

“Works Meet For Repentance” Acts 26:1-32 11/17/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Works Meet For Repentance” in Acts 26:1-32.

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

Q1. In verse 16, “But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you,” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In verse 18, “to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me,” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In verse 20, “but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

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

Agrippa II the king of Judah who was Herod the Great's great grandson came with Bernice his sister or mistress to new governor Festus at Caesarea.

In the last time, Acts 25:26-27, “I have nothing certain to write to my lord concerning him. Therefore I have brought him out before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the examination has taken place I may have something to write. ²⁷ For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner and not to specify the charges against him.” In the next day, Festus called all accusers and Paul in the auditorium before Agrippa. Festus presented Paul's case about nothing guilty to deserve death penalty, desiring a charge through their examinations to send Paul to Caesar. Paul had another opportunity to testify the alive Jesus from the dead before all of them, as we preach the word not only in season but also out of season, anytime, because a hearer might become a born again Christian or become mature from a carnal Christian if our Lord permits.

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

¹Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You are permitted to speak for yourself.”

So Paul stretched out his hand and answered for himself:

1= (Agrippa the king of Judah and Bernice his sister came to Casarea from Jerusalem to greet the new appointed governor Festus Acts 25:13¹)

¹ Acts 25:13 And after some days King Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea to greet Festus.

²“I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because today I shall answer for myself before you concerning all the things of which I am accused by the Jews, ³especially because you are expert in all customs and questions which have to do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to hear me patiently.

⁴“My manner of life from my youth, which was spent from the beginning among my own nation at Jerusalem, all the Jews know. ⁵They knew me from the first, if they were willing to testify, that according to the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

⁶And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers. ⁷To this *promise* our twelve tribes, earnestly serving *God* night and day, hope to attain. For this hope’s sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews. ⁸Why should it be thought incredible by you that God raises the dead?

⁹“Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. ¹⁰This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against *them*. ¹¹And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled *them* to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted *them* even to foreign cities.

¹²“While thus occupied, as I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, ¹³at midday, O king, along the road I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me.

2-3= (Paul expressed a compliment to Agrippa because he as the king of Judah knew the Scripture, all Jewish customs, and all issues relevant to them, unlike Festus the Roman governor.)

4-5= (Paul was born as a Roman citizen in Tarsus and grew up in Grecian culture, But his father sent him into Jerusalem to be educated under a Pharisee named Gamaliel. Paul testified of Jesus before Agrippa, Festus, and all the other audience, becoming a witness. *Acts 22:3²*)

6-8= (Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophecies about the Messiah, which was proved by His resurrection. The whole Jewish nation was hoping, praying, and looking for Messiah. Why should you think Jesus’ resurrection incredible that God should raise the dead? Because you don’t take God into consideration of nothing impossible to raise Jesus from the dead, you make the mistake of the impossible resurrection.)

9-11= (Paul persecuted Christians, contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth, with his religious duty as a member of Sanhedrin court. Paul received authority from the chief priests, the head of Sanhedrin court, to put Christians in prison and to put them to death. Paul searched them in every synagogue, charged them to blaspheme, and very angered against them, from Jerusalem to foreign cities. So, Paul was no stranger to the Jewish animosity against the Christian faith.)

12-13= (In the scope of his duty authorized by the chief priests, Paul and others the Sanhedrin members searched Christians to persecute in Damascus but they saw a light from heaven brighter than the sun.)

² *Acts 22:3* I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers’ law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.

<p>14 And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? <i>It is hard for you to kick against the goads.</i>'</p> <p>15 So I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.</p> <p>16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.</p> <p>17 I will deliver you from the <i>Jewish</i> people, as well as <i>from</i> the Gentiles, to whom I now send you,</p>	<p>14= (All the pursuers had fallen to the ground, but Paul heard a voice in the Hebrew language that Saul, Saul, why you are persecuting Jesus. The goad was a sharp stick used to kick cattle. Paul saw and heard that when Stephen was stoned and killed, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not charge them with the sin.' Upon Paul's persecution against Christians upon his early belief in Judaism, they rejoiced to suffer for Christ's sake. Their faith was not forsaken by his persecution but mostly ironically strengthened. So, it's hard for Paul to persecute against the Christians as it's hard for an ox to kick against goads. Here, Jesus said that Paul's persecution against them was his persecuting Jesus because they were the followers of Jesus, e.g. if a person resists the matters ministered by a minister of Jesus, the person is persecuting Jesus. <i>Acts 7:57-60³</i>)</p> <p>15= (Paul called Jesus as Lord, being converted from Judaist to Christian, because he called the risen Jesus, "a light from heaven," as Lord by the Holy Spirit. <i>1 Cor 12:3⁴</i>)</p> <p>16=Q1 (Here, Jesus called Paul as a minister and a witness both of the things which Paul had seen the risen Jesus as a light from heaven and the things to reveal to Paul -- the gospel of grace revealed in the desert of Arabia. Paul later confessed this calling separated from his mother's womb by His grace. Also to every Christian, God has already prepared beforehand that each should walk in the good works, i.e., as a minister and a witness for Christ Jesus. For example, Esther called upon by Mordecai to go into her husband king in order to countermand this decree under the guise of Haman. And it is interesting how that in just a few days, she accomplished God's purpose in her life, That's her ministry for Him. So through prayer and His words, we may find His personal calling to each of us as a minister and a witness. <i>Gal 1:15; Eph 2:10; Esther 4:13-17⁵</i>)</p> <p>17= (Jesus sent Paul to Jewish people and the Gentiles. The sent one is called as an apostle)</p>
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³ *Acts 7:57-60* Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; ⁵⁸ and they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him*. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. ⁴ *1 Cor 12:3* Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

⁵ *Gal 1:15* But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace; *Eph 2:10* For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them; *Esther 4:13-17* And Mordecai told *them* to answer Esther: "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. ¹⁴ For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?" ¹⁵ Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which *is* against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" ¹⁷ So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him.

¹⁸ to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.’

¹⁹ “Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

²⁰ but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting [meet for] repentance.

18=Q2 (Satan has blinded their eyes to the truth of Jesus Christ the Savior. When you really look at the gospel of Christ, it is the most reasonable offer that your sins which you could ever have are completely forgiven -- like from scarlet sins to white as snow, crimson sins to wool. If God grants them repentance, they may know the truth, that they may sense and escape the snare of the devil and be obedient to His will. Our Lord wants no one should perish but all should come to repentance and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior. You are blessed because your transgression is forgiven. And then through your indwelling Spirit of God, you are sanctified by faith in Him, i.e., in the gospel from faith to faith. When He is revealed, either physical death or rapture, you shall see Him as He is. All of you are joint heirs of God with Christ as fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. An incorruptible and undefiled inheritance is reserved in heaven for each of us who has a living hope through His resurrection from the dead to see Him. Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit because you were bought at a price of Jesus’ bloodshed. So, you should glorify God in your body and spirit, which are God’s. *Isaiah 1:18; 2 Tim 2:24-26; Psalm 32:1; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 3:2; Rom 8:16-17; Eph 2:19; 1 Peter 1:3-4; 1 Cor 6:19-20*)

19= (Thus, Paul had to obey the heavenly vision – as a minister and a witness for Jesus’ sake in verses 16 & 17.)

20=Q3 (According to His will through the heavenly vision, Paul obeyed to deliver His words to Damascus, Jerusalem, all the region of Judea, and to the Gentiles through his 4 mission trips, that they are exhorted to repent, turn to God, and do works meet repentance. Even if we become Christians, we are still tempted by the devil since the devil tempted even Jesus who did not fall in the temptation with the word of God, the truth. If our works doesn’t meet repentance of undeadly sins, it’d be a question of the genuine repentance. So, resist the devil through prayer like “in Jesus’ name bind Satan,” withstand the living word of the truth relevant to your situation, and rejoice because Jesus has already gotten a victory against Satan through His resurrection. Today in the world there are more Christians than we often realize but only a few are truly Bible-based

⁶ *Isaiah 1:18* Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool; *2 Tim 2:24-26* And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, ²⁵ in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, ²⁶ and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will; *Psalm 32:1* Blessed *is he* whose transgression *is* forgiven, *Whose* sin *is* covered; *2 Peter 3:9* The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance; *1 John 3:2* Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is; *Rom 8:16-17* Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is; *Eph 2:19* Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God; *1 Peter 1:3-4* Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you; *1 Cor 6:19-20* Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

<p>21 For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill <i>me</i>.</p> <p>22 Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come—</p> <p>23 that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the <i>Jewish</i> people and to the Gentiles.”</p> <p>24 Now as he thus made his defense, Festus said with a loud voice, “Paul, you are beside yourself! Much learning is driving you mad!”</p>	<p>Christians. So, anyone who does err from the truth should be turned back to the truth by the whole armor of God – prayer, the word of God, faith, etc. Otherwise, faith without works is dead. We are carnal Christians, not a witness for Christ. When Jesus is revealed, we are not rewarded. Therefore, go on to all the perfect or complete Scripture from the principles of the doctrine of Christ or the gospel of Christ, such as the apostles’ creed <i>Mat 4:1; Rom 1:16-17; James 2:26; 1 Cor 3:1-4; 1 Cor 3:15-16; Heb 6:1-2; 2 Tim 3:16-17</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQBEX0M3Ego)</p> <p>21= (For Paul’s obedience to the heavenly vision, Jews seized Paul in the temple and tried to kill him)</p> <p>22= (Paul was witnessing Jesus to all people, both small and great, the Prophets and Moses’ records in the Scripture -- God would send the Messiah the Anointed One in the world, He would suffer for us, and His days are forever, i.e., He is alive now from the dead, etc. . <i>Isaiah 53:10; Psalm 22:1</i>⁸)</p> <p>23= (Jesus’s death with bloodshed was for the Jewish people and for the Gentiles or for the world. And Jesus rose again from the dead. This is the gospel of Christ. If you believe in Him, you have everlasting life. The gospel is simple or straightforward. It’s free to everyone but it cost Jesus’ life. <i>1 Cor 15:1-4; John 3:16</i>⁹)</p> <p>24= (To Festus, unknown of the Scripture and of the Resurrection, Paul’s message in his defense seemed insane. Paul had risk his life for a message offensive to the Jews and unbelievable to the Gentiles in this world but his rewards were so much in heaven, as we should learn this in this capitalism and materialism minded world.)</p>
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⁷ *Mat 4:1* Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil; *Rom 1:16-17* 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.” *James 2:26* For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also; *1 Cor 3:1-4* And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ²¹ fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive it*, and even now you are still not able; ³ for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere* men? ⁴ For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not carnal?; *1 Cor 3:15-16* If anyone’s work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?; *Heb 6:1-2* Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ [the principles of the doctrine of Christ], let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ² of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment; *2 Tim 3:16-17* All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

⁸ *Isaiah 53:10* Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand; *Psalm 22:1* My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? *Why are You* so far from helping Me, *And from* the words of My groaning?

⁹ *1 Cor 15:1-4* Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures; *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.,

<p>²⁵ But he said, “I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason. ²⁶ For the king, before whom I also speak freely, knows these things; for I am convinced that none of these things escapes his attention, since this thing was not done in a corner.</p> <p>²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe.”</p> <p>²⁸ Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”</p> <p>²⁹ And Paul said, “I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains.”</p> <p>³⁰ When he had said these things, the king stood up, as well as the governor and Bernice and those who sat with them; ³¹ and when they had gone aside, they talked among themselves, saying, “This man is doing nothing deserving of death or chains.” ³² Then Agrippa said to Festus, “This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.”</p>	<p>25-26= (Paul courteously responded to Festus the Roman governor who was most noble that he was not insane but spoke the words of truth and reason in the Scripture of which his convinced things was fully disclosed not even in a corner before King Agrippa.)</p> <p>27-28= (Paul asked the king’s belief of the prophet, being sure of the belief. But the King answered that he was almost persuaded to become a Christian. What a tragedy, when a person is brought close by the Holy Spirit but the person refuses to take that step of entering in Christ. Because not to enter in, not to accept Christ, his dying without Christ and without hope leads to personal tragedy, disaster, and eternal condemnation.)</p> <p>29= (Paul wish all audience not just almost but all together to enter into Christ as Paul is except his prisoner status, “these chains.”)</p> <p>30-32 = (Agrippa, Bernice, and others in the judgment court, who understood the Scripture, Jewish customs, and relevant issues, talked among themselves that Paul was not guilty of death or chains. Then Agrippa the king said to Festus the Roman governor that Paul might have been set free if he had not made the appeal to Caesar. However, because of his appeal, Paul had the great opportunity to deliver the word of God to Rome without trip fare – his 4th mission trip even as an arrestee. What an awesome God! All things work together for good according to His purpose because Paul loved the Lord and was called by the Lord. <i>Rom 8:28¹⁰</i>)</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).

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

¹⁰ *Rom 8:28* And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

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Thank you everybody. Come to Jesus!

Pray for Iran & Underground Church. We are one body of Christ as long as any soul is not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ (Heb 6:1; Eph 1:22-23)



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NOVEMBER 2024

In a region at war, the Lord remains at work

Dear Friend,

With all that has been taking place this year in the Middle East, I know many hearts are heavy. Our thoughts and prayers are turned towards this war-torn region and all those suffering there.

I want to encourage you today that the Lord is at work in this part of the world. 2024 has been a year of much ministry and, by God's grace, we have seen many people putting their trust in Jesus, many lives transformed, and the hope of the Gospel changing communities.

In this letter, I am delighted to share with you just two of the many stories from this year. One is the story of my friend and colleague Magda, who serves with our women's ministry team. The other is of Firouz, one of the many church planters we have trained for the Iranian church, and who we continue to support.

As you will read, both Magda and Firouz have stood firm for Jesus under unimaginable pressure. Both have paid a great price as a result. Both testify that God is faithful even in the darkest chapters of our lives. And both believe Christ - and His beautiful Gospel of hope - is worth any cost.

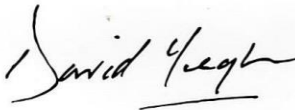
It is our privilege to serve people like Magda and Firouz. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and partnership which have allowed us to do so.

Our desire, as we look forward to 2025, is to do even more. We want to train, equip, and send more faithful ministers of the Gospel for the Persian-speaking church.

To do this, we need your help, so I ask you to consider making a gift this end of year. On the reverse of this letter are examples of how your gift can strengthen the Persian-speaking church at this time. We would be grateful for your prayerful consideration.

As we approach the close of the year with all its festivities, we pray it's a wonderful time for you and your loved ones. I pray the stories in this letter would encourage you and would help lift your eyes afresh to our beautiful Savior who - as Magda and Firouz testify - is faithful and good and worthy of our all.

Grace and peace,



David Yeghnazar
Executive Director, Elam Ministries

P.S. We want to do more to support the Persian-speaking church to declare the hope of Christ. On the reverse of this letter you'll discover the tangible ways your gift can make a real difference. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. We are so grateful for your partnership.

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European Union Mission

(Thank you for your prayers. EU mission team has had a safe & joyful tour, sharing Jesus face to face with EU people. Most of them were so glad to share Jesus amazingly as you prayed.)

From 9/26 To 10/4, 2024

In 2023, during Paul's footsteps mission tour and evangelism, several significant observations were made: Firstly, English emerged as the predominant language among people in the European Union (EU). Secondly, despite a rich Christian history, there are relatively a few 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 9/26 to 10/4, the mobile apps have been launched. We the Board invite you to review any eBook that encourages others to dive into our expositional study and grow in their knowledge of Jesus and their life by faith. If the Lord wills, please consider doing so. Use the code "Review" for free access, and "Calvary" for a 30% discount. The Apple App Store, with over 650 million users per week, and Google Play Store, with over 2.5 billion users per month. The more increasing materialism, the more demanding this kind of App the whole counsel of God in exposition to every soul at all nations.



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

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

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Christian Population By Country

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

North America	Europe	Asia	Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
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<p style="text-align: center;">South America</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil: 180 million • Argentina: 35 million • Colombia: 35 million • Peru: 25 million • Venezuela: 25 million • Chile: 16 million 			<p>Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQBeX0M3Egq</p>

Delivery of the words of God

in the Gospel and in all the Scripture

[Calvary Chapel Anaheim Hills](#) (all Scripture)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:16-17).

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Affluent and Well-prepared Retiree And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry. 20 But God said to him, Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided? 21 So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God (Luke 12:19-21).

Let go, Let God CCAH has been led daily by the Spirit in the Whole Counsel of God for its beliefs, and their consequent practices since over 20 years ago. Through CCAH, our Lord has been increasing faith, the word of God, its consequent practice, love, or joy with the perishable means. God has faithfully been touching the least souls like flames such as the addicted, the retirees, the indigent, the homeless, the veterans, and the rarely touched souls in the world -- free from where Christ is named, commercial capitalism is controlling, territorial boundaries are lined, and racial, material, or hereditary partiality underscores -- in the light of Matthew 25:40, "And the King will answer and say to them, Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

We have been volitionally, joyfully, and thankfully praying and following His continual direction until our Lord comes again. That's our privilege and our blessing. Please pray through our love for each other as long as we the one body of Christ on the earth are not against the principles of the doctrine of Christ.



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

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

Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:

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

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

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

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

France -- Joy Diacou... MAP

Haiti – Brian McDaniel MAP

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

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

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

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

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

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

Kenya -- Ed Compean, Helen Ju, Rob Gordon... MAP

Lebanon -- Raymond Sleighman... MAP

Nepal -- Joseph & Esther Choi..... MAP

Nicaragua -- Michael & Jackelin Gaude..... MAP

Mexico -- Alex & Cruz Sanchez, Garry & Keri Goo, James & Monica Arista, Octavio, Martin, Victor & Sonia Mayoral..... MAP

North Korea -- Ed, Inquired Anonymous Missionaries..... MAP

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

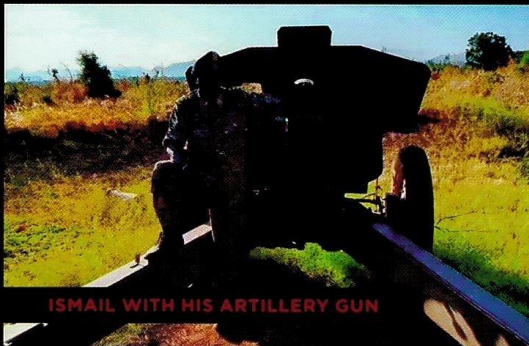
United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek MAP

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.

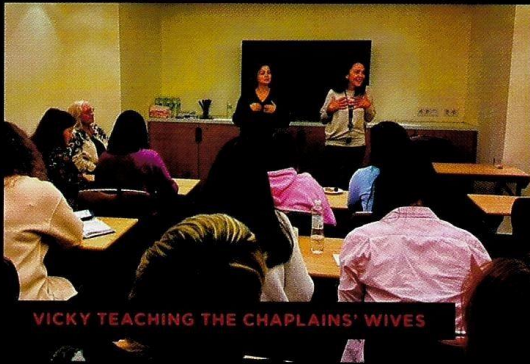
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

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.

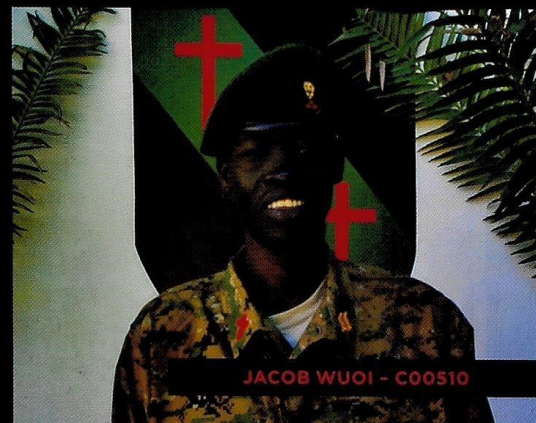
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

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

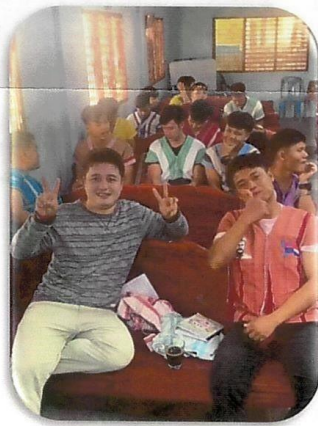
ON OUR WAY TO CLASS A WILD ELEPHANT CROSSED THE ROAD. What a sight! Only tourists want to see wild elephants, not so with the locals, as they can be incredibly destructive, in some cases kill humans. On the Thai/Burma border many elephants come from Burma as they often are poached but are protected in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

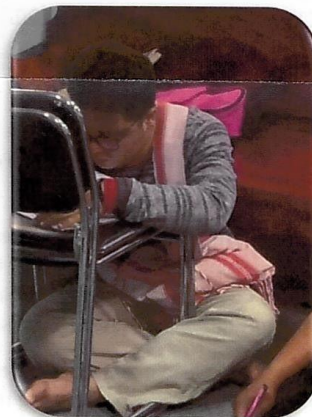


This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.

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.

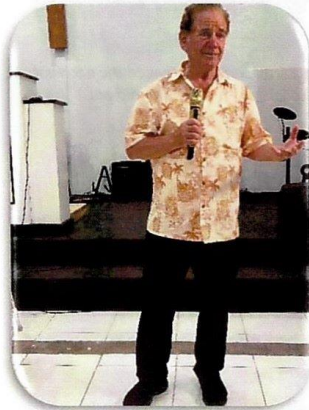


.... Girls on the other!

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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.



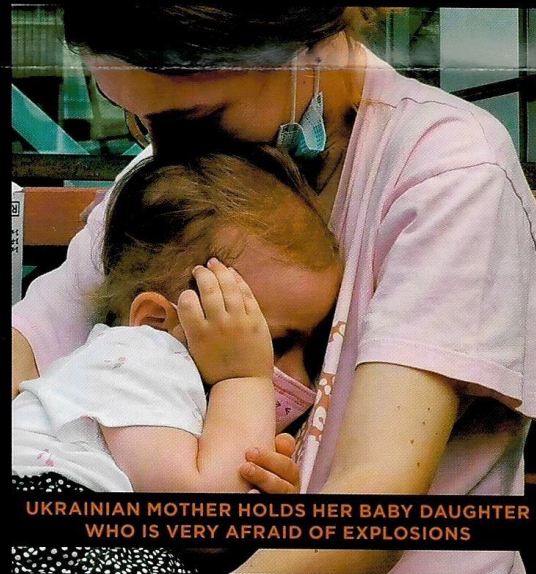
At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that this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

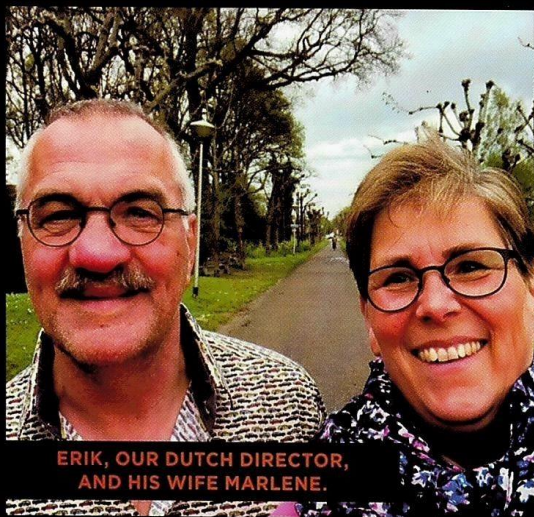
And, often, I would only eat twice a day. When I would return to Moscow after each of my trips, I would run to the only McDonald's in the city to find food. Every month, when I would travel, I would lose at least 20 pounds, but it was never a problem; instead, it was a great joy.

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.**

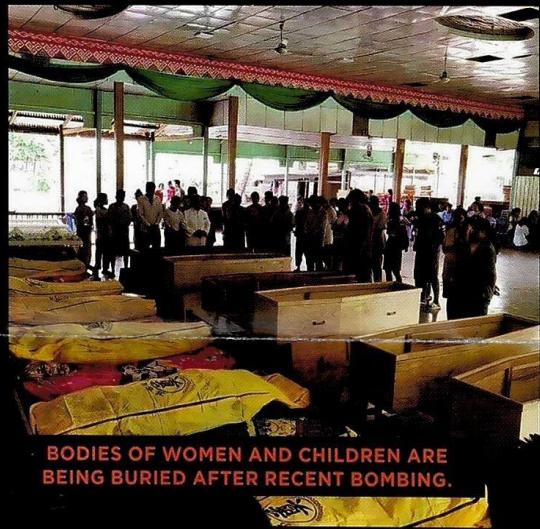
Unfortunately, Erik, the director of the Dutch office, had a heart attack at age 63 and went home to be with the Lord. It was a shock to all of us, and the Dutch office is having to deal with such a great loss. We gave his

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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

Donation(Offering; Gift) [Luke 21:1,4,5](#)

["No One Loves Me Like You."](#)

Why does CCAH use an online donation button or donation basket?

1. CCAH is the Lord's Church

Calvary Chapel Anaheim Hills (CCA) belongs to God, as expressed when Jesus told Peter, "I will build My church" (Matthew 16:18). This affirms that CCAH is not a human institution seeking financial gain but a group where followers of Christ gather to worship Him and advance His kingdom. The church's focus is to fulfill God's calling, ministering through the provision and guidance He provides, rather than through conventional fundraising methods or material wealth.

2. The Lord Doesn't Need Money but Your Heart

God, being self-sufficient, does not require human wealth. In Acts 17:25, Paul reminds us that God is not served by human hands, "as though He needed anything," because He gives life and all things. Therefore, offerings, tithes, gifts, or donations are not payments to God but expressions of love, faith, and obedience to His Word. God desires our hearts, and giving is a demonstration of where our heart is with Him. As Jesus taught in Matthew 10:37, loving God above all else—including family and possessions—is essential to being worthy of Him. It is not the amount we give but the love and devotion that accompany our giving.

3. A Donation Basket or Online Donation Button as a Reflection of Your Love for God

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The Role of AI in Bible Study

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

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

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

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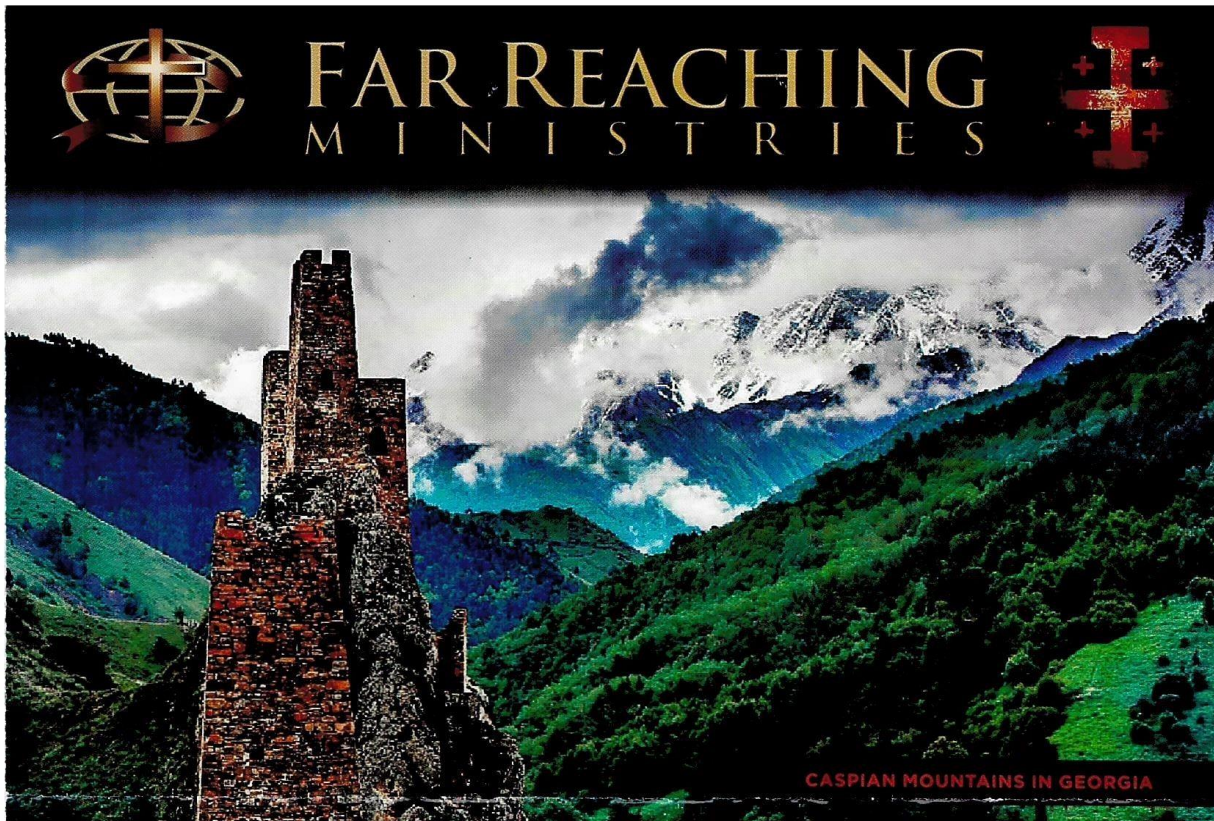
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“Clearly you are an epistle of Christ...by the Spirit of the living God...” (2 Cor. 3:3)

In today’s world, many factors—like pandemics, family matters, work pressures, factions, materialism, hierarchies, partialities, or even the rise of a post-Christian culture—often give us reasons to excuse ourselves from going to church. However, we can never make excuses when it comes to having fellowship (exclusively bond relationship) with our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, naturally overflowing our relationships with family and others. To know Him more and to live by faith through His Word, we have access to platforms like Apple, Google, WordPress, or YouTube anytime and anywhere, if the Lord permits.

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



FAR REACHING
MINISTRIES

CASPIAN MOUNTAINS IN GEORGIA

NO MAN WILL WANT ME

I first met Jason and Britny Havertape in Russia almost 17 years ago. They were a young family with three small children and had been serving in Russia for about nine years. They had both learned to speak fluent Russian and were planting a Calvary Chapel. Even the children were speaking the Russian language. They did not own a car because they lived off of only about \$900 in monthly support. During the winter, Britny would take the children around by pulling them on a snow sled, even going to the church and to buy groceries for the family. Eventually, the family could grow to include eight children.

Jason and Britny came home from the mission field for a couple of years, but both realized that they did not belong in the U.S. They prayed and decided to go and start a new work in the country of Georgia.

GOING WHERE FEW WOULD DARE TO GO

While it is a former part of the Soviet Union, it has a completely different language. People refer to it as the spaghetti language because the letters look like curled-up spaghetti noodles.

Recently, Vicky and I flew into Tbilisi, the capital of Georgia, and Jason picked us up and drove us to the hotel. We were having a pastors' conference with pastors from a closed country to encourage them in their respective ministries. The subject of the conference: Preparing for Persecution.

The country of Georgia is rich in history and in the middle of Tbilisi is a castle that dates back to the year 400 A.D. And the Caspian Mountains are one of the most beautiful mountain ranges I have ever seen. The Georgian flag has five crosses on it to testify to their Christian roots.

Free the Bible Verse Calendar for 2025, as a Thanksgiving Gift, is available for
“first-come first-served.”



Thanksgiving Community Service (HQ)

At the Community Center, 8201 E Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim Hills, CA 92809
On 11/24/27 Sunday at 3-4 pm

*“in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you”
(1 Thessalonians 5:18).*

Keep on Prayer for Peru and other Latin America to Turn Back to the Truth (James 5:19).

Cory and I have the same heart to open a home to rescue these children. A home where they can grow up and have the life that a child is supposed to have and fulfill the biblical mandate that God has for each believer's life.



I know we will need to purchase a piece of property to build these homes, but right now, we are not asking for people to give. We need prayer first for God's direction as we form a battle plan on how to rescue these children.

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



and other people at the top of their fields committed to the work.

In the First and Second World Wars, the Western Front was where all the most extreme fighting took place. As the Lord makes us aware of new areas where spiritual warfare is tremendous, I see each of these as a new front. I have always believed that the Body of Christ is supposed to be a wrecking ball to Satan's kingdom. By prayer, evangelism, and showing God's love, we are called to destroy the kingdom of darkness.

For Far Reaching Ministries, Sudan was a war front, and then came our involvement in Afghanistan, Ukraine, Burma, and many other nations. I now firmly believe that the Lord will have us open up another front in South America. I have only ever had one real dream in my life: to fight battles with men of God that could change the course of history—fighting to win nations for Christ, giving people the tools they need to understand God's will. Ultimately, our calling is to help people not miss the life they were created for. Now, for all of you who want this life, it is crucial to understand that for every front-line combat soldier, it takes five to seventeen support soldiers to keep them in the battle. During D-Day in the Second World War, they needed 17 support soldiers for each combat soldier in battle. I want to encourage you all to be a part of this new front through prayer, financial support, or other ministry opportunities.

