

“Commandment, Poverty, Chastening, etc.” Proverb 19:1-29 9/01/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of “Commandment, Poverty, Chastening, etc.” in Proverbs 19:1-29.

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 16 “He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, *But* he who is careless of his ways will die,” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q2. In verse 17, “He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, And He will pay back what he has given,” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

Q3. In verse 18, “Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction,” what does it mean? And how can we apply it to our lives?

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

Solomon the king wrote 3,000 proverbs, but on the book of proverbs, 29 over 31 proverbs are recorded in the Bible. And he wrote 1,005 songs but on the book of Psalms, 2 over 150 Psalms – maybe Psalms 72, and 127 -- are recorded in the Bible, in the light of 1 Kings 4:32, “He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five.”

TEXT: NKJV [KJV]

Inductive Explanation in context & syntax

¹ Better <i>is</i> the poor who walks in his integrity Than <i>one who is</i> perverse in his lips, and is a fool.	1= (This does not mean that the poor is better than the rich. The poor in his integrity or honesty is better than the perverse one or a fool. Also any believer should not desire to be rich, nor to love money, but be content in food and clothing. The rich should not trust in riches but in the living God, enjoying all things. No work no eat, showing that God doesn't exhort poverty. 1 Tim 6:8-10, 17; 2 Thes 3:10 ¹)
² Also it is not good <i>for</i> a soul <i>to be</i> without knowledge, And he sins who hastens with <i>his</i> feet.	2= (A soul without knowledge of God is no good. A quick sin, without thinking all of the aspects, is no good)
³ The foolishness of a man twists his way, And his heart frets against the Lord.	3= (The way of a fool is perverse because his heart is against the Lord.)

¹ 1 Tim 6:8-10, 17 ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. ¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy; 2 Thes 3:10 For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

<p>⁴ Wealth makes many friends, But the poor is separated from his friend.</p> <p>⁵ A false witness will not go unpunished, And <i>he who</i> speaks lies will not escape.</p> <p>⁶ Many entreat the favor of the nobility, And every man <i>is</i> a friend to one who gives gifts.</p> <p>⁷ All the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more do his friends go far from him! He may pursue them with words, yet they abandon him.</p> <p>⁸ He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; He who keeps understanding will find good.</p>	<p>4. (It is just observed that all of those who are around the wealthy person become so friendly, nice, and entreating the wealthy person, while no one wants or seeks friends with the person who doesn't have anything.)</p> <p>5= (A false witness, who is under oath, speaks lies, being abominated by God. So, his punishment will not be escapable. Ultimately a true justice shall prevail. At the time of Noah, every intent of the thoughts of human heart was only evil continually, that all of them were destroyed. As Jesus said, "as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man," surely we are approaching the same state, e.g., make the order of creation disorder and seek its equality such as transgender – it's the lack of reason, unreasonable, or illogical <i>Prov 6:16-19; Gen 6:5; Luke 17:26-27</i>)</p> <p>6= (many ask a favor, blessing, or reward from the nobility or a ruler. And everyone wants to be a friend with the generous giver.)</p> <p>7=(You want to get a lot of friends. Just give away a lot of stuff. But you won't be sure that they are true friends. Until a prodigal son ran out of money, he did not find that there were real friends. He ended up feeding the pigs, and eating the food for the pigs. No one gave him anything. When you are no longer able to grant the favors, you find how quickly people will desert you. Here are even the brothers of the poor too. It's described of human nature, human sinful nature. <i>Luke 15:13-16</i>³)</p> <p>8= (To get wisdom is good to your soul. And to keep understanding is good to you – real identity of you is your soul, not your physical body to decay)</p>
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² *Prov 6:16-19* These six *things* the Lord hates, Yes, seven *are* an abomination to Him: ¹⁷ A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, ¹⁹ A false witness *who* speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren; *Gen 6:5* Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually; *Luke 17:26-27* And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: ²⁷ They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

³ *Luke 15:13-16* And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. ¹⁴ But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*.

<p>⁹ A false witness will not go unpunished, And <i>he who</i> speaks lies shall perish.</p>	<p>9= (It's similar to verse 5. A false witness will be punished and a liar will perish. E.g. in an extremely risk of life situation, it's better to keep silence than to lie. David ordained a king by God through Samuel had never disclosed it to Saul the king during his playing a harp <i>1 Sam 16:13, 23⁴</i>)</p>
<p>¹⁰ Luxury is not fitting for a fool, Much less for a servant to rule over princes.</p>	<p>10= (It's not suitable for a fool to live in luxury or for a servant or slave to rule over princes. It might happen in turmoil)</p>
<p>¹¹ The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory <i>is</i> to overlook a transgression.</p>	<p>11=(Slow to anger is a godly nature, a nature ruled by the Spirit, with slow to speak and swift to hear. Overlooking a transgression, wrong, or mistake – forgiving it -- earns respect. <i>James 1:19⁵</i>)</p>
<p>¹² The king's wrath <i>is</i> like the roaring of a lion, But his favor <i>is</i> like dew on the grass.</p>	<p>12= (Boy, you get a king angry, you're in trouble, but his grace is good like dew on the grass)</p>
<p>¹³ A foolish son <i>is</i> the ruin of his father, And the contentions of a wife <i>are</i> a continual dripping.</p>	<p>13= (a foolish son is a trouble for his father. A contentious wife drives you crazy gradually like a continual water dropping)</p>
<p>¹⁴ Houses and riches <i>are</i> an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife <i>is</i> from the Lord.</p>	<p>14= (Children inherit the houses and riches of their fathers. But a prudent wife is from the Lord because He gives His wisdom to those who fear the Lord. See <i>Prov 9:10⁶</i> in verse 20)</p>
<p>¹⁵ Laziness casts <i>one</i> into a deep sleep, And an idle person will suffer hunger.</p>	<p>15= (Lazy people sleep deeply but their idleness results in hunger)</p>

⁴ *1 Sam 16:13, 23* ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah. ²³ And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play *it* with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

⁵ *James 1:19* So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

⁶ *Prov 9:10* The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding

<p>¹⁶ He who keeps the commandment keeps his soul, <i>But</i> he who is careless of his ways will die.</p>	<p>16= Q1 (To keep the commandment, both the 10 commandments and other passages of the Scripture, is to keep your soul from evil, temptation, or flesh, as well as to be prosperous wherever you go. The commandment as the word of God is holy, just, and good. I want to keep it but I can't because sin dwells in me, flesh. Now in Christ, I can do the righteous requirement of the commandment – not mere commandment itself, rather than its requirement such as God's purpose or your heart , i.e., the better commandment which is in Jesus Christ---- according to the Spirit. Anyone who is careless of God's ways dies spiritually, even if he lives physically. So, our life would be the life led by the Spirit whose sword is the word of God. <i>Joshua 1:7; Rom 7:12,17, 18; Rom 8:1,4⁷</i>)</p>
<p>¹⁷ He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord, And He will pay back what he has given.</p>	<p>17= Q2 (God does not want anyone to take an advantage from disadvantaged people or the least people. So God has a special heart upon the needy, the poor, the widow, the fatherless, or the least people. Therefore, when you give something to the poor, the Lord always pays it back to you. It's figured as a loan is to the Lord and the Lord always pays it back. The heart for the least people is a godly heart or the heart led by the Spirit, never asking for a return, Around us, there are so many least people of even our brothers and sisters in Christ. E.g., the homeless, the indigent, the drug addicts, etc... <i>Isaiah 10:2; Mat 25:40⁸</i>)</p>
<p>¹⁸ Chasten your son while there is hope, And do not set your heart on his destruction.</p>	<p>18= Q3 (Discipline your child to be a godly person which is your hope in the Lord, not destroying or provoking the child. The discipline should be reasonable in your community for the purpose of the child to be brought up in the training and admonition of the Lord. For example, in USA spanking children causes you to be arrested for child abuse and your child to be taken away in foster cares. It's offended in USA, while it would be not offended in Singapore. To remember the purpose of discipline is to save the child or to be like Jesus. <i>1 Cor 10:32-33; Eph 6:4⁹</i>)</p>

⁷ *Joshua 1:7* Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.; *Rom 7:12,17, 18* ¹² Therefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy and just and good. ¹⁷ But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. ¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find.; *Rom 8:1,4* ¹ *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁸ *Isaiah 10:2* To rob the needy of justice, And to take what is right from the poor of My people, That widows may be their prey, And *that* they may rob the fatherless.; *Mat 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.'

⁹ *1 Cor 10:32-33* Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, ³³ just as I also please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved; *Eph 6:4* And you,

<p>¹⁹ <i>A man of great wrath will suffer punishment;</i> For if you rescue <i>him</i>, you will have to do it again.</p> <p>²⁰ Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.</p> <p>²¹ There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the Lord's counsel—that will stand.</p> <p>²² What is desired in a man is kindness, And a poor man is better than a liar.</p> <p>²³ The fear of the Lord <i>leads</i> to life, And <i>he who has it</i> will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.</p>	<p>19= (Easily tempered person is hardly to be controlled. The great wrath or the anger not controlled puts the person into a lot of trouble. Self-control is a godly character or a type of Agape love the fruit of the Spirit. The spirit led life may overcome the great wrath. <i>Gal 5:22-23</i>¹⁰)</p> <p>20= (To listen to the counsel and instruction of God makes you wise in your last days close to heaven because the fear or reverend of God is beginning of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. And so applicable understood knowledge of His counsel would make your wise life in the last days. So, the whole counsel of God is so blessed to you for your wise life <i>Prov 1:7; Prov 9:10; Acts 20:26-27</i>¹¹)</p> <p>21= (The schemes and the devices of man so often fail but the counsels of the Lord are going to stand.)</p> <p>22= (A man desires kindness, a type of Agape love the fruit of the Spirit. See <i>Gal 5:22</i> in verse 19. It's the contrast. You are better poor than you are being a liar.)</p> <p>23= (The fear or reverend of the Lord leads to life, not miserable life but joyful life, and the one to live the life is satisfied or content in whatever state he is. That's the Spirit led life and we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. <i>Phil 4:11-13</i>¹²)</p>
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fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

¹⁰ *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.

¹¹ *Prov 1:7* The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction ; *Prov 9:10* The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One *is* understanding *Acts 20:26-27* Therefore I testify to you this day that I *am* innocent of the blood of all *men*. ²⁷ For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

¹² *Phil 4:11-13* Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

<p>²⁴ A lazy <i>man</i> buries his hand in the bowl, And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.</p> <p>²⁵ Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary; Rebuke one who has understanding, <i>and</i> he will discern knowledge.</p> <p>²⁶ He who mistreats <i>his</i> father <i>and</i> chases away <i>his</i> mother <i>Is</i> a son who causes shame and brings reproach.</p> <p>²⁷ Cease listening to instruction, my son, And you will stray from the words of knowledge.</p> <p>²⁸ A disreputable [ungodly] witness scorns justice, And the mouth of the wicked devours iniquity.</p> <p>²⁹ Judgments are prepared for scoffers, And beatings for the backs of fools.</p>	<p>24= (A man is so lazy not to pull out his hand to take the food to his mouth, hiding his hand under the food bowl.)</p> <p>25= (When you strike a scoffer or a mocker, the simple or foolish person will be aware of or take a note. When the understanding one is rebuked, he will discern his case with the knowledge of God. A word minister may use a tool to rebuke sensitively upon the Spirit's direction, otherwise it'd be a trouble for the ministry. 2 Tim 4:2¹³)</p> <p>26=(To honor your parents is the 5th of the 10 commandments by the Lord and so it pleases well to Him who may give you a long life on the land. But to dishonor your parents, either mistreat your father or chase away your mother, causes you to be shameful and reproachable or disgraceful. Ex 20:12; Col 3:20¹⁴)</p> <p>27= (When a son discontinues his parent's instruction in the training and admonition of the Lord, in verse 18, he will be far away from the knowledge of the divine words)</p> <p>28= (An ungodly witness doesn't really care for God's justice but interferes with the justice. And so the mouth of the wicked eat up iniquity. E.g., justify iniquity as no more iniquity by peddling the Scripture— homosexual, divorce, premarital sexual relationship, abortion, etc.)</p> <p>29=(Scoffers reserve judgments and fools reserve their backs to be beaten. All of them will stand before the judgment of the Lord after all last breath Heb 9:27¹⁵)</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

¹³ 2 Tim 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

¹⁴ Ex 20:12 Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you; Col 3:20 Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.

¹⁵ Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

(NKJV) -- *All Scripture Expositional 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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European Union Mission

The conviction on October 28, 2023.

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

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

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

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

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

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Christian Population By Country

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

North America <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 			

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

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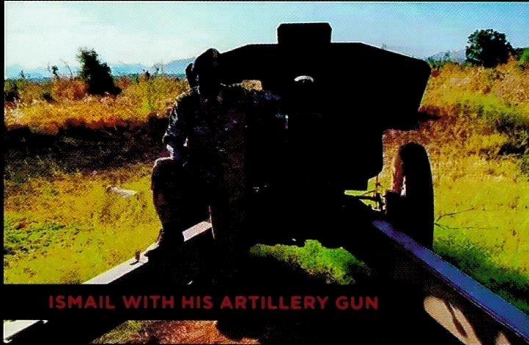
United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek MAP

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."*

See <https://calvarychapelanahemhills.com/missioncountries.htm>

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.

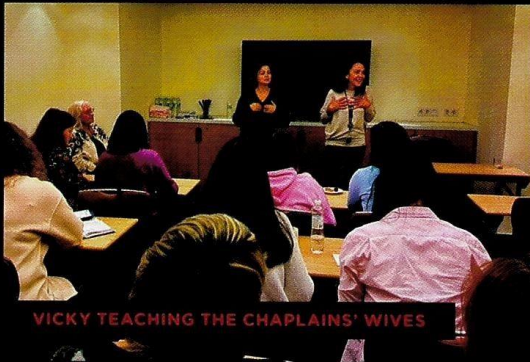
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

Wes Bentley

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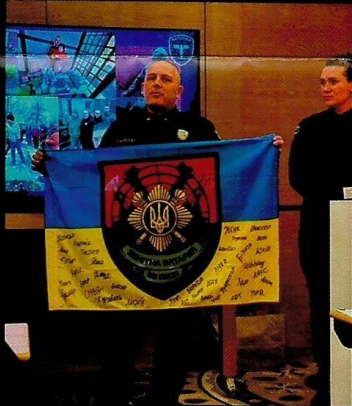
Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



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.,

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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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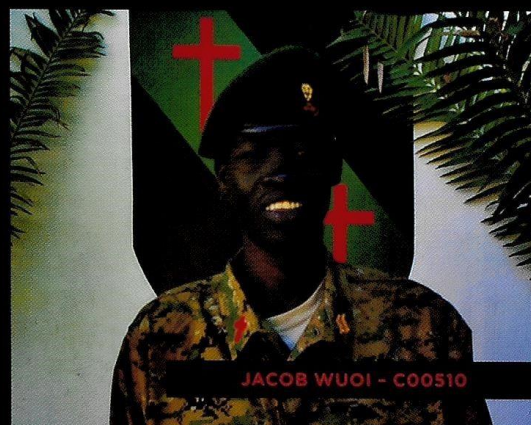


PASTOR LLOYD TRAINING CHAPLAINS IN UKRAINE

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

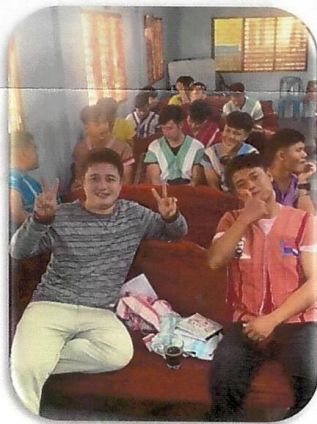
ON OUR WAY TO CLASS A WILD ELEPHANT CROSSED THE ROAD. What a sight! Only tourists want to see wild elephants, not so with the locals, as they can be incredibly destructive, in some cases kill humans. On the Thai/Burma border many elephants come from Burma as they often are poached but are protected in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

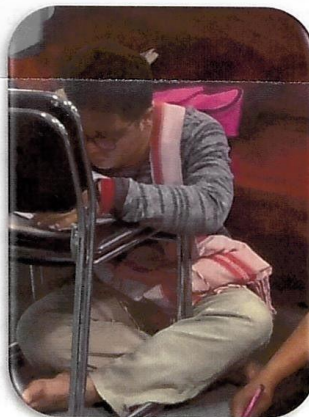


This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.

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.

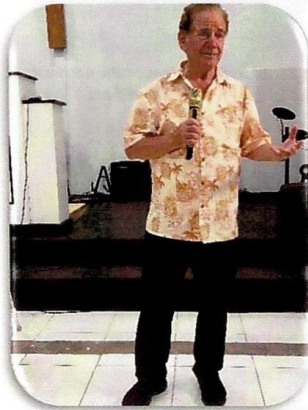


.... Girls on the other!

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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

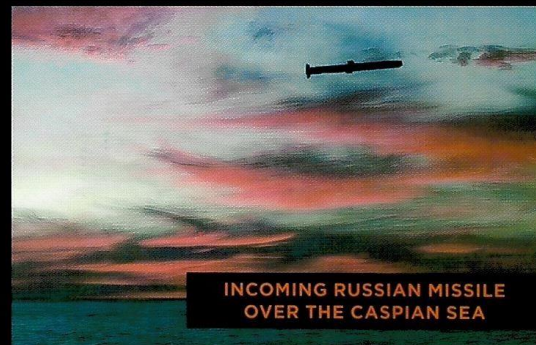
Pray for Ukrainians to be Protected from Explosions and for Peace in Christ

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.

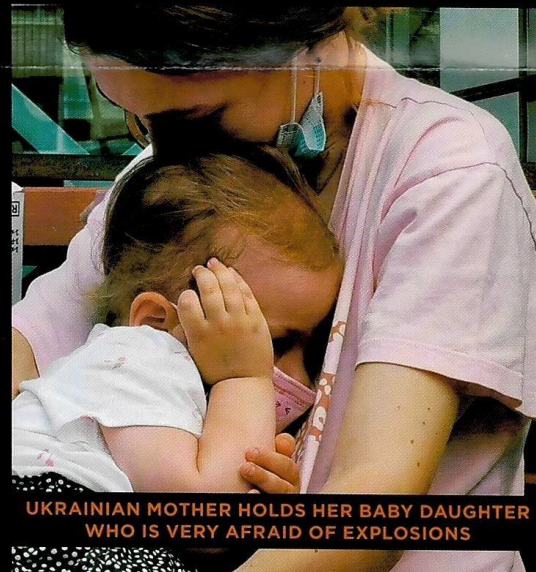


At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and, on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that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

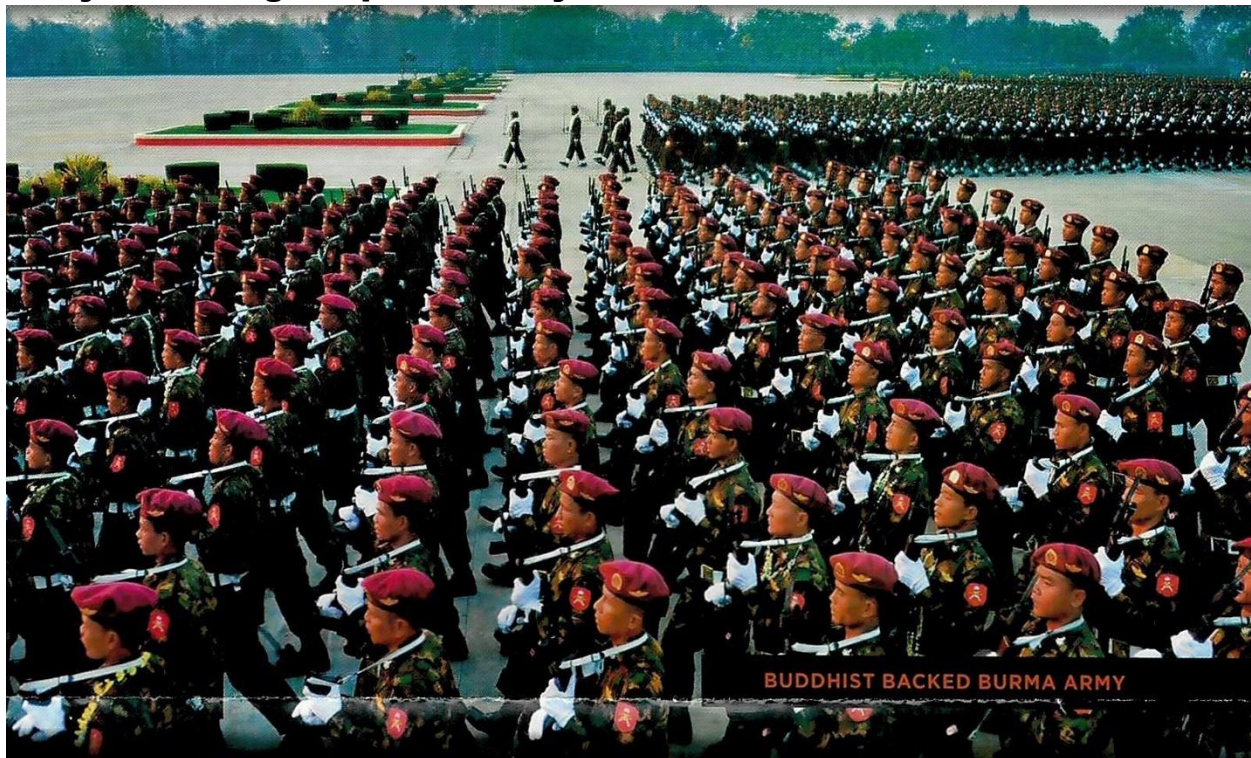


The photo was of a baby girl covering her ears and holding on to her mother. It is hard for me to see children afraid. Even worse, the death of a parent is devastating for a child. In an instant, the love and security they have known is gone—leaving the child utterly traumatized. Russia and Ukraine continue 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.



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



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.

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.

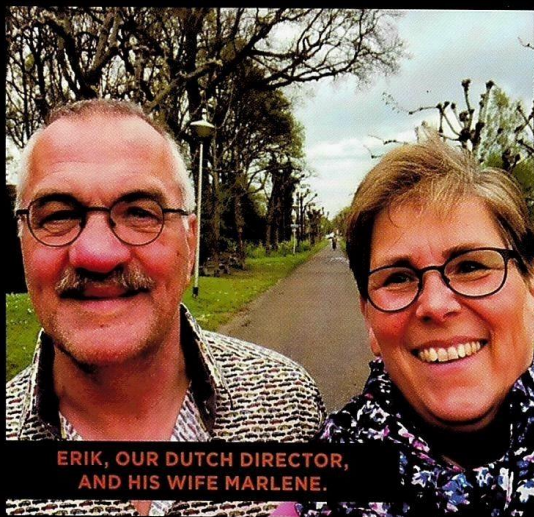
**I PRAY YOU JOIN US
IN SAVING AS MANY
AS POSSIBLE**

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.**

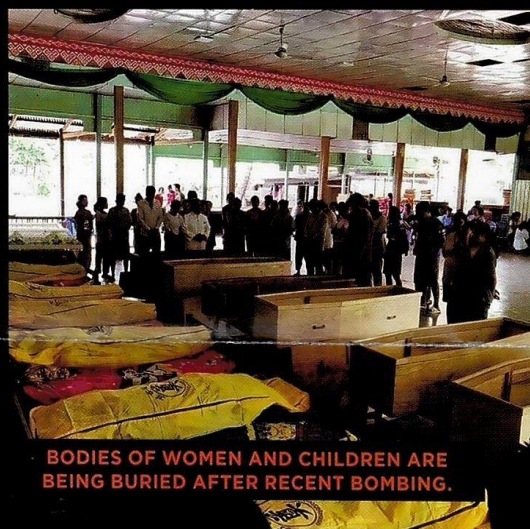
Unfortunately, Erik, the director of the Dutch office, had a heart attack at age 63 and went home to be with the Lord. It was a shock to all of us, and the Dutch office is having to deal with such a great loss. We gave his

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wife, Marlène, 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