

“The Simplicity that is in Christ” 2 Corinthians 11:1-33 9/08/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of “The Simplicity that is in Christ” in 2 Corinthians 11:1-33.

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

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Q1. In verse 3 “ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ,” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In verse 4, “For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In verse 5, “ For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles,” what does it mean in the context? And how can we learn from here?

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

Paul wrote this letter to Corinthian Christians on the 3rd mission trip from 53 AD to 57 AD, in a reference at <https://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Paul/2023PaulFoot.pdf>

The word "simple" has different meanings depending on the context. Here are two examples based on the 2 meanings:

1. Simple as pure or not confused:

Example: "She gave a simple explanation of the problem, making it easy for everyone to understand."

In this case, "simple" means clear, straightforward, transparent, and not complicated or confusing.

2. Simple as foolish or lacking thought:

Example: "He was too simple to realize that he was being tricked."

Here, "simple" refers to someone being naive lying foolishness or lack of thinking.

e.g., Prov 1:22, “How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.”

Each meaning depends on the context and syntax of the sentence. That's why the study of the Scripture should be done in its context and syntax.

Here, the simplicity means the 1st definition, i.e., pure, not confused, or transparent from the Scripture. Nobody is authorized to alter the original Scripture. Upon your interest in the word of God, it is recommended to skim over NLT, to read NIV, to study NKJV, and

to search KJV because KJV is mostly closed to the original Scripture but difficult to understand (Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 2:15).

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p>¹Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me.</p>	<p>1=(Paul has been led to minister by the Spirit of God, not by the flesh. But in the public eye, not as to the Lord but to men, Paul has sometimes brought the fleshly things for souls whom God so loves – for Jews' salvation with the fleshly thing, "my countrymen [kinsmen] according to the flesh," although he feels foolishly. Here, Paul felt foolish but should bring his fleshly career to protect your souls from false teachers. <i>Rom 8:3-4; Col 3:23; Rom 9:3'</i>)</p>
<p>²For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present <i>you</i> as a chaste virgin to Christ.</p>	<p>2=(The "godly jealousy" means God doesn't want to be served as well as others by you. That is you shall not bow down to any others than God alone. It's a deep, intimate, or bond relationship between the Lord and Corinthian church as the husband and the wife. Paul brought you as a chaste virgin --- you in spiritual purity not in spiritual adultery -- to the Lord Jesus Christ <i>Eph 5:23-25'</i>)</p>
<p>³But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.</p>	<p>3=Q1 (Here, to fear means to consider seriously, neither fleshly fear nor holy fear. The simplicity means purity, clarity, transparenance without wisdom of human words, or straight forwarded from the Scripture which testifies of Christ. Because God so loved us and so He gave us His only begotten Son Jesus Christ, just believe in Him and you have everlasting life. It's simple. All authority is given to Christ whom the Scripture testifies of. Who can be against the Scripture? – This is applicable to our life. Whoever is against it is a false teacher, pastor, or minister. Even apparent foolishness of God is wiser than the men who allege wisdom of their words. E.g. Chuck Smith – a student asked a question in the Book of Acts, "What is your opinion?" Chuck said, "What God says is more important than what my opinion is." <i>1 John 4:18; Prov 1:7; 1 Cor 1:17; John 3:16; Mat 28:18; John 5:39; 1 Cor 1:25'</i>)</p>

¹ *Rm 8:3-4* For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. *Col 3:23* And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men; *Rom 9:3* For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh.

² *Eph 5:23-25* For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

³ *1 John 4:18* There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love; *Prov 1:7* The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction; *1 Cor 1:17* For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect; *John 5:39* You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me; *John 3:16* For God so

<p>⁴ For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or <i>if</i> you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!</p> <p>⁵ For I consider that I am not at all inferior to the most eminent apostles.</p>	<p>4=Q2 (Another Jesus, a different spirit, or a different gospel is different from Jesus, the Spirit, or the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the Scripture. (1) The Word was God. The Word became flesh. It shows Jesus is God and Man. (2) The Father, the Word, and The Holy Spirit is one, showing these three beings in one God or Trinity God; (3) Jesus and His Father are one, showing a piece of proof for the Trinity God; (4) To see Jesus is to see the Father, showing also a piece of proof for the Trinity God as well as spiritual experiencing the Father through Jesus the sole mediator; (5) By Jesus the image of the invisible God, all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible. It shows Jesus is the creator, not a creature such as Michael the archangel or the brother of Lucifer – the spiritual creatures. Whoever preaches any other gospel than the gospel of Christ in the Scripture, which Paul and Timothy had preached, shall be accursed. The Holy Spirit is helping us to remember all things that Jesus said to us or to understand the Scripture which testifies of Jesus. So when any word minister like Paul strives to deliver the word, as the Scripture says or in simplicity, to others, the minister has a conscience without offense toward God and others, as we can apply it to our life. <i>John 1:1,14; 1 John 5:7; John 10:30; John 14:9; Col 1:14-17; Gal 1:8-9; Eph 6:17; John 14:26-27; Acts 24:16⁴</i>)</p> <p>5=Q3 (In public eye, as to men, Paul considers himself with the fleshly following things as he is never inferior to the most popular apostles for your souls, although he feels foolishly because “never inferior” has given by God. Let’s see the following things. <i>1 Cor 4:7⁵</i>)</p>
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loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life; *Mat 28:18* And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth; *1 Cor 1:25* Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

⁴ *John 1:1,14* In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth; *1 John 5:7* For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.; *John 10:30* I and My Father are one; *John 14:9* Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?; *Col 1:14-17* in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ; *Gal 1:8-9* But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.; *Eph 6:17* And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; *John 14:26-27* But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid; *Acts 24:16* This *being* so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

⁵ *1 Cor 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*?

<p>⁶ Even though <i>I am</i> untrained in speech, yet <i>I am</i> not in knowledge. But we have been thoroughly manifested among you in all things.</p> <p>⁷ Did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you free of charge?</p> <p>⁸ I robbed other churches, taking wages <i>from them</i> to minister to you. ⁹ And when I was present with you, and in need, I was a burden to no one, for what I lacked the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied. And in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will keep <i>myself</i>.</p>	<p>⁶=(Paul's speech is not eloquent, not growing in Greek speaking family, but Paul is trained in knowledge of God and so Paul's letters are powerful. His physical body is not strong and his speech is not good. Hereto Paul convinced that Paul and Timothy did not boast beyond the limits of the sphere which God appointed us. Now Paul makes Corinthian Christians remember their thoroughly manifesting Paul and Timothy in all things as follows. <i>2 Cor 10:10, 13; Phil 3:4-8⁶</i>)</p> <p>⁷= (Paul preached the gospel of God to you in humility in order to respect you with free charge. Was this sin? Never)</p> <p>⁸⁻⁹=(Paul received the wages form churches in Macedonia regions, Northern Greece, to minister to the church in Corinth. Did Paul rob from the other churches? No. This was Paul's right as a worker or laborer is worthy of his food or wages. To minster to Corinthian Christians, Paul kept his physical necessity burden by himself not to give burdensome to the church in Corinth. <i>Mat 10:10; 1 Tim 5:18⁷</i>)</p>
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⁶ *2 Cor 10:10, 13* ¹⁰ "For *his* letters," they say, "*are* weighty and powerful, but *his* bodily presence *is* weak, and *his* speech contemptible." ¹³ We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us—a sphere which especially includes you.; *Phil 3:4-8* 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. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

⁷ *Mat 10:10* nor bag for *your* journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a worker is worthy of his food.; *1 Tim 5:18* For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer *is* worthy of his wages."

<p>¹⁰ As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia.</p> <p>¹¹ Why? Because I do not love you? God knows!</p> <p>¹² But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. ¹³ For such <i>are</i> false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵ Therefore <i>it is</i> no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.</p> <p>¹⁶ I say again, let no one think me a fool. If otherwise, at least receive me as a fool, that I also may boast a little. ¹⁷ What I speak, I speak not according to the Lord, but as it were, foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. ¹⁸ Seeing that many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast. ¹⁹ For you put up with fools gladly, since you <i>yourselves</i> are wise! ²⁰ For you put up with it if</p>	<p>10=(Paul's boasting is not about himself but about the truth of Christ in himself. Nobody can stop Paul's delivering the truth or the entirety of the Scripture in Achaia regions including Corinth, the southern Greece, because the truth made him free delivery only through Jesus. <i>Ps 119:160; John 8:32; John 14:6</i>⁸)</p> <p>11-15=(As to the Lord, in the sight of God, Paul has truly fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. Paul in Agape love overflows to Corinthian Christians in the fellowship. But as to men, the Corinthian Christians don't know his true love upon my much work to deliver the truth with free charge. And so my continual free charge ministries would undermine those false apostles, who get rich off you to look for an opportunity to boast of their much works just like our much works. Those are false workers and self-appointed apostles of Christ, not ordained by God. But Paul is not surprised because Satan disguises himself as an angel of light, those also disguise by themselves as ministers of righteousness. In the end, those will be punished for their works different from the truth by the Lord. <i>1 John 1:3</i>⁹)</p> <p>16-21= (Paul is saying to the Christians in Corinth or Corinthian church. Don't think me a fool because I have ministered as to the Lord, not to men. But now Paul as a fool is boasting a little fleshly things as to men, not according to the Lord – Paul feels foolish saying his fleshly career – to protect Corinthian Christians from the false apostles. Paul is rebuking you, the Corinthian Christians, who think to be wise, accept the false apostles who are ripping you off, enslaving you, taking advantage, controlling you, and smiting your face. You misunderstand as I don't do this because I am too "weak" unlike the false apostles. To make it clear, I am not weak but I did not so for your souls. For your souls not polluted by their different souls, I boast that I am not inferior to the false apostles although I feel shameful or fleshly boasting about such career things given by God.)</p>
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⁸ *Ps 119:160* The entirety of Your word *is* truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments *endures* forever.; *John 8:32* And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free; *John 14:6* Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

⁹ *1 John 1:3* that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

<p>one brings you into bondage, if one devours <i>you</i>, if one takes <i>from you</i>, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. ²¹ To <i>our</i> shame I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also.</p> <p>²² Are they Hebrews? So <i>am</i> I. Are they Israelites? So <i>am</i> I. Are they the seed of Abraham?</p> <p>So <i>am</i> I. ²³ Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I <i>am</i> more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. ²⁴ From the Jews five times I received forty <i>stripes</i> minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; ²⁶ <i>in</i> journeys often, <i>in</i> perils of waters, <i>in</i> perils of robbers, <i>in</i> perils of <i>my own</i> countrymen, <i>in</i> perils of the Gentiles, <i>in</i> perils in the city, <i>in</i> perils in the wilderness, <i>in</i> perils in the sea, <i>in</i> perils among false brethren; ²⁷ <i>in</i> weariness and toil, <i>in</i> sleeplessness often, <i>in</i> hunger and thirst,</p>	<p>22-33=(Paul's saying fleshly his career things: Compared to the false apostles, Paul's nationality was given by God and Paul's suffering was done for Christ' sake. But Paul boasted his nationality and sufferings in order to protect your souls from the fleshly boasting false apostles.)</p> <p>22= (I am a Hebrew, a descendant out of Abraham, although there is no difference between the Jew and the Gentile for salvation <i>Rom</i> 10:12¹⁰)</p> <p>23= (The false apostles allege the ministers of Christ. Paul is too but has more much labors and sufferings for Christ's sake such as immeasurable stipes, many imprisonments, and often almost death.)</p> <p>24=(40 is a number of judgment. As it rained for 40 days on the earth, God made the judgment with flood in Noah's time. One short of judgment shows a little mercy in that culture. Note Paul is saying as to men, not according to the Lord, for your souls to be pure <i>Gen</i> 7:17¹¹)</p> <p>25-32= (Paul was beaten 3 times, stoned, shipwrecked 3 times, drift at sea a whole night and a day, in long journeys, in perils of water/robbers/the Jews/the Gentiles/the city/the wilderness/the sea/false brethren; too much labors without sleeping; in hunger/thirst/often lack of food/cold/lack of clothes; and so on. My deep concern is for all the churches – all Christians throughout Paul's mission trips – beyond those sufferings. You know that I have empathy to the weak as well as to the offended. If I must boast, I will boast my weakness for blessing the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ – I must decrease and He must increase, unlike the false apostles. Paul implies as he has ministered as to the Lord, not to men, <i>in</i> humility for lifting up our Lord, unlike the other false apostles. However, for your souls' purity, now I should tell the fleshly things lest you should misunderstand. After conversion on Damascus, Paul went back there to preach the</p>
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¹⁰ *Rom* 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

¹¹ *Gen* 7:17 Now the flood was on the earth forty days. The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

<p>in fastings often, in cold and nakedness— ²⁸ besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn <i>with indignation</i> [Who is offended, and I burn not]? ³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. ³¹ The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; ³³ but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.</p>	<p>gospel of Jesus Christ, the governor of Damascus with a garrison desired to arrest Paul.)</p> <p>³³=(Paul testifies how he escaped from the king's arresting, lowering in a basket through a window. Although Paul's ministry is in humility as to the Lord, not to men, here Paul's testimony appears his boasting himself compared to the false apostles but it is to protect Corinthian Christians from the false apostles and to silence the false apostles. We can learn that for His sheep's souls we may sometimes or rarely disclose fleshly things in the public eye, as to men. Acts 9:25¹²)</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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¹² Acts 9:25 Then the disciples took him by night and let *him* down through the wall in a large basket.

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European Union Mission

The conviction 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.

Soli Deo Gloria! For those on the EU Mission from 9/28 to 10/4, the mobile apps have been launched. We the Board invite you to review any eBook that encourages others to dive into our expositional study and grow in their knowledge of Jesus and their life by faith. If the Lord wills, please consider doing so. Use the code "Review" for free access, and "Calvary" for a 30% discount.

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

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

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Christian Population By Country

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

North America	Europe	Asia	Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States: 230 million • Canada: 22 million • Mexico: 120 million 	<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 	<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 	<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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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="text-align: center;">South America</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil: 180 million • Argentina: 35 million • Colombia: 35 million • Peru: 25 million • Venezuela: 25 million • Chile: 16 million 			<p 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=hQBeX0M3EgQ</p>

Delivery of the words of God

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

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

Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:

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

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

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

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

France -- Joy Diacou... MAP

Haiti – Brian McDaniel MAP

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

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

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

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

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

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

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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

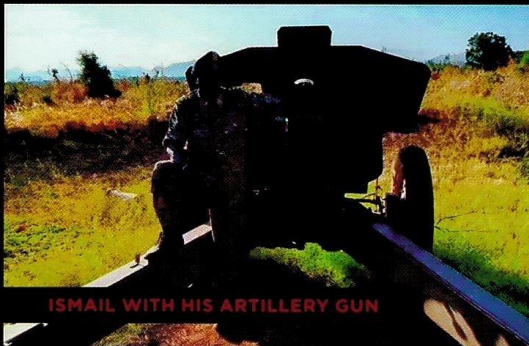
United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek MAP

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.

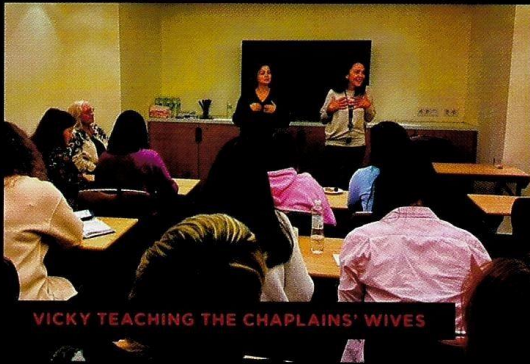
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

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.,

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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.

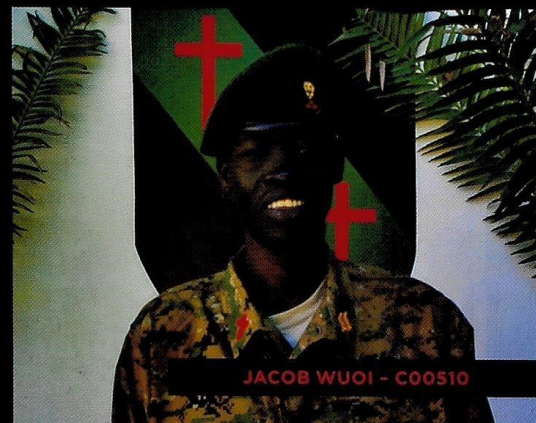
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

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

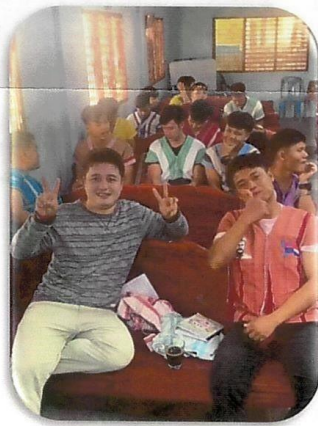
ON OUR WAY TO CLASS A WILD ELEPHANT CROSSED THE ROAD. What a sight! Only tourists want to see wild elephants, not so with the locals, as they can be incredibly destructive, in some cases kill humans. On the Thai/Burma border many elephants come from Burma as they often are poached but are protected in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

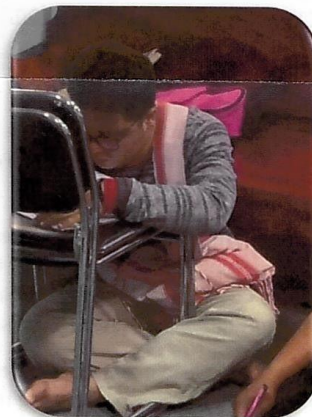


This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.

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.

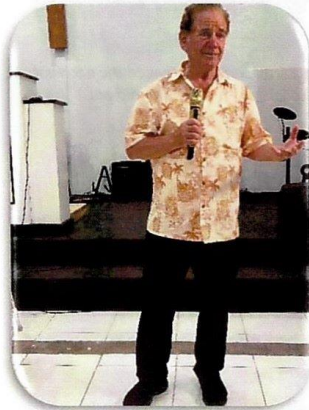


.... Girls on the other!

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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

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

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



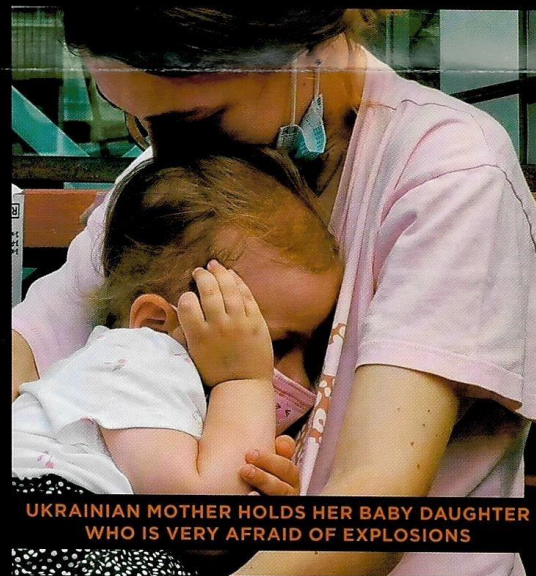
At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that this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

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



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



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

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



IRAN

A school for Afghan refugees

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

AFGHANISTAN

Food aid for destitute families

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

PAKISTAN

Discipleship and aid for Afghan refugees

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

IRAN

Serving protesters

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

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



BUDDHIST BACKED BURMA ARMY

ONE LONG JOURNEY

When I first met Tirza in Russia, it was probably in 1994. She was from the Dutch office of a sister organization, and I was leading a team into the Russian prisons. At that time, I never thought that she would still be in my life 30 years later. When we met, Tirza spoke six languages and worked harder than any two men on my team. Today, she speaks 12 languages. She began working as an assistant to the director of the Dutch office right out of high school and had always worked for minimum wage so as not to be a burden to the ministry.

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

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

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

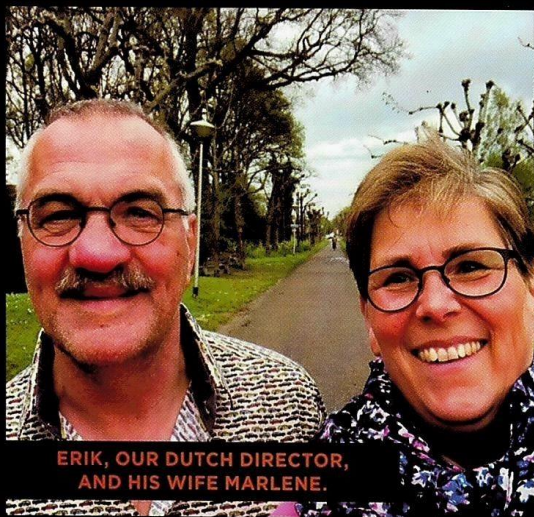
And, often, I would only eat twice a day. When I would return to Moscow after each of my trips, I would run to the only McDonald's in the city to find food. Every month, when I would travel, I would lose at least 20 pounds, but it was never a problem; instead, it was a great joy.

I often traveled with Mark Piester, who also worked alongside Tirza in Holland. Mark, an American, had worked for years smuggling Bibles behind the Iron Curtain. He and I would spend days on trains and buses—going from prison to prison sharing Christ—most of the time in the dead of winter. I would stare out the window for hours, looking at the snow drifts and Russian countryside, but I loved every minute. I never felt alone; it was me and the Lord, and I will always remember it as the most enjoyable time of ministry. Vicky knows the look when she sees me in this state. She always says, “What part of the world are you

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

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

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



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

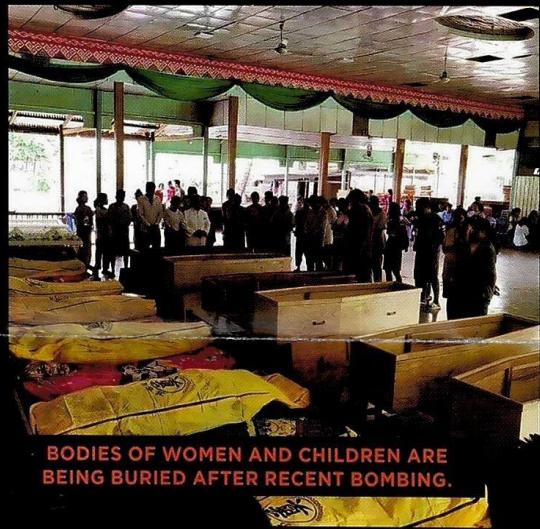
Unfortunately, Erik, the director of the Dutch office, had a heart attack at age 63 and went home to be with the Lord. It was a shock to all of us, and the Dutch office is having to deal with such a great loss. We gave his

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

I will miss Erik and his passion for the Lord.

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



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

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