
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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).

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**Truth matters, regardless of online, offline, indoor, outdoor, at sea, or in sky services.**



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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



## Christian Population By Country

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

<p><b>North America</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Europe</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Asia</b></p> <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>	<p><b>Africa</b></p> <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><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><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><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="color: red;">Note: there are more Christians than we often realize, but only a few are truly Bible-based Christians.</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=hOBeX0M3EgQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOBeX0M3EgQ</a></p>
<p><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>			

# Delivery of the words of God

in Gospel and in all 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).**

<a href="#">English</a>	<a href="#">Spanish</a>	<a href="#">French</a>	<a href="#">German</a>	<a href="#">Italian</a>	<a href="#">Dutch</a>	<a href="#">Greek</a>	<a href="#">Turkish</a>
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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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The truth the Word of God matters wherever – indoor, outdoor, online, offline, at sea, or in sky --- and wherever – Sunday, Saturday, weekday, every day, this generation time, or the future generation time (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)***

<https://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/GoodNews.htm>

## 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..... 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

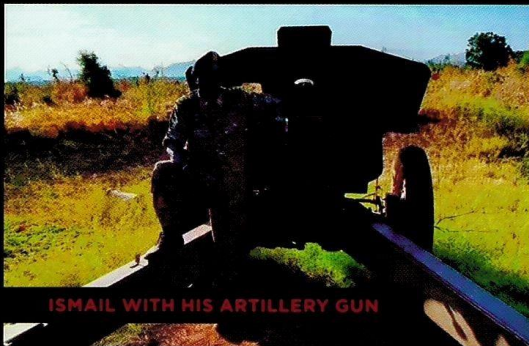
United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek .... MAP

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.

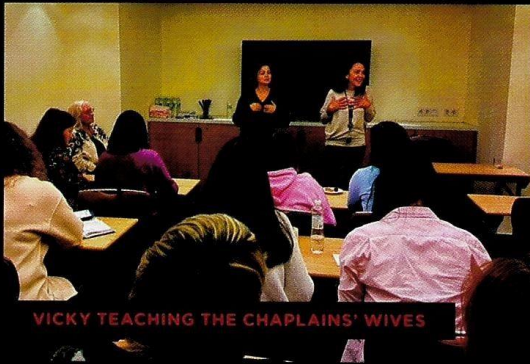
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

*Wes Bentley*

Wes Bentley

Far Reaching Ministries

# Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



VICKY TEACHING THE CHAPLAINS' WIVES

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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



## WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

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

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

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

I could have imagined. We had brought eight pastors from the U.S., most had been with us the last time men like Pastor Lloyd Pulley, Pastor James Class, and Pastor David Mercer to name a few. The fact that many of us returned had great meaning to the Ukrainians. One of the chaplains said that the last year had been "hell on earth". And when he was traveling with his family, his son said, "Dad, where are we going?" His father replied, "Paradise!" I was told that the Radisson Resort we were staying at, in the Carpathian Mountains, was considered by many Ukrainians to be a once in a lifetime destination. One brother told me that if you had stayed at this resort, you had arrived and were considered to have lived a life worth living. It was a nice hotel, but by U.S. standards it would be considered average. But for our chaplains and their families, these retreats are a great blessing.

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

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

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

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



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

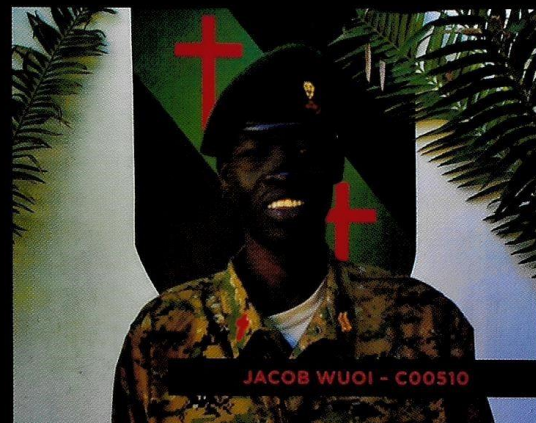
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

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

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



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

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

A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish 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

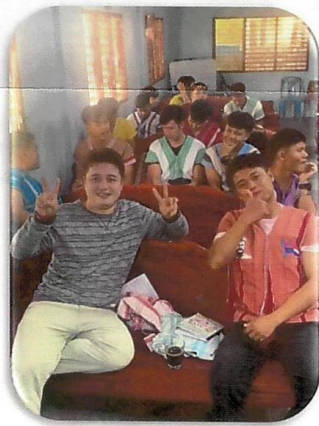
**ON OUR WAY TO CLASS A WILD ELEPHANT CROSSED THE ROAD.** What a sight! Only tourists want to see wild elephants, not so with the locals, as they can be incredibly destructive, in some cases kill humans. On the Thai/Burma border many elephants come from Burma as they often are poached but are protected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

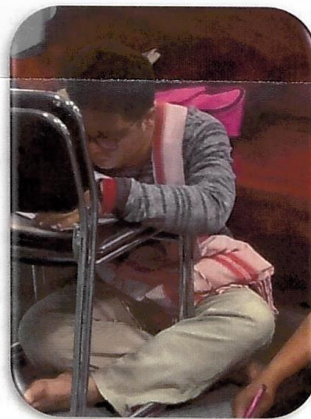


*This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.*

**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.*

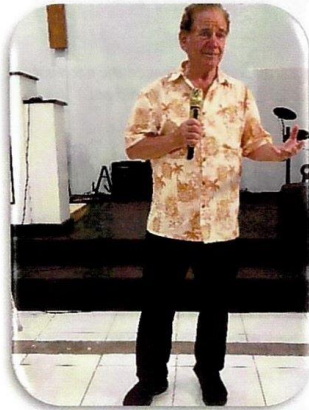
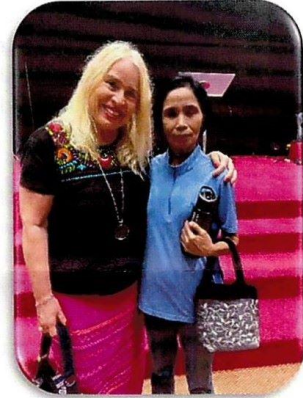


*.... Girls on the other!*

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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

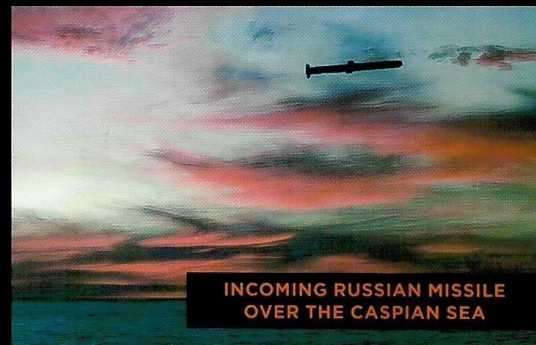
Luke and I met with Ukrainian officers in charge of training their chaplains and showed them pictures of our base and training center in South Sudan. We showed them videos of the chaplain silent drill team we use for evangelical outreach. Just like the Marine Corps silent-drill team, our men do a 15-minute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



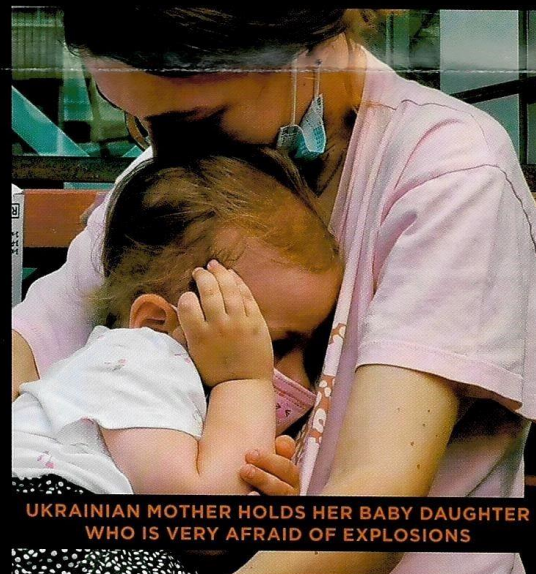
At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that this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