

“Who knows, maybe the Lord has said to him” 2 Samuel 16-17 4/14/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Who knows, maybe the Lord has said to him" in 2 Sam 16-17. To Online Word's souls, *through MP3 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). **YouTube Channel is not Available in China, Iran, Germany, etc. where only MP3 is available**

Q1. In 16:3-4, "Then the king said, 'And where *is* your master's son?' And Ziba said to the king, 'Indeed he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me', ⁴ So the king said to Ziba, 'Here, all that belongs to Mephibosheth *is* yours.' And Ziba said, 'I humbly bow before you, *that* I may find favor in your sight, my lord, O king!'" whether or not Ziba's statement was true in the Scripture? And what can we learn from David's statement?

Q2. In 16:11-12, "And David said to Abishai and all his servants, 'See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now *may this* Benjamite? Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him. ¹² It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day,'" what do these mean in the context? And how can we apply these to our lives?

Q3. In 17:14, "So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, 'The advice of Hushai the Archite *is* better than the advice of Ahithophel.' For the LORD had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring disaster on Absalom," what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?.

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

In the last time, 2 Samuel 15:37, "So Hushai, David's friend, went into the city. And Absalom came into Jerusalem," upon Absalom the 3rd son's rebellion against David, David worshipped at the top of the mount of Olives; And he set up 5 spies for the chain of messages— (1) Hushai as a counselor of Absalom to defeat the counsel of Ahithophel, it became true later, (2) Zadok and Abiathar the priests as recipients of any messages from Hushai at the palace ruled by Absalom, and (3) Ahimaaz and Jonathan the sons of the priests as the deliverers of the messages or messengers from the priests; And so David has been reported after Absalom came into Jerusalem.

Today, we'd like to see two chapters 16 & 17:

16:1-4: The dishonesty of Ziba the Mephibosheth's servant

16: 5-14: Shimei's curse to David

16: 15-23: Ahithophel's Advice for Absalom in Jerusalem

17:1-14: Advices of Ahithophel and Hushai

17:15-29: Hushai's Message Delivered To David

Mahanaim & Gilead



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TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

16 When David was a little past the top of the mountain, there was Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth, who met him with a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them two hundred loaves of bread, one hundred clusters of raisins, one hundred summer fruits, and a skin of wine. ² And the king said to Ziba, "What do you mean to do with these?" So Ziba said, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on, the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine for those who are faint in the wilderness to drink." ³ Then the king said, "And where is your master's son?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.'" ⁴ So the king said to Ziba, "Here, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." And Ziba said, "I humbly bow before you, that I may find favor in your sight, my lord, O king!"

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1-4 = (The dishonesty of Ziba the Mephibosheth's servant; While David was escaping from Jerusalem against Abasalom's invasion, David met Ziba. Ziba provided 100 loaves of bread, 100 clusters of raisins, 100 summer fruits, and a skin of wine for David and his young men.)

3-4=Q1 (Ziba's answer to David about Mephibosheth's saying, "Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me" was inconsistent with the lame Mephibosheth's statement, "he has slandered your servant to my lord the king." Mephibosheth was the son of Jonathan or the grandson of Saul, being treated kindly for Jonathan's sake by David. Jonathan was David's close companion. But without asking Mephibosheth of the fact, David quickly said all which Mephibosheth had was Ziba's. David should have withheld to say it until he asked it to Mephibosheth the other party, although later he said to divide the land between Ziba and Mephibosheth 2 Sam 19:26-29; 2 Sam 9:1-2, 6-8; Prov

<p>⁵ Now when King David came to Bahurim, there was a man from the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei the son of Gera, coming from there. He came out, cursing continuously as he came. ⁶ And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David. And all the people and all the mighty men <i>were</i> on his right hand and on his left. ⁷ Also Shimei said thus when he cursed: "Come out! Come out! You bloodthirsty man, you rogue!" ⁸ The LORD has brought upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the LORD has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. So now you <i>are caught</i> in your own evil, because you are a bloodthirsty man!" ⁹ Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please, let me go over and take off his head!" ¹⁰ But the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse, because the LORD has said to him, 'Curse David.' Who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?'"</p>	<p>18:17¹)</p> <p>5-14 = (Shimei's curse to David; Shimei the Benjamite continually cursed David, "You bloodthirsty man, you rogue!," and threw stones at David & all his servants.)</p> <p>8= (Shimei's curse "upon you all the blood of the house of Saul" was unjustified because the death of both Saul and his 3 sons was caused by the battle with Philistines. 1 Sam 31:1, 4-6²)</p> <p>10= (Although Abishai his soldier asked David to kill Shimei, David said let him do so because God might have allowed him in the light of his adultery with Bathsheba and murder of Uriah. David tolerated the slander, letting the Lord judge, e.g., "let him alone, and let him curse" in verse 11, God must know what David was long enduring or suffering and would judge him in His time and His way. Note: If you depend by yourself, the Lord lets you depend by yourself because God often wouldn't violate your free will the divine gift. If you let God defend you, God will defend you in His way and in His time Gal 5:22-23;</p>
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¹ 2 Sam 19:26-29 And he answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go to the king,' because your servant *is* lame. ²⁷ And he has slandered your servant to my lord the king, but my lord the king *is* like the angel of God. Therefore do *what is* good in your eyes. ²⁸ For all my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king. Yet you set your servant among those who eat at your own table. Therefore what right have I still to cry out anymore to the king?" ²⁹ So the king said to him, "Why do you speak anymore of your matters? I have said, 'You and Ziba divide the land.'" ; 2 Sam 9:1-2, 6-8¹ Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" ² And *there* was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "At your service!" ⁶ Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!" ⁷ So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually." ⁸ Then he bowed himself, and said, "What *is* your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?" ; Prov 18:17 The first *one* to plead his cause *seems* right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him.

² 1 Sam 31:1, 4-6 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. ⁵ And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword, and died with him. ⁶ So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

<p>"</p> <p>¹¹ And David said to Abishai and all his servants, "See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now <i>may this</i> Benjamite? Let him alone, and let him curse; for so the LORD has ordered him. ¹² It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day." ¹³ And as David and his men went along the road, Shimei went along the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went, threw stones at him and kicked up dust. ¹⁴ Now the king and all the people who <i>were</i> with him became weary; so they refreshed themselves there.</p> <p>¹⁵ Meanwhile Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem; and Ahithophel <i>was</i> with him. ¹⁶ And so it was, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, "<i>Long live the king! Long live the king!</i>" ¹⁷ So Absalom said to Hushai, "<i>Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?</i>" ¹⁸ And Hushai said to Absalom, "No, but whom the LORD and this people and all the men of Israel choose, his I will be, and with him I will remain. ¹⁹ Furthermore, whom</p>	<p><i>Psalm 58:11³</i>)</p> <p>12= Q2 (David believed the Lord would look on his affliction and that the Lord would repay him with good cause for his cursing this day, later fulfilled by Solomon. <i>1 Kings 1:8; 1 Kings 2:8-9, 36-39, 46⁴</i>)</p> <p>15-23 = (Ahithophel's Advice for Absalom in Jerusalem; Absalom and his followers conquered Jerusalem. Ahithophel the former counselor of David became the counselor of Absalom. Hushai as a spy of David became the counselor of Absalom)</p>
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³ *Gal 5:22-23* But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law; *Psalm 58:11* So that men will say, "Surely *there is* a reward for the righteous; Surely He is God who judges in the earth."

⁴ *1 Kings 1:8* But Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei, Rei, and the mighty men who *belonged* to David were not with Adonijah.; *1 Kings 2:8-9, 36-39, 46⁸* "And see, *you have* with you Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a malicious curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim. But he came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.' ⁹ Now therefore, do not hold him guiltless, for you *are* a wise man and know what you ought to do to him; but bring his gray hair down to the grave with blood." ³⁶ Then the king sent and called for Shimei, and said to him, "Build yourself a house in Jerusalem and dwell there, and do not go out from there anywhere. ³⁷ For it shall be, on the day you go out and cross the Brook Kidron, know for certain you shall surely die; your blood shall be on your own head." ³⁸ And Shimei said to the king, "The saying *is* good. As my lord the king has said, so your servant will do." So Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. ³⁹ Now it happened at the end of three years, that two slaves of Shimei ran away to Achish the son of Maachah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, "Look, your slaves *are* in Gath!" ⁴⁶ So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out and struck him down, and he died. Thus the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

should I serve? *Should I* not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so will I be in your presence."

²⁰ Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give advice as to what we should do."

²¹ And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong." ²² So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

²³ Now the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, *was* as if one had inquired at the oracle of God. So *was* all the advice of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

21-22= (In that time culture, whenever a king conquered another kingdom, the conquered king's harem became the property of the new king. Hereby Ahithophel counseled for the abhorring relationship between Absalom and David. By Absalom going in to David's concubine, there was the tent on the top of the house in the sight of this sun, fulfilling Nathan's prophecy, "raise up adversity against you from your own house...take your wives before your eyes...lie with your wives in the sight of this sun." 2 Sam 12:10-11⁵)

23= (This advice of Ahithophel was as if or like an inquiry at the oracle of God. It looked wise, but it was foolish because the fact Absalom had done this abhorring thing precluded any treaty being created between David and Absalom in the future. So, this advice was like an inquiry at the oracle of God but was not an inquiry at the oracle of God, e.g., Lucifer was like the Most High. But Lucifer is not the Most High. Gabriel is like Jesus, but Gabriel is not Jesus because Jesus is God rather than a creature. Isaiah 14:12-14; 2 Sam 15:12, 31⁶)

⁵ 2 Sam 12:10-11 Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' ¹¹ Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give *them* to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

⁶ Isaiah 14:12-14 "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! ¹³ For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation

On the farthest sides of the north; ¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High; 2 Sam 15:12, 31 ¹² Then Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city—from Giloh—while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy grew strong, for the people with Absalom continually increased in number.

³¹ Then *someone* told David, saying, "Ahithophel *is* among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!"

17 ¹Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Now let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight. ²I will come upon him while he is weary and weak, and make him afraid. And all the people who *are* with him will flee, and I will strike only the king. ³Then I will bring back all the people to you. When all return except the man whom you seek, all the people will be at peace." ⁴And the saying pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel. ⁵Then Absalom said, "Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he says too." ⁶And when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, "Ahithophel has spoken in this manner. Shall we do as he says? If not, speak up." ⁷So Hushai said to Absalom: "The advice that Ahithophel has given *is* not good at this time. ⁸For," said Hushai, "you know your father and his men, that they *are* mighty men, and they *are* enraged in their minds, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field; and your father *is* a man of war, and will not camp with the people. ⁹Surely by now he is hidden in some pit, or in some *other* place. And it will be, when some of them are overthrown at the first, that whoever hears *it* will say, 'There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.' ¹⁰And even he *who is* valiant, whose heart *is* like the heart of a lion, will melt completely. For all Israel knows that your father *is* a mighty man, and *those* who *are* with him *are* valiant men. ¹¹Therefore I advise that all Israel be fully gathered to you, from Dan to Beersheba, like the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude, and that you go to battle in person. ¹²So we will come upon him in some place where he may be found, and we will fall on him as the dew falls on the ground. And of him and all the men who *are* with him there shall not be left so much as one. ¹³Moreover, if he has withdrawn into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city;

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1-14 = (Advices of Ahithophel and Hushai. Ahithophel's advice of his immediately killing only weary & weak David with 12,000 men. But Hushai's advice of all together defeating David and his mighty followers prevailed.)

and we will pull it into the river, until there is not one small stone found there.”

¹⁴ So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The advice of Hushai the Archite *is* better than the advice of Ahithophel.” For the LORD had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring disaster on Absalom.

¹⁵ Then Hushai said to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, “Thus and so Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and so I have advised. ¹⁶ Now therefore, send quickly and tell David, saying, ‘Do not spend this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily cross over, lest the king and all the people who *are* with him be swallowed up.’ ” ¹⁷ Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed at En Rogel, for they dared not be seen coming into the city; so a female servant would come and tell them, and they would go and tell King David. ¹⁸ Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom. But both of them went away quickly and came to a man’s house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down into it. ¹⁹ Then the woman took and spread a covering over the well’s mouth, and spread ground grain on it; and the thing was not known. ²⁰ And when Absalom’s servants came to the woman at the house, they said, “Where *are* Ahimaaz and Jonathan?” So the woman said to them, “They have gone over the water brook.” And when they had searched and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem. ²¹ Now it came to pass, after they had departed, that they came up out of the well and went and told King David, and said to David, “Arise and cross over the water quickly. For thus has Ahithophel advised against you.” ²² So David and

14=Q3 (Absalom and all the men of Israel chose Hushai’s advice rather than Ahithophel’s advice. Somebody says if Absalom followed Ahithophel’s advice, David surely would be killed instantly. It is not so because “the Lord had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring disaster on Absalom.” It means even if so, anyhow God would deliver David from Ahithophel and his men. But God allowed the counsel of Hushai to stand to get rid of Absalom in this battle. This view is subject to sovereign God’s predestination and foreknowledge characteristics beyond our comprehension *Rom 8:29*)

15-29 = (Hushai’s Message Delivered To David. Hushai’s message to cross over speedily was secretly delivered through Zadok and Abiathar, via a female servant, and through their sons Jonathan and Ahimaaz to David, as it was planned in the last chapter 15. So, David and all the people were able to cross over the Jordan by morning light. David and all the people came to Mahanaim where they were able to eat and sleep. See the map above.)

⁷ *Rom 8:29* For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

all the people who *were* with him arose and crossed over the Jordan. By morning light not one of them was left who had not gone over the Jordan. ²³ Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb.

²⁴ Then David went to Mahanaim. And Absalom crossed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. ²⁵ And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab. This Amasa *was* the son of a man whose name *was* Jithra, an Israelite, who had gone in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of Zeruah, Joab's mother. ²⁶ So Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead.

²⁷ Now it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of Ammon, Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim, ²⁸ brought beds and basins, earthen vessels and wheat, barley and flour, parched *grain* and beans, lentils and parched *seeds*, ²⁹ honey and curds, sheep and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who *were* with him to eat. For they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness."

23= (Ahithophel committed suicide. Suicide is one of the cruelest things that a person can do with free will the divine gift. Suicide is never a solution, but the decedent leaves so many times the problems to the bereaved family members or friends' minds and hearts. For example, one elderly sister in Christ had been so faithful to other believers and to the Lord but in her heart she had been feeling sorry for her mother's suicide for whole her life until she had moved into heaven. Whether or not the decedent was saved is often asked. At the time of the conduct to suicide, whether or not he or she believed in the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior would determine his or her salvation or positional salvation only through the Savior according to *John 3:16*⁸)

24= (David went to Mahanaim where Jacob had met the angels of God on the way to meet Esau for reconciliation, see the above map. *Gen 32:1-2*⁹)

25= (Joab the captain left with David from Jerusalem. But Amasa stayed in Jerusalem, becoming the captain of Absalom. Amasa and Joab were cousins by mother side.)

26= (Absalom and his soldiers were on the land of Gilead, while David and his soldiers were at Mahanaim. See the above map)

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

⁸ *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.

⁹ *Gen 32:1-2* So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ²When Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's camp." And he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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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 were relatively few Christians in the midst of a post-Christian culture. Lastly, it was noted that upon sharing the words of God, many individuals displayed unexpected curiosity or interest.

These findings serve as a compelling motivation for us, as debtors of Jesus' love, to endeavor to spread the entirety of God's words throughout the EU whenever providence allows.

all Scripture

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

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

Delivery of the words of God

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

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

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



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

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

European Union – Lily, Wayne.....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

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South Korea -- Mike, Peter, Seoung, Victor, Loudermilk... MAP

Sudan -- Gary Kusunoki, Robert, In Hwa Shin(Leprosy in other African countries), Wes ... MAP

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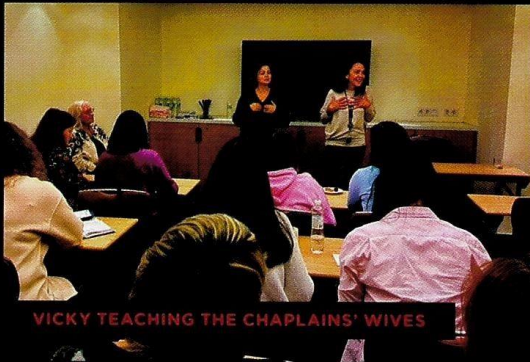
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Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan -- Jed & Renee Gourley, George & Pam Markey.. MAP MAP

*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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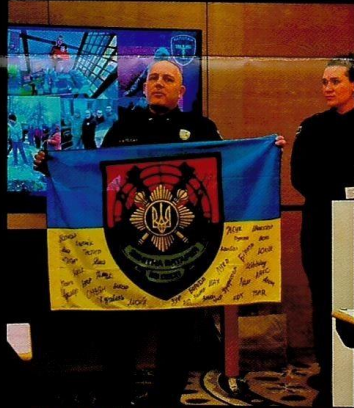
Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and His increase



VICKY TEACHING THE CHAPLAINS' WIVES

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

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



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

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

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



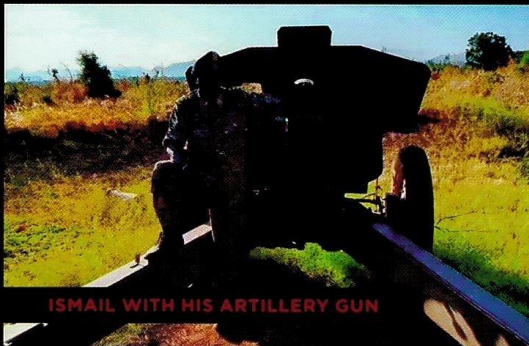
CHAPLAINS AT FRONT REACHING MANY

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

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

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

Pray for the 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.

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