

“I will not turn away the punishment” Amos 1-2 11/24/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of “I will not turn away the punishment” in Amos 1-2.

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 1:1, “The words of Amos, who was among the sheepbreeders of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake,” what does it mean in the Scripture? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In 2:1, “Thus says the Lord: ‘For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*, Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom to lime,” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In 2:6, “Thus says the Lord: ‘For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away its *punishment*, Because they sell the righteous for silver, And the poor for a pair of sandals,” what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

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

Amos from 780 to 740 BC delivered God's word about punishment mainly to Israel the northern kingdom for (1) disobey God and (2) their idolatry during the reign of Jeroboam II from 782 to 753 BC. Thereafter Israel was defeated and conquered by Assyria in 722 BC.

In the contemporary age, Jonah to Nineveh, Hosea to N Israel, and Isaiah to S Judah were prophesized. (See the attached the “Chronological Order of Prophets for the Search.”)

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p>1</p> <p>¹ The words of Amos, who was among the sheepbreeders [herdmen] of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1-15 = (Punishments against the nations around Israel.)</p> <p>1=Q1 (God called Amos the herdman or shepherd for the prophecy, showing God's calling matters whatever your occupation is, like Paul the tentmaker or Barnabas. God's calling¹ depends upon (1) God's glory <i>1 Cor 10:31</i>, (2) applicable written word of God <i>Heb 4:12</i>, (3) given talents <i>Mat 25:14-15</i>, and (4) open door/given situation <i>Rev 3:7</i>. His hometown was Tekoa in about 10 miles or 16 km south of Jerusalem through Bethlehem. A woman of Tekoa had reconciled David and Absalom under Joab's instruction. Then, Uzziah or Azariah became the 9th king of Judah from the death of his father Amazia, while Jeroboam II the 13th king of Israel reigned after Jehoash's death. It</p>
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¹ 1 Cor 10:31 Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God; Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart; Mat 25:14-15 For *the kingdom of heaven is* like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey; Rev 3:7 “And to the ^[a]angel of the church in Philadelphia write, ‘These things says He who is holy, He who is true, “He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens”

<p>² And he said:</p> <p>“The Lord roars from Zion, And utters His voice from Jerusalem; The pastures of the shepherds mourn, And the top of Carmel withers.”</p> <p>³ Thus says the Lord:</p> <p>“For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, I will not turn away its <i>punishment</i>, Because they have threshed Gilead with implements of iron.</p> <p>⁴ But I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, Which shall devour the palaces of Ben-Hadad.</p> <p>⁵ I will also break the <i>gate</i> bar of Damascus, And cut off the inhabitant from the Valley of Aven, And the one who holds the scepter from Beth Eden. The people of Syria shall go captive to Kir,” Says the Lord.</p> <p>⁶ Thus says the Lord:</p> <p>“For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not turn away its <i>punishment</i>, Because they took captive the whole captivity To deliver <i>them</i> up to Edom.</p> <p>⁷ But I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, Which shall devour its palaces.</p> <p>⁸ I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, And the one who holds the scepter from Ashkelon;</p>	<p>was 2 years before the earthquake also stated later by Zechariah the prophet. So, all the scripture the infallible divine written words can be proved with scientific or archeological evidence. <i>1 Cor 9:6-7; 2 Sam 14:2, 29, 33; 2 Kings 14:21; 2 Kings 14:16; Zech 14:5²</i>)</p> <p>2= (The Lord chose Israelites as God's people for His glory although Israelites had not deserved anything for this. So, our Lord roars from Zion, utters His voice from Jerusalem in Judea the southern kingdom. The prophecy of the glorious day from Zion shows the Lord Jesus the Lion of the tribe of Judah is coming quickly and His kingdom may come on the earth your will be done in earth as it is in heaven. God often describes as a shepherd and His people as sheep. God as a shepherd provides a pasture, a shelter, and strength to His sheep. But here God like a roaring lion is ready to devour those who disobey God. Carmel in Israel was being dried up by a drought from the fertile field. Then, in Israel, there was materially prosperous but spiritual corrupted. The pastures or His sheep are mourning or trembling. About 20 years later, Israel was carried away as captive by Assyria in 722 BC. <i>Joel 3:16; Rev 5:4-5; Hosea 11:10³</i>)</p> <p>3-5=(Against Syria: The “three transgression” means the repeated, such as 3 times, disobedience of God, or for 4 times. Damascus was the capital city of Syria. Syria was one of Israel's enemies, attacking Gilead. Later Damascus was conquered by Assyria His instrument. After the death of Hazael the king of Syria, Ben-Hadad became the king of Syria. Later, Syrians were punished by being carried away as captives by Assyria to Kir. <i>2 Kings 13:24; 2 Kings 8:7; 2 Kings 16:9⁴</i>)</p> <p>6-8. = (Against Philistines: Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Ekron, and Gath were 5 major cities of Philistia who was one of Israel's enemies. Saul and his soldiers were dead during the battle with Philistines on Mount Gilboa. So, the nation will be punished through Assyria His instrument. Here, Gaza ,today the battle place with Israel,</p>
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² 1 Cor 9:6-7 Or *is it* only Barnabas and I *who* have no right to refrain from working? ⁷ Who ever goes to war at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk of the flock?; *2 Sam 14:2, 29, 33* ² And Joab sent to Tekoa and brought from there a wise woman, and said to her, “Please pretend to be a mourner, and put on mourning apparel; do not anoint yourself with oil, but act like a woman who has been mourning a long time for the dead.”²⁹ Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. And when he sent again the second time, he would not come. ³³ So Joab went to the king and told him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king. Then the king kissed Absalom.; *2 Kings 14:21* And all the people of Judah took Azariah, who was 16 years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah.; *2 Kings 14:16* So Jehoash rested with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. Then Jeroboam his son reigned in his place; *Zech 14:5* Then you shall flee *through* My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the Lord my God will come, *And* all the saints with You.

³ *Joel 3:16* The Lord also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the Lord will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel; *Rev 5:4-5* So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals; *Hosea 11:10* They shall walk after the Lord. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, Then *His* sons shall come trembling from the west;

⁴ *2 Kings 13:24* Now Hazael king of Syria died. Then Ben-Hadad his son reigned in his place. *2 Kings 8:7* Then Elisha went to Damascus, and Ben-Hadad king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, “The man of God has come here ;*2 Kings 16:9* So the king of Assyria heeded him; for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and took it, carried *its people* captive to Kir, and killed Rezin;

<p>I will turn My hand against Ekron, And the remnant of the Philistines shall perish,” Says the Lord God.</p> <p>⁹ Thus says the Lord:</p> <p>“For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not turn away its <i>punishment</i>, Because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, And did not remember the covenant of brotherhood. ¹⁰ But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre, Which shall devour its palaces.”</p> <p>¹¹ Thus says the Lord:</p> <p>“For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not turn away its <i>punishment</i>, Because he pursued his brother with the sword, And cast off all pity; His anger tore perpetually, And he kept his wrath forever. ¹² But I will send a fire upon Teman, Which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.”</p> <p>¹³ Thus says the Lord:</p> <p>“For three transgressions of the people of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its <i>punishment</i>, Because they ripped open the women with child in Gilead, That they might enlarge their territory. ¹⁴ But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, And it shall devour its palaces,</p>	<p>Ashkelon, and Ekron were stated. And Edom descended from Isaac's 1st twin son Esau was one of the enemies of Israel descended from the 2nd twin son Jacob. Philistia and Edom will be punished by Babylon His instrument. 1 Sam 31:1,4; Gen 25:21-26⁵)</p> <p>9-10=(Against Phoenicia: Tyre and Sidon were 2 major cities in Phoenicia. Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants and materials to build the temple of God to Solomon. But they delivered the Jew captivity to Edom descended from Esau the brother of Israel. And the pride of Tyre caused later God's punishment through Assyria, Babylon, and Greece severely especially Alexander the great. 1 Kings 5:1, 8; Isaiah 23:1,9⁶)</p> <p>11-12=(Against Edom: Edom descended from Esau was a formable enemy of Israel. Edom was violent against Israel. Teman was one of major cities of Edom. Later Teman & the palaces of Bozrah shall be destroyed by Babylon later. Obadiah 1:10⁷ See verse 6)</p> <p>13-15= (Against Ammon: Ammon descended from an incest relationship between Lot and his 2nd daughter was one of Israel's enemy. Ammon ripped out pregnant Jews women in Gilead. Ammon will be punished by Babylon His instrument. Moab was descended from his 1st daughter . Gen 19:36-38⁸)</p>
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⁵ 1 Sam 31:1,4 ¹ Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell slain on Mount Gilboa. ⁴ Then Saul said to his armorbearer, “Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and thrust me through and abuse me.” But his armorbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it. ; Gen 25:21-26 Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²² But the children struggled together within her; and she said, “If all is well, why am I like this?” So she went to inquire of the Lord.

²³ And the Lord said to her: “Two nations are in your womb, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; One people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger.” ²⁴ So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ And the first came out red. He was like a hairy garment all over; so they called his name Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, and his hand took hold of Esau's heel; so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

⁶ 1 Kings 5:1, ⁸ Now Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, because he heard that they had anointed him king in place of his father, for Hiram had always loved David. ⁸ Then Hiram sent to Solomon, saying: I have considered the message which you sent me, and I will do all you desire concerning the cedar and cypress logs; Isaiah 23:1,9 ¹ The burden against Tyre. Wail, you ships of Tarshish! For it is laid waste, So that there is no house, no harbor; From the land of Cyprus it is revealed to them. ⁹ The Lord of hosts has purposed it, To bring to dishonor the pride of all glory, To bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.

⁷ Obadiah 1:10 For violence against your brother Jacob, Shame shall cover you, And you shall be cut off forever.

⁸ Gen 19:36-38 Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. ³⁷ The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he is the father of the Moabites to this day. ³⁸ And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; he is the father of the people of Ammon to this day.

Amid shouting in the day of battle,
And a tempest in the day of the whirlwind.
¹⁵Their king shall go into captivity,
He and his princes together,”
Says the Lord.

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¹Thus says the Lord:

“For three transgressions of Moab, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment*,
Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom
to lime.

²But I will send a fire upon Moab,
And it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth;
Moab shall die with tumult,
With shouting *and* trumpet sound.

³And I will cut off the judge from its midst,
And slay all its princes with him,”
Says the Lord.

⁴Thus says the Lord: “For three transgressions
of Judah, and for four,
I will not turn away its *punishment*,
Because they have despised the law of the Lord,
And have not kept His commandments.
Their lies lead them astray,
Lies which their fathers followed.

⁵But I will send a fire upon Judah,
And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.”

⁶Thus says the Lord: “For three transgressions
of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away
its *punishment*, Because they sell the righteous for
silver, And the poor for a pair of sandals.

⁷They pant after the dust of the earth *which is* on
the head of the poor, And pervert the way of the
humble. A man and his father go in to
the *same* girl, To defile My holy name.

⁸They lie down by every altar on clothes taken in
pledge,

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1-3= (Punishment against Moab)

1=Q2 (Moab was descended from Lot's 1st daughter. see 1:13 above. Moab was one of Israel's enemy, being also against Edom descended from Esau the brother of Israel. The king of Moabites Balak tempted Balaam to prophesy against Israel with bribes, but Balak delivered the Lord's word of blessings to Israel. Nevertheless some of Israelites were tempted to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. Moab was great indignation against Israel. Moab will be punished by Babylon His instrument. Num 22:4; Num 24:12-13; Num 25:1; 2 Peter 2:15⁹)

4-5= (Punishment against Judah)

4 =(Isaiah began his ministry around the death of Uzziah. After Uzziah or Azariah, Jotham became the king of Judah. But after Uzziah, Judah was gradually going down through the successive kings. Ultimately, they had forsaken completely the law of the Lord. They are not obeying the law of the Lord. That's bad. But when they despise the law of God, worshipping other gods, that's worse. Isaiah 1:1; 2 Kings 15:7¹⁰)

6-16= (Punishment against Israel)

6-7=Q3 (during Jeroboam II, Israel was the zenith of material prosperity but was spiritually corrupted. Our God has a special heart to the least souls such as the widow, the fatherless, the alien, and the poor. Here, the rich or the rulers had oppressed the righteous, the one who lives by faith, for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals, taking advantage from them. They perverted the humble way before God and defamed God's name through father and his son's rape. Zech 7:10¹¹)

⁹ Num 22:4 So Moab said to the elders of Midian, “Now this company will lick up everything around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field.” And Balak the son of Zippor was king of the Moabites at that time.; Num 24:12-13 So Balaam said to Balak, “Did I not also speak to your messengers whom you sent to me, saying, ¹³ ‘If Balak were to give me his house full of silver and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the Lord, to do good or bad of my own will. What the Lord says, that I must speak’?; Num 25:1 Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab; 2 Peter 2:15 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness.

¹⁰ Isaiah 1:1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah; 2 Kings 15:7 So Azariah rested with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of David. Then Jotham his son reigned in his place.

¹¹ Zech 7:10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother.’

<p>And drink the wine of the condemned <i>in</i> the house of their god.</p> <p>⁹“Yet <i>it was</i> I <i>who</i> destroyed the Amorite before them, Whose height <i>was</i> like the height of the cedars, And he <i>was</i> as strong as the oaks; Yet I destroyed his fruit above And his roots beneath.</p> <p>¹⁰ Also <i>it was</i> I <i>who</i> brought you up from the land of Egypt, And led you forty years through the wilderness, To possess the land of the Amorite.</p> <p>¹¹ I raised up some of your sons as prophets, And some of your young men as Nazirites. <i>Is it not so, O you children of Israel?</i>” Says the Lord.</p> <p>¹² “But you gave the Nazirites wine to drink, And commanded the prophets saying, ‘Do not prophesy!’</p> <p>¹³ “Behold, I am weighed down by you, As a cart full of sheaves is weighed down.</p> <p>¹⁴ Therefore flight shall perish from the swift, The strong shall not strengthen his power, Nor shall the mighty deliver himself; ¹⁵ He shall not stand who handles the bow, The swift of foot shall not escape, Nor shall he who rides a horse deliver himself.</p> <p>¹⁶ The most courageous men of might Shall flee naked in that day,” Says the Lord.</p>	<p>9= (As the Amorite the giants like the descendants of Anak had been destroyed by God, Israel was also being defeated by Assyria in 722 BC after this prophecy. Num 13:33¹²)</p> <p>11-12= (According to Mosaic law, the Nazirite took a vow of service to God, abstaining from wine and from cutting their hair. But Israel tempted them to breach the vow. Also Israel tempted the prophets not to prophesy according to God’s direction. Numb 6:2-5¹³)</p> <p>13-15= (God weighs each conduct fairly, equally, and impartially. It’s shown that the nonfeasance, not to obey God, is bad but the misfeasance, to stumble God’s ministers from their duties owed to God, is worse. The sin from ignorance of the law of God is bad but the sin from knowledge of the law of God is worse. Israel was both like each worse case. Israel was being weakened, conquered by Assyria. Luke 12:48¹⁴)</p> <p>16= (Amos’ prophecy against Israel was fulfilled 20 years later, “in that day,” by Assyria’s invasion in 722 BC.)</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

¹² Num 13:33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.”

¹³ Numb 6:2-5 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When either a man or woman consecrates an offering to take the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself to the Lord, ³ he shall separate himself from wine and *similar* drink; he shall drink neither vinegar made from wine nor vinegar made from *similar* drink; neither shall he drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh grapes or raisins. ⁴ All the days of his separation he shall eat nothing that is produced by the grapevine, from seed to skin. ⁵ All the days of the vow of his separation no razor shall come upon his head; until the days are fulfilled for which he separated himself to the Lord, he shall be holy. *Then* he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow.

¹⁴ Luke 12:48 But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

*** Attached “Chronological Order for Prophets for the Search”**

Time Order of Prophets in the Scripture, from pages 453 to 454 on the book of “Solus Spiritus Sanctus For the perfect reformation” published in 2024			Chronological Order of Prophets for the Search (Acts 17:11)			
#	Prophets (Life ¹⁵)	Reference (Bible; Kings)	Order	Prophets	References (Kings)	To Whom
1	Elijah (875-850)	1 Ki 15-24 Jehoshaphat ; 1 Ki 16:28 Ahab	1	Elijah (875-850 BC)	1 Ki 15-24 Jehoshaphat 4 th S; 1 Ki 16:28 Ahab 7 th N	N. Israel
2	Elisha (850-800)	1 Ki 22:50 Jehoram	2	Elisha (850-800)	1 Ki 22:50 Jehoram 9 th N	N Israel
7	Isaiah (745-695)	2 Ki 15:7 Jotham	3	Joel (840-830)	2 Ki 11:21 Joash 7 th S	S Judah
11	Jeremiah ¹⁶ (626-586)	2 Ki 23:34 Jehoiakim [Eliakim]	4	Jonah (790-770)	2 Ki 14:21 Azariah [Uzziah] 9 th S; 2 Ki 14:16 Jeroboam II 13 th N	Nineveh (Assyria)
15	Ezekiel (592-570)	Babylon conquered Judah	5	Amos (780-740)	2 Ki 14:21 Azariah [Uzziah] 9 th S; 2 Ki 15:7 Jotham 10 th S; 2 Ki 14:16 Jeroboam II 13 th N	N Israel & others
14	Daniel (606-534)		6	Hosea (760-720)	2 Ki 14:21 Azariah [Uzziah] 9 th S; 2 Ki 15:7 Jotham 10 th S 2 Ki 14:16 Jeroboam II 13 th N	N Israel (Assyria conquered Israel in 722 BC)
6	Hosea (760-720)	2 Ki 15:7 Jotham	7	Isaiah (745-695)	2 Ki 14:21 Azariah [Uzziah] 9 th S; 2 Ki 15:7 Jotham 10 th S	Judah
3	Joel (840-830)	2 Ki 11:21 Joash	8	Micah (740-700)	2 Ki 15:7 Jotham 10 th S ; 2 Ki 15:38 Ahaz 11 th S	Judah
5	Amos (780-740)	2 Ki 15:7 Jotham	9	Zephaniah (639-608)	2 Ki 21:24 Josiah 15 th S	Judah
13	Obadiah (586 - ?)	2 Ki 24:17 Zedekiah	10	Nahum (630-610)	2 Ki 23:30 Jehoahaz 16 th S	Nineveh (Assyria)
4	Jonah (790-770)	2 Ki 14:21 Azariah [Uzziah]	11	Jeremiah (626-586)	2 Ki 23:34 Jehoiakim [Eliakim] 17 th S	Judah
8	Micah (740-700)	2 Ki 15:38 Ahaz	12	Habakuk (606-586)	2 Ki 24:6 Jehoiachin 18 th S	Judah
10	Nahum (630-610)	2 Ki 23:30 Jehoahaz	13	Obadiah (586 - ?)	2 Ki 24:17 Zedekiah 19 th S	Edom (Babylon conquered Judah in 586 BC)
12	Habakuk (606-586)	2 Ki 24:6 Jehoiachin	14	Daniel (606-534)	By Babylon's 1 st captivity in 606 BC	
9	Zephaniah (639-608)	2 Ki 21:24 Josiah	15	Ezekiel (592-570)	By Babylon's 2 nd captivity in 597 BC	
16	Haggai (520-516)	Persia conquered Babylon: (1) return from the captivity: Joshua & Zerubbabel (536-516) (2) Temple rebuilt: Ezra (457-430) & Nehemiah (444-432)	16	Haggai (520-516)	Persia conquered Babylon in 536 BC: (1) return from the captivity: Joshua & Zerubbabel (536-516) (2) Temple rebuilt: Ezra (457-430) & Nehemiah (444-432)	
			16	Zechariah (520-516)		
			18	Malachi (450-400)		

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

¹⁵ Henry H. Halley, (ibid.).

¹⁶ He also wrote the book of “Lamentations.”

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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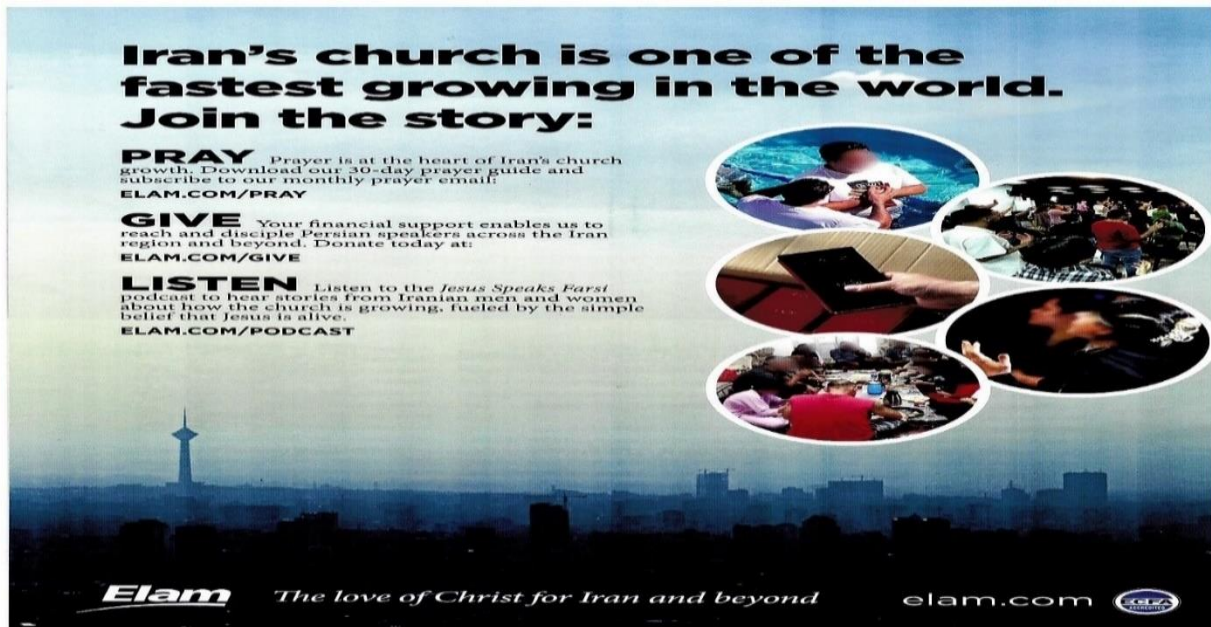
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In a region at war, the Lord remains at work

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.

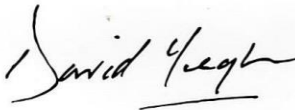
It is our privilege to serve people like Magda and Firouz. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and partnership which have allowed us to do so.

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
<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="color: red;">Note: there are more Christians than we often realize, but only a few are truly Bible-based Christians. So, anyone among them who wanders from the truth should be turned to the life by faith through all the Bible (Jame 5:19; Dan 12:3)</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>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).

English	Spanish	French	German	Italian	Dutch	Greek	Turkish
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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

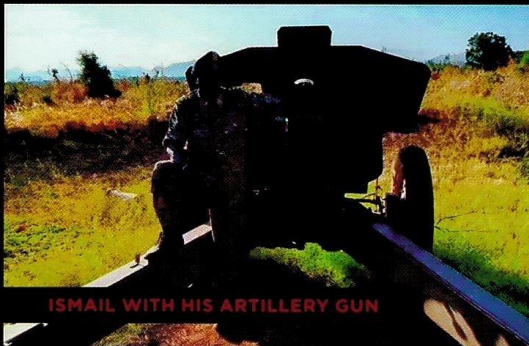
United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek MAP

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.

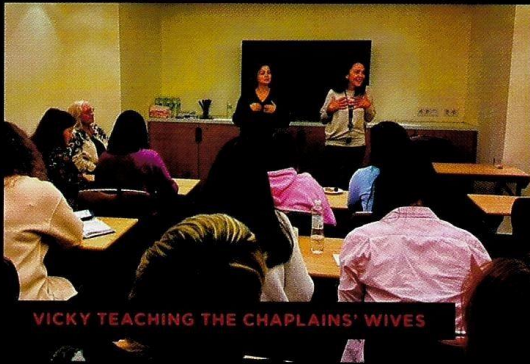
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

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.

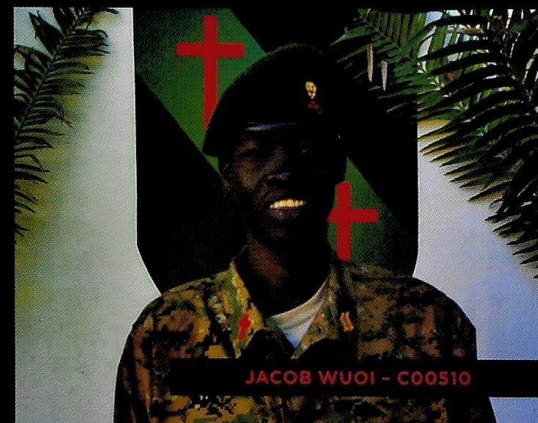
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

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

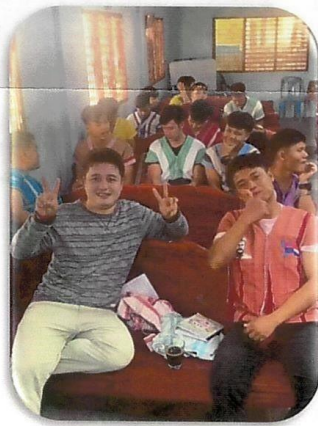
ON OUR WAY TO CLASS A WILD ELEPHANT CROSSED THE ROAD. What a sight! Only tourists want to see wild elephants, not so with the locals, as they can be incredibly destructive, in some cases kill humans. On the Thai/Burma border many elephants come from Burma as they often are poached but are protected in 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 GREETES US ON THE BORDER. Two horrific accidents occurred days before we arrived. Poor people often travel in the back of pick-up trucks, this was the case and all in the back were thrown out, 4 died (all young people) most hospitalized. They all lived in the Karen community (18 in one truck, 10 in the other). We became part of the pastoral team, visited 3 hospitals, bringing comfort, prayer and some financial assistance (God provided). Next came the memorial services in which the unbelievers present were all able to hear the message of eternal life available to all who put their trust in Jesus.

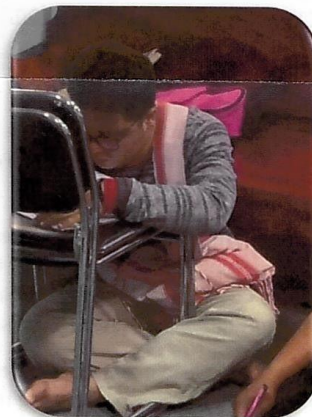


This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.

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



Boys on one side...



All were diligent in their Bible study.

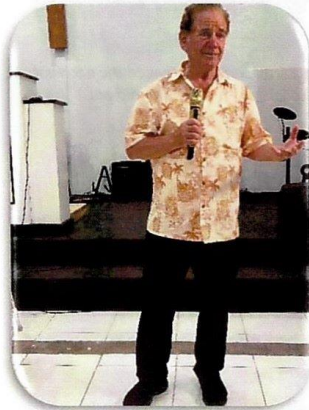


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INDONESIA: FROM JAVA TO SUMATRA With a Muslim population of over two hundred million my heart is always heavy when we land in this great country. Sad to confess in preparation I needed to pray, "Dear Lord, help me to see Muslims as You see them, in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

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



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



Pastors & wives at the Sumatra PTA Seminar

CALVARY CHAPEL KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE : PTA TAUGHT INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY What a super group of students, over 100 studied, discussed and were blessed learning how to better understand the Bible. If you are interested in me coming to your Calvary, just email me. Feel free to contact Pastor Mark Kirk for a reference.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Sorry to say, after Pastor Chuck went to heaven some congregations have slowly move away from the Word of God. Emerging church ideas, seeker friendly and spiritual formations seem to be creeping into some Calvary Chapel churches. My position is the "old-fashioned" Jesus People, Pastor Chuck & his brother Paul and "what does the Bible say?" kind of guy, just FYI.

Please pray for us, we believe that we are indeed in the Last Days and that the people need to know the Lord, that is our Mission, building up the Church and evangelizing the lost. If the Lord moves you, we could use your support, Thank you!

Lord bless you,

Jim & Shonda Davis

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

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



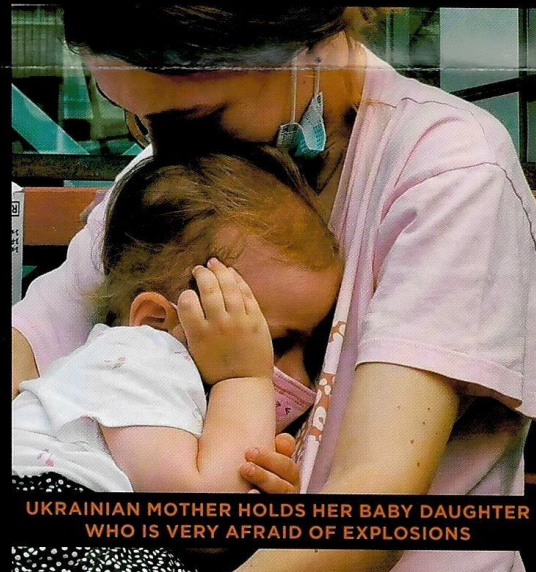
At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that this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

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



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



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

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



IRAN

A school for Afghan refugees

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

AFGHANISTAN

Food aid for destitute families

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

PAKISTAN

Discipleship and aid for Afghan refugees

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

IRAN

Serving protesters

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

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



BUDDHIST BACKED BURMA ARMY

ONE LONG JOURNEY

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

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

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

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

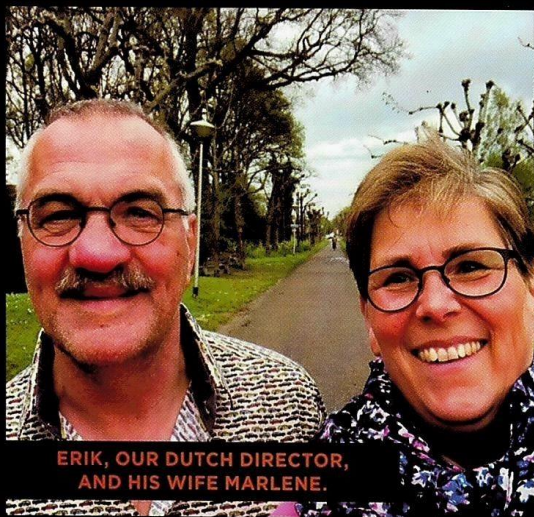
And, often, I would only eat twice a day. When I would return to Moscow after each of my trips, I would run to the only McDonald's in the city to find food. Every month, when I would travel, I would lose at least 20 pounds, but it was never a problem; instead, it was a great joy.

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

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

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

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



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

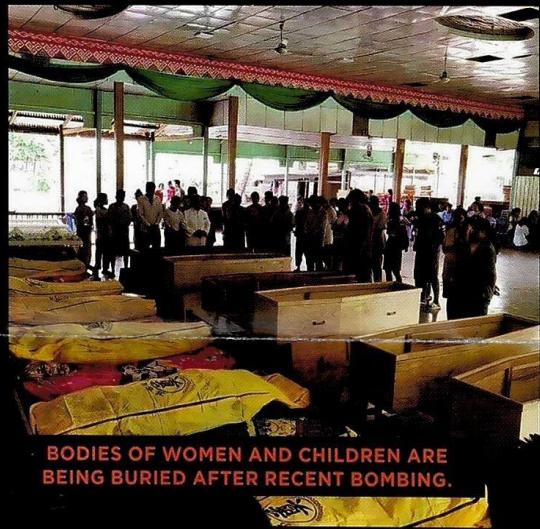
Unfortunately, Erik, the director of the Dutch office, had a heart attack at age 63 and went home to be with the Lord. It was a shock to all of us, and the Dutch office is having to deal with such a great loss. We gave his

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

I will miss Erik and his passion for the Lord.

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



**BODIES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE
BEING BURIED AFTER RECENT BOMBING.**

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

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

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

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

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

1. CCAH is the Lord's Church

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

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

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

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

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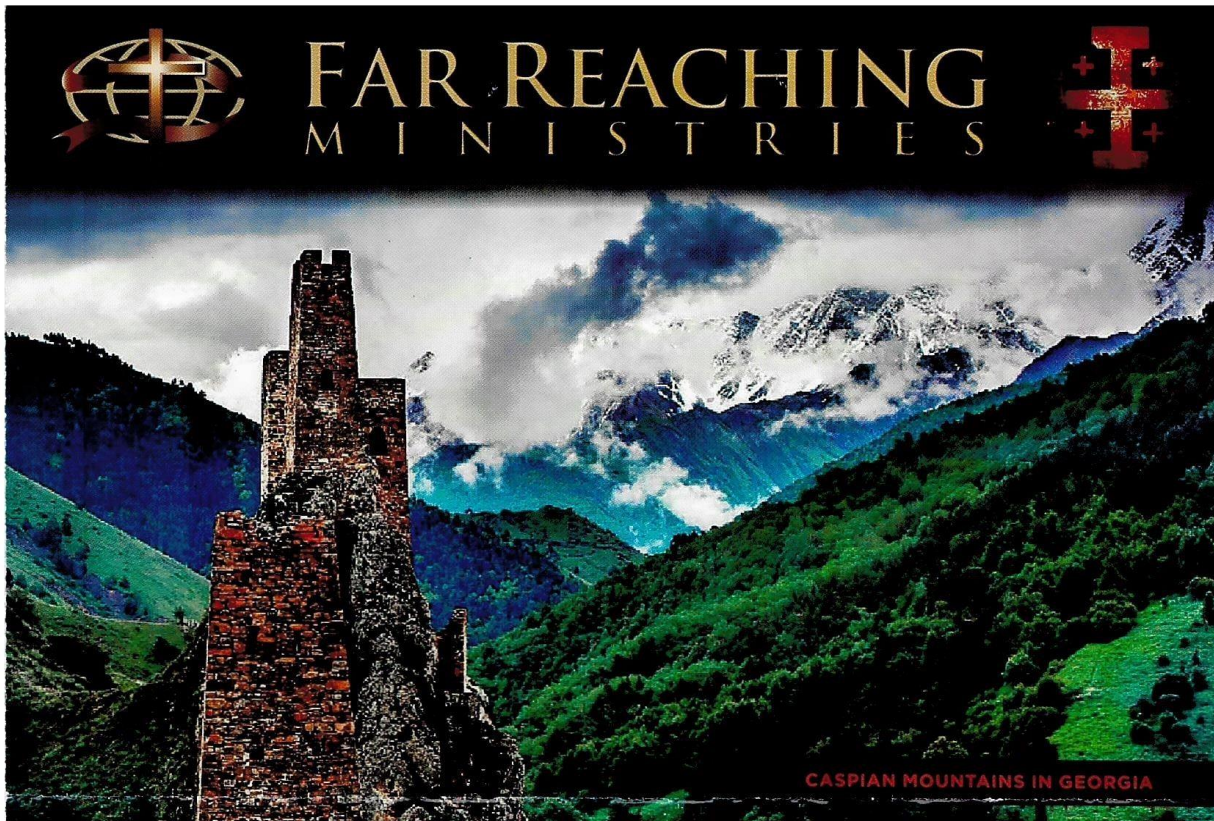
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“Clearly you are an epistle of Christ...by the Spirit of the living God...” (2 Cor. 3:3)

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.

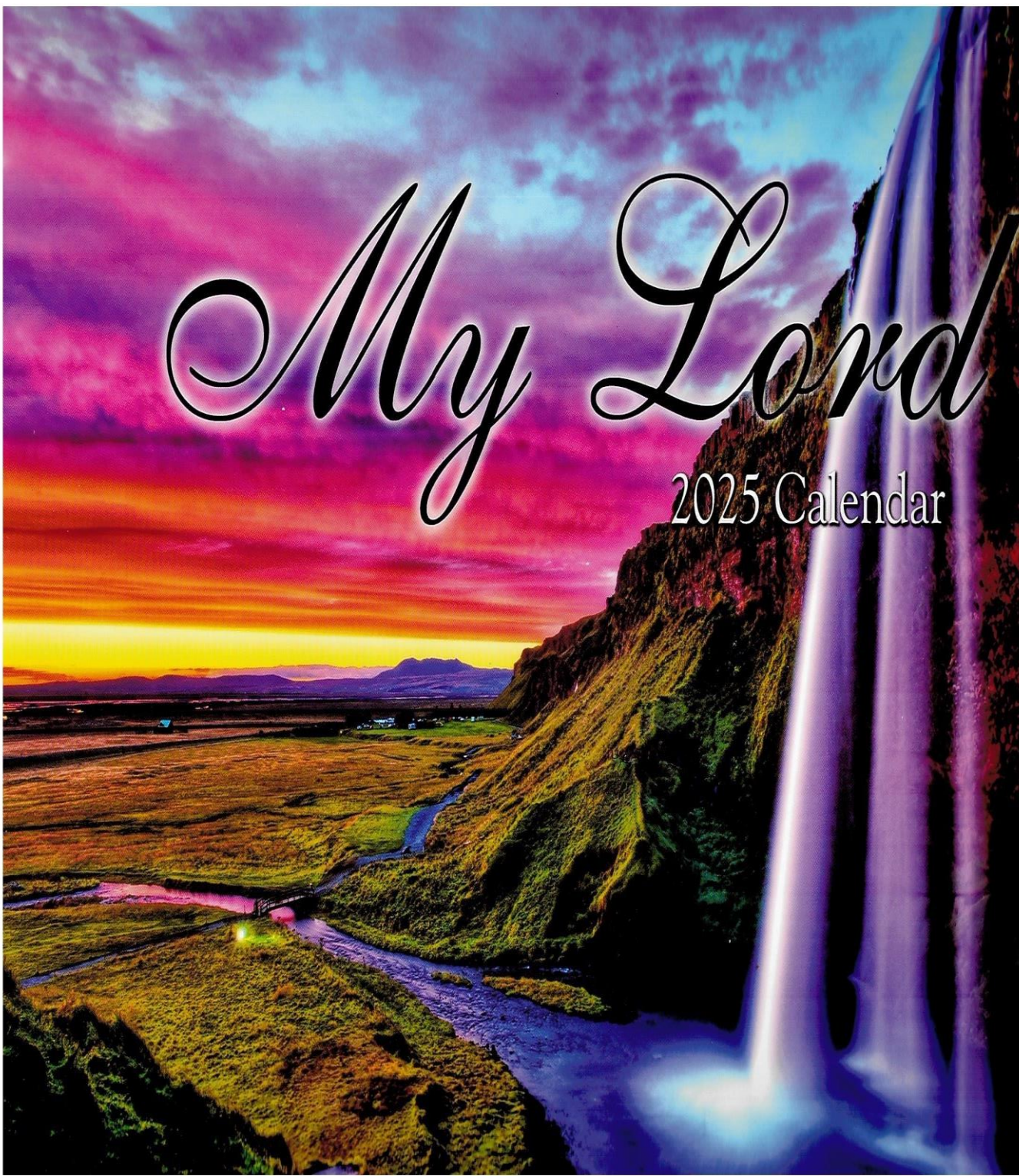
GOING WHERE FEW WOULD DARE TO GO

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.”



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

Happy Thanksgiving Week!

Jesus loves (Agape) you.

Jesus loves us.

We love each other in His Spirit.

**Here is a beloved lunch box made by ministers, and
please enjoy it if the Lord permits.**



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

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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.



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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



THE CHURCH IS ALIVE AND GROWING

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.



CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO