

“To Caesar You Shall Go!” Acts 25:1-27 8/25/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of “To Caesar You Shall Go!” in Acts 25:1-27.

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

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Q1. In verse 6 “And when he had remained among them more than ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought,” what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q2. In verse 9, “But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, ‘Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?’” what does it mean in the context? And what can we learn from here?

Q3. In verse 12, “Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, ‘You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!’” what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?

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

In the last time, in Acts 24:27, “But after two years Porcius Festus succeeded Felix; and Felix, wanting to do the Jews a favor, left Paul bound,” the arrested Paul had been criminally proceeded 1st time before Sanhedrin court in Jerusalem, like a trial court, through the discovery of the plot to kill Paul and Paul's Roman citizenship, being forced to Casarea before Felix the Roman governor for the 2nd time criminal procedure, like an appeal court, in the light of Acts 23:1, 33,¹ Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, ‘Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.’³³ When they came to Caesarea and had delivered the letter to the governor, they also presented Paul to him.” Today the Criminal Procedure in USA is very similar to the Criminal Procedure in Rome by its historical development.

Herod Family Tree

Herod the Great (Jesus' birth, 2 age or under male infants slain: *Mat 2:2,16*)

Sons	Aristobulus	Archelaus (Judea & Samaria territories; Baby Jesus in Egypt: <i>Mat 2:22</i>)	Antipas (Galilee & Perea territories: <i>Luke 3:1</i> ; Herodias' husband, John the Baptist beheaded: <i>Mat 14:1-12</i> ; Jesus examined: <i>Luke 23:7-12</i>)	Philip I (Iturea & Trachonitis territories: <i>Luke 3:1</i> ; ex-husband of Herodias <i>Mat 14:3</i>)	Lysanius (Abilene territory: <i>Luke 3:1</i>)
Grandson	Agrippa I (Most Israel territories; James killed; Herod smitten: <i>Acts 12:2, 23</i> ; his sister Herodias his daughter Drusilla the wife of governor Felix: <i>Acts 24:24</i>) and his son Agrippa II)				
Great grandson	Agrippa II (Paul's Trial: <i>Acts 25:13</i> ; his sister Bernice too, with Drusilla)				

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive Explanation in context & syntax

<p>¹Now when Festus had come to the province, after three days he went up from Caesarea to Jerusalem. ² Then the high priest and the chief men of the Jews informed him against Paul; and they petitioned him,</p> <p>³ asking a favor against him, that he would summon him to Jerusalem—while <i>they</i> lay in ambush along the road to kill him.</p> <p>⁴ But Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself was going <i>there</i> shortly. ⁵ “Therefore,” he said, “let those who have authority among you go down with <i>me</i> and accuse this man, to see if there is any fault in him.”</p> <p>⁶ And when he had remained among them more than ten days, he went down to Caesarea. And the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought.</p>	<p>1-2= (new Roman governor Festus went from Caesarea to Jerusalem to greet the high priest and the chief men of the Jews, who asked Festus to summon Paul to Jerusalem.)</p> <p>3= (Previously like about 40 conspirators who had vowed not to eat or drink before they had killed Paul, still Jewish leaders would kill Paul in ambush along the way Acts 23:12-13¹)</p> <p>4-5 = (Festus refused their petition. And he suggested that let those Jewish leaders come with him to Casarea and accuse Paul for any fault.)</p> <p>6=Q1(Festus stayed more than 10 days in Jerusalem. coming back with them to Caesarea. In the next day, Festus on judgment seat called Paul. Festus did the speedy trial to Paul just in 2 weeks after the appointed office of Roman governor in Israel. Then, criminal defendant's speedy trial is similar to the. 6th Amendment privilege of speedy trial in US.)</p>
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¹ Acts 23:12-13 And when it was day, some of the Jews banded together and bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. ¹³ Now there were more than forty who had formed this conspiracy.

<p>⁷ When he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood about and laid many serious complaints against Paul, which they could not prove, ⁸ while he answered for himself, “Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything at all.”</p> <p>⁹ But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, “Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?”</p> <p>¹⁰ So Paul said, “I stand at Caesar’s judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know.</p> <p>¹¹ For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar.”</p>	<p>7-8= (The accusers did not prove Paul’s faults – profaning Jews, Mosaic law, Temple, or Caesar, as Paul defended no offending in anything at all)</p> <p>9=Q2 (Festus’s desire to give a favor to the Jews, like Felix in Acts 24:27, supra, was not impartial, breaking down in Roman justice, “impartial judge.” Festus should have judged this case with dismissal because of their no proof in verse 7, setting Paul free. But he asked Paul to return to the 1st Sanhedrin court in Jerusalem.)</p> <p>10= (Paul appealed to Caesar’s judgment like the supreme court of USA, the highest court or the 3rd criminal procedure place.)</p> <p>11= (Paul as a Roman citizen had the right to appeal but Festus had the discretion to accept or reject like USA. So, Paul convinced Festus with the reasons to appeal to Caesar because he had not violated any criminal Roman law even for deadly penalty. “I appeal to Caesar.”)</p>
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<p>12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!"</p>	<p>12=Q3 (Festus counseled with the council, like the Jury or assistant judges in USA. He granted Paul's appeal to Caesar. Paul had the desire to come to Romans in "a way in the will of God." The Lord called Paul to bear witness at Rome. Here, (1) God's will and (2) Paul's conviction were clear. While Paul was imprisoned for 2 years, for his dedication Paul might figure on paying for his own transportation like Philip or tower cost. However he did not bribe to Felix for earlier release, waiting patiently for "a way in the will of God." Now, on His perfect time, (3) Paul's dedication to go to Rome was to appeal to Caesar in Rome. He got to Rome by courtesy of the Roman government. That's a way in the will of God for Paul the prisoner. So often our Lord reveals to us a general overall plan, but yet many times there is an interval of time before God works out that plan. And sometimes in that interval of time, we begin to get a little impatient and we try to take things in our own hands, flesh. Abram believed God's promise of His descendants like stars, but impatiently accepted Hagar in flesh upon his wife's suggestion before God worked out that plan at his 100 age. Today, Hagar's descendants has a lot of conflict with Israelites, all kinds of wars between Israel and Arabs. Oh what a difference it makes when I am doing something in the flesh, in the interval of time, and I am doing something led by the Spirit! God's thoughts are not our thoughts. God's ways are not our ways. God's thoughts are more in number than the sand. So, we should be sensitive to the direction of the Spirit whose sword is the Word of God. I have bungled so many things when I try to do it myself. But then when you wait upon the Lord, you see Him work things out. It's always so smooth. It's always so effortless. It's always flexible to the truth. It's always so perfect, when God does it. So, Paul is now destined to Rome in His time and in "a way of the will of God." e.g. Google mobile App, made by the Spirit, beyond unexpected cost; see p 9. <i>Rom 1:10; Acts 23:11; John 6:7; Luke 14:28; Gen 15:4-6; Gen 16:3; Gen 17:17, 19; Gal 3:3; Isaiah 55:8; Ps 139:17-18</i>)</p>
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² *Rom 1:10* making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you; *Acts 23:11* But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."; *John 6:7* Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little; *Luke 14:28* For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has *enough* to finish it *Gen 15:4-6* And behold, the word of the Lord *came* to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." ⁵ Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness; *Gen 16:3* Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan; *Gen 17:17, 19* ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a *child* be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a *child*?" ¹⁹ Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his descendants after him. —; *Gal 3:3* Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?; *Isaiah 55:8* For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,"

<p>¹³ And after some days King Agrippa and Bernice came to Caesarea to greet Festus.</p> <p>¹⁴ When they had been there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying: "There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix, ¹⁵ about whom the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed <i>me</i>, when I was in Jerusalem, asking for a judgment against him. ¹⁶ To them I answered, 'It is not the custom of the Romans to deliver any man to destruction before the accused meets the accusers face to face, and has opportunity to answer for himself concerning the charge against him.' ¹⁷ Therefore when they had come together, without any delay, the next day I sat on the judgment seat and commanded the man to be brought in. ¹⁸ When the accusers stood up, they brought no accusation against him of such things as I supposed,</p>	<p>13= (King Agrippa II was the son of Agrippa I. Bernice was his sister and mistress. Drusilla also was his sister. Later, she became the mistress of Titus the Roman soldier to fall Jerusalem in 70 AD, whose father was Vespasian the Caesar who began to build Colosseum. They came to Caesarea from Jerusalem to greet new Roman governor Festus. See Herod Family Tree supra. https://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Paul/2023PaulFoot.pdf)</p> <p>14-15= (The Herod palace was in Caesarea too, as well as in Jerusalem. The king and his sister stayed for many days. Then Festus talked about Paul who was in a prison at Herod palace. https://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/IPET/20200219_233046.jpg)</p> <p>16= (The Chief priests and the elders asked Festus to judge against Paul but Festus answered that Festus the judge could not force criminal procedure against Paul the criminal defendant unless Paul confronted the accusers face to face for accusations, It was similar to the 5th Amendment privilege against compulsory self-incrimination in USA.)</p> <p>17-18= (Festus exercised the speedy trial, "without any delay, the next day," for Paul, calling Paul and the accusers in verse 6.)</p>
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says the Lord; *Ps 139:17-18* How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You;

<p>¹⁹ but had some questions against him about their own religion and about a certain Jesus, who had died, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.</p> <p>²⁰ And because I was uncertain of such questions, I asked whether he was willing to go to Jerusalem and there be judged concerning these matters. ²¹ But when Paul appealed to be reserved for the decision of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I could send him to Caesar.”</p> <p>²² Then Agrippa said to Festus, “I also would like to hear the man myself.”</p> <p>“Tomorrow,” he said, “you shall hear him.”</p> <p>²³ So the next day, when Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp, and had entered the auditorium with the commanders and the prominent men of the city, at Festus’ command Paul was brought in. ²⁴ And Festus</p>	<p>19=(The accusers had the burden of proof according to Roman law, not bringing any proof for their accusation. Paul was cross-examined to testify that Jesus is alive from the dead, i.e., the risen Lord. Peter thank God because we have a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Paul was not ashamed of the gospel whose center is His death with bloodshed and His resurrection, as we are learning here.. <i>1 Peter 1:3; Rom 1:16³</i>)</p> <p>20-22= (Festus was not sure of the matters about Jesus’ resurrection, asking Paul to go to Sanhedrin court in Jerusalem. But Paul appealed the present case to Caesar but Festus through the conferred council in verse 12 granted Paul to appeal, who was kept to be sent to Caesar. Agrippa the king told him, wanting to hear the case)</p> <p>21= (Augustus was the 1st Caesar or Roman Emperor 27 BC-14 AD, see https://www.biblestudytools.com/romans/romans-1.html)</p> <p>23-27= (In the next day, Festus called all accusers and Paul in the auditorium before Agrippa. Festus presented Paul’s case about nothing guilt to deserve death penalty, desiring a charge through their examinations to send Paul to Caesar. Paul had another opportunity to testify the alive Jesus from the dead before all of them, as we preach the word not only in season but also out of season, anytime, because a hearer might become born again Christian or become mature from carnal Christian if our Lord permits. https://calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/IPET/20200220_001422.jpg)</p>
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³ *1 Peter 1:3* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; *Rom 1:16* 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.

<p>said: “King Agrippa and all the men who are here present with us, you see this man about whom the whole assembly of the Jews petitioned me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying out that he was not fit to live any longer. ²⁵ But when I found that he had committed nothing deserving of death, and that he himself had appealed to Augustus, I decided to send him. ²⁶ I have nothing certain to write to my lord concerning him. Therefore I have brought him out before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, so that after the examination has taken place I may have something to write. ²⁷ For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner and not to specify the charges against him.”</p>	
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Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expository Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies* -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. Also the whole verses of NIV as a reference are observed equally to KJV and NKJV for every online word. We think that “Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5).” Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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

North America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States: 230 million • Canada: 22 million • Mexico: 120 million 	Europe <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 	Asia <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 	Africa <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
Central America and the Caribbean <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 	Middle East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Egypt: 10 million • Lebanon: 2 million • Iraq: 0.5 million • Syria: 0.5 million • Jordan: 0.4 million 	Oceania <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>Note: there are more Christians than we often realize, but only a few are truly Bible-based Christians.</p> <p>Sources: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQBeX0M3Eqo</p>
South America <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brazil: 180 million • Argentina: 35 million • Colombia: 35 million • Peru: 25 million • Venezuela: 25 million • Chile: 16 million 			

European Union Mission

The conviction on October 28, 2023.

In 2023, during Paul's footsteps mission tour and evangelism, several significant observations were made: Firstly, English emerged as the predominant language among people in the European Union (EU). Secondly, despite a rich Christian history, there are relatively a few Bible-based Christians in the midst of a post-Christian culture. Thirdly, it was noted that upon sharing the words of God, many individuals displayed unexpected curiosity or interest. Lastly, leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) tools, the dissemination of God's words can be accelerated significantly, aligning with the prophecy of Daniel 12:4b, "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

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

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

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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

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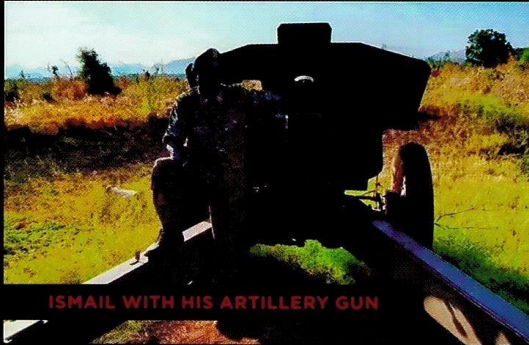
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James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

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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



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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



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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.

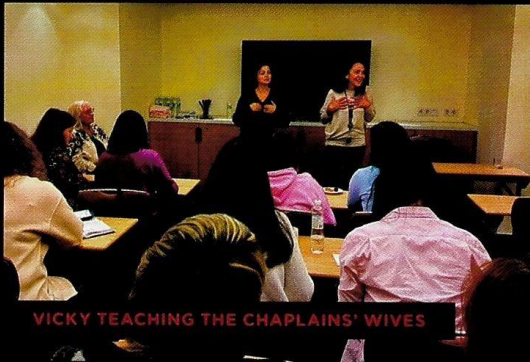
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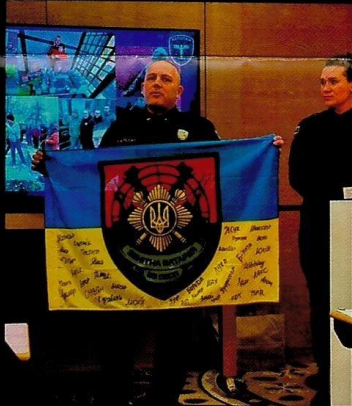
Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



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.



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 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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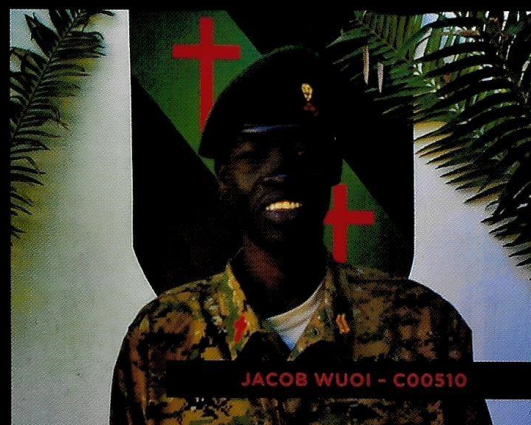


PASTOR LLOYD TRAINING CHAPLAINS IN UKRAINE

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 Philipppians 4:15-19 & for charity in Matthew 25:40) based upon our faith of "one church (Ekklesia) on the earth" -- the holy universal church, not unholy ecumenical church -- (e.g. 1st Quarter 2014, 43.15%; 4th Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

CCAHA is **the poor in material and spirit**, but is the rich to give it away for Christ's sake, e.g., about 40% of annual offerings, with the poor hearts in spirit. The Lord is the shepherd of CCAH who is "as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Cor 6:10).

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:47b "...And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved." Matthew 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" 1 Corinthians 4:7 "For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?" Source: <https://www.calvarychapelanaheimhills.com/Q&A.htm> for full Q&A

Prayer for Ukrainian Children & Orphans' Necessity with His love.

UKRAINIAN CHILDREN'S HOME - GHOST OPERATIONS



I have never had a project weigh so heavily on my heart as to the need for caring for abandoned and handicapped children.

In Ukraine, there are no homes for abandoned or handicapped children. Far Reaching Ministries wants to raise funds to start a first-of-its-kind children's home for both abandoned and handicapped children.

We need people to come alongside us and help us build the infrastructure to save children in Ukraine. A project of this magnitude will require that we raise \$1,000,000. You can sign up for a monthly amount from \$25 to \$100 or more if able to do so. We welcome gifts of any amount and assure you that these funds will be used solely for this project.

Please consider joining us in the rescue of these precious children by marking **"Ukrainian Children's Home"** on the enclosed gift card along with your donation.

UKRAINIAN ORPHAN



After traveling to Ukraine, Far Reaching Ministries witnessed firsthand the condition of the abandoned and handicapped children. These precious children suffer not only through war-torn conditions, but also non-existent infrastructure to care for them, the most vulnerable of society.

We have an urgent need for sponsors to come alongside us with a \$75 monthly

sponsorship. If you are not able to commit to this amount, any gift will be welcomed. Your sponsorship will not only provide a home for the children, including necessities such as food, clothing, and medical care, but most importantly they will receive love along with being raised in a Christian family.

Please prayerfully consider helping in this dire situation, and if you would count it a privilege to financially support one of these precious children, please mark **"Ukrainian Orphan"** on the enclosed gift card along with your donation. After we receive your monthly commitment, we will then send you a photo of a child that you can pray for.



Pastoral Training of Asia

Ministering to Ministers

Dear Calvary Chapel Pastor,

July 2024

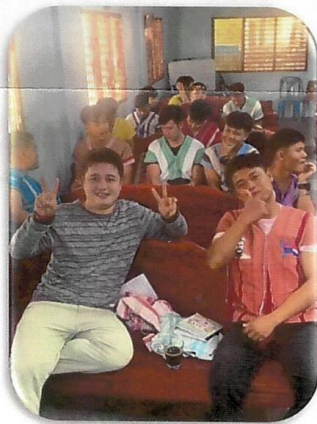
ON OUR WAY TO CLASS A WILD ELEPHANT CROSSED THE ROAD. What a sight! Only tourists want to see wild elephants, not so with the locals, as they can be incredibly destructive, in some cases kill humans. On the Thai/Burma border many elephants come from Burma as they often are poached but are protected in Thailand. The Karen still come in numbers into Thailand for similar reasons being displaced and killed by the Burmese military. Pray for these hurting people.

SORROW GREETES US ON THE BORDER. Two horrific accidents occurred days before we arrived. Poor people often travel in the back of pick-up trucks, this was the case and all in the back were thrown out, 4 died (all young people) most hospitalized. They all lived in the Karen community (18 in one truck, 10 in the other). We became part of the pastoral team, visited 3 hospitals, bringing comfort, prayer and some financial assistance (God provided). Next came the memorial services in which the unbelievers present were all able to hear the message of eternal life available to all who put their trust in Jesus.

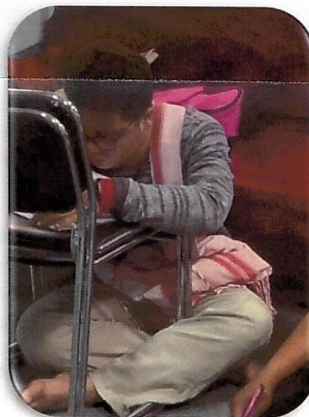


This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.

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



Boys on one side...



All were diligent in their Bible study.

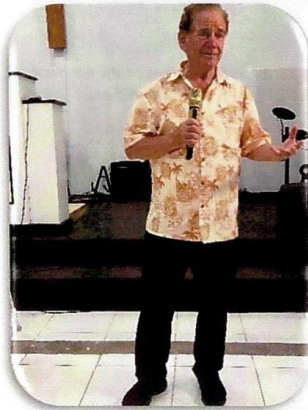


.... Girls on the other!

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

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



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



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.

Pastors & wives at the Sumatra PTA Seminar

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

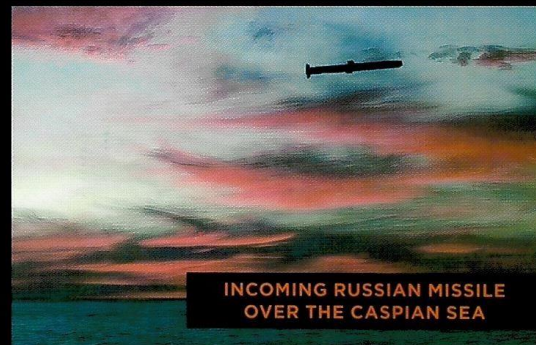
Pray for Ukrainians to be Protected from Explosions and for Peace in Christ

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.

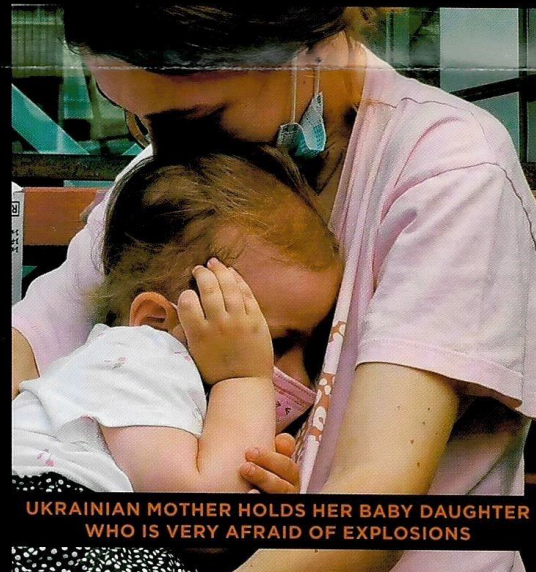


At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and, on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that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

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.

