

**“Reforms” Nehemiah 12-13     9/14/25**

Today, we’d like to see the title of “Reforms” in Nehemiah 12-13. To the souls on this Online Word *through Podcast or YouTube Channel*, on the earth, we’d like to suggest the 3 expositional Questions. (**Maranatha Worship Songs : Videos** <http://www.maranathaworship.com/CCMV>) (**CCMV | A Ministry of CCAH PRESS® : Music Videos** <http://www.ccahpublishing.com/CCMV>)

- Q1. In 12:1, “Now these *are* the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,” what captivity happened with Nehemiah? And what can we learn from here
- Q2. In 12:44, “And at the same time some were appointed over the rooms of the storehouse for the offerings, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions specified by the Law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who ministered,” what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?
- Q3. In 13:22, “And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should go and guard the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day,” 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 Nehemiah 11: 36, “Some of the Judean divisions of Levites *were* in Benjamin,” most tribes of Judah southern nation rather than Israel northern nation were Judah and Benjamin tribes with Levites, other than the other 10 tribes of Israel nation.

**Captivity Return on the Books of Ezra & of Nehemiah**

<b>Bible</b>	<b>References</b>	<b>World History</b>
Darius the Median (Daniel 5:31)	Short reigned for about 3 years (Belshazzar slain)	Nebuchadnezzar; Nabonidus; Belshazzar (Babylonians Kings 586-536 BC)
Cyrus (Ezra 1:1-2; 2:2, 64, 65)	1 <sup>st</sup> Return(536BC)“about5,000” Zerubbabel (Governor); Jeshua (Priest)	Cyrus (536-530 BC)
Ahasuerus (Ezra 4:6)		Cambyses (530-522)
Artaxerxes (Ezra 4:7)	Cease to construct the temple in 534 BC (Ezra 4:21; “14 years cesed”) by adversaries (Samaritans – interracial Jews carried away by Assyrians; Ezra 4:1-2, 15)	Pseudo-Smerdis* (522)  Darius I (521-486)

Darius (Ezra 6:1)	Haggai + Zechariah in 520 BC (Exhorting prophets; Ezra 5:1-2; Haggai 1:1; Zechariah 1:1); Temple finished (Ezra 6:14-15 "4 years taken"- from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> yeartothe6 <sup>th</sup> yearofDarius)	
Ahasuerus (Esther 1:1)	Esther's story	Xerxes [Ahasuerus] (486-465)
Artaxerxes (Ezra 7:1)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Return(458BC)(Ezra7:1-10:44) "about 2K" Ezra (Priest) "spiritual revival"  3 <sup>rd</sup> Return(444BC)  Nehemiah (Governor of Judah) (Nehemiah 1:1-13:31) "Rebuilding City Walls"	Artaxerxes I (464-423)
Darius (Ezra 4:5)		Darius II (423-404)

\*Pseudo-Smerdis claimed the Persian throne by pretending to be Smerdis who had secretly been murdered, ruling for several months.

Chapter 12 regards priests, Levites, their duties and the City Wall Dedication.

Chapter 13 regards Nehemiah's several reforms.

**TEXT: NKJV [KJV]**

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<p><b>12</b></p> <p><sup>1</sup> Now these <i>are</i> the priests and the Levites who came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, <sup>2</sup> Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, <sup>3</sup> Shechaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, <sup>4</sup> Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah, <sup>5</sup> Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, <sup>6</sup> Shemaiah, Joiarib, Jedaiah, <sup>7</sup> Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, <i>and</i> Jedaiah.</p> <p>These <i>were</i> the heads of the priests and their brethren in the days of Jeshua.</p> <p><sup>8</sup> Moreover the Levites <i>were</i> Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, <i>and</i> Mattaniah <i>who led</i> the thanksgiving <i>psalms</i>, he and his brethren. <sup>9</sup> Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their brethren, <i>stood</i> across from them in <i>their</i> duties.</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>1= Q1 Nehemiah's leadership marked the 3<sup>rd</sup> return of the Jewish people to Jerusalem. This occurred in 444 BC, following two previous returns: the first led by here, Zerubbabel and Jeshua in 536 BC (Ezra 1:2), and the 2<sup>nd</sup> led by Ezra in 458 BC (Ezra 7). See above the Captivity Return chart. Despite living his entire life in Babylon, Nehemiah felt a strong desire to return to Jerusalem. His motivation was twofold: to reunify the Jewish people and to restore the city's honor by rebuilding its neglected walls. The lack of walls was a source of great shame because Jerusalem is a city with great historical and religious importance for the Jewish people. Jerusalem was the central city of Jewish history, from Abraham's encounter with Melchizedek to Solomon's construction of the temple, and throughout the subsequent era of the kings. When Nehemiah arrived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> return, he saw that the temple was finished and the people had returned. But the city was disorganized and had no walls to protect it. Nehemiah quickly began to rebuild the city's walls. He also helped the people turn back to God. His work showed God's presence</p>
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<p><sup>10</sup> Jeshua begot Joiakim, Joiakim begot Eliashib, Eliashib begot Joiada, <sup>11</sup> Joiada begot Jonathan, and Jonathan begot Jaddua.</p> <p><sup>12</sup> Now in the days of Joiakim, the priests, the heads of the fathers' <i>houses were</i>: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; <sup>13</sup> of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; <sup>14</sup> of Melichu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; <sup>15</sup> of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; <sup>16</sup> of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; <sup>17</sup> of Abijah, Zichri; <i>the son of</i> Minjamin; of Moadiah, Piltai; <sup>18</sup> of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; <sup>19</sup> of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; <sup>20</sup> of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; <sup>21</sup> of Hilkiyah, Hashabiah; <i>and of</i> Jedaiah, Nethanel.</p> <p><sup>22</sup> During the reign of Darius the Persian, a record <i>was also kept</i> of the Levites and priests <i>who had been</i> heads of their fathers' <i>houses</i> in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua. <sup>23</sup> The sons of Levi, the heads of the fathers' <i>houses</i> until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib, <i>were</i> written in the book of the chronicles.</p> <p><sup>24</sup> And the heads of the Levites <i>were</i> Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brothers across from them, to praise <i>and give</i> thanks, group alternating with group, according to the command of David the man of God. <sup>25</sup> Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub <i>were</i> gatekeepers keeping the watch at the storerooms of the gates. <sup>26</sup> These <i>lived</i> in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of</p>	<p>and brought honor to Him. <i>Ezra 2:2, Gen 14:17-20; 1 kings 7:51</i><sup>1</sup></p> <p>10-11 = (Genealogy of High Priests)</p> <p>13= Ezra was the leader of the 2<sup>nd</sup> captivity return. See about the chart. <i>Ezra 7:1</i><sup>2</sup></p> <p>16= Zechariah was a prophet <i>Ezra 5:1</i><sup>3</sup></p> <p>22= Eliashib was the grandson of Jeshua in Nehemiah's time, see verse 10.</p>
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<sup>1</sup> *Ezra 2:2* Those who came with Zerubbabel *were* Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, *and* Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel.; *Gen 14:17-20* And the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that *is*, the King's Valley), after his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who *were* with him. <sup>18</sup> Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he *was* the priest of God Most High. <sup>19</sup> And he blessed him and said: "Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; <sup>20</sup> And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand." And he gave him a title of all; *1 kings 7:51* So all the work that King Solomon had done for the house of the Lord *was* finished; and Solomon brought in the things which his father David had dedicated: the silver and the gold and the furnishings. He put them in the treasuries of the house of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> *Ezra 7:1* Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiyah,

<sup>3</sup> *Ezra 5:1* Then the prophet Haggai and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophets, prophesied to the Jews who *were* in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, *who was* over them.

Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

<sup>27</sup> Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites in all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings and singing, *with* cymbals and stringed instruments and harps. <sup>28</sup> And the sons of the singers gathered together from the countryside around Jerusalem, from the villages of the Netophathites, <sup>29</sup> from the house of Gilgal, and from the fields of Geba and Azmaveth; for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem. <sup>30</sup> Then the priests and Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, the gates, and the wall.

<sup>31</sup> So I brought the leaders of Judah up on the wall, and appointed two large thanksgiving choirs. *One* went to the right hand on the wall toward the Refuse Gate. <sup>32</sup> After them went Hoshaiah and half of the leaders of Judah, <sup>33</sup> and Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam, <sup>34</sup> Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah, <sup>35</sup> and some of the priests' sons with trumpets—Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph, <sup>36</sup> and his brethren, Shemaiah, Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, *and* Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God. And Ezra the scribe *went* before them. <sup>37</sup> By the Fountain Gate, in front of them, they went up the stairs of the City of David, on the stairway of the wall, beyond the house of David, as far as the Water Gate eastward. <sup>38</sup> The other thanksgiving choir went the opposite way, and I was behind them with half of the people on the wall, going past the Tower of the Ovens as far as the Broad Wall, <sup>39</sup> and above the

35-36 = King David had made musical instruments an important part of temple worship. When Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the temple, he took many valuable items, including the instruments, to Babylon. The instruments were kept safe there instead of being destroyed. Later, when King Cyrus allowed the Jewish people to return to Jerusalem, he gave back the temple items. The musical instruments were likely among these items, so the priests could use them and continue their musical worship. <sup>2</sup> *Chro* 36:18; *Ezra* 1:7-11<sup>4</sup>

<sup>4</sup> <sup>2</sup> *Chro* 36:18 And all the articles from the house of God, great and small, the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king and of his leaders, all *these* he took to Babylon.; *Ezra* 1:7-11 King Cyrus also brought out the articles of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from Jerusalem and put in the temple of his gods; <sup>8</sup> and Cyrus king of Persia brought them out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out to Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah. <sup>9</sup> This *is* the number of them: thirty gold platters, one thousand silver platters, twenty-nine knives, <sup>10</sup> thirty gold basins, four hundred and ten silver basins of a similar *kind*, *and* one thousand other articles. <sup>11</sup> All the articles of gold and silver *were* five thousand four hundred. All *these* Sheshbazzar took with the captives who were brought from Babylon to Jerusalem.

Gate of Ephraim, above the Old Gate, above the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel, the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate; and they stopped by the Gate of the Prison.

<sup>40</sup> So the two thanksgiving choirs stood in the house of God, likewise I and the half of the rulers with me; <sup>41</sup> and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Minjamin, Michaiiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, with trumpets; <sup>42</sup> also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and Ezer. The singers sang loudly with Jezrahiah the director.

<sup>43</sup> Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off.

<sup>44</sup> And at the same time some were appointed over the rooms of the storehouse for the offerings, the firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into them from the fields of the cities the portions specified by the Law for the priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced over the priests and Levites who ministered.

<sup>45</sup> Both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God and the charge of the purification, according to the command of David *and* Solomon his son. <sup>46</sup> For in the days of David and Asaph of old *there were* chiefs of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving to God. <sup>47</sup> In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day. They also consecrated *holy things* for the Levites, and the Levites consecrated *them* for the children of Aaron.

40= Thanksgiving is a natural coming out of believers, "in everything" if the Lord permits. *1 Thes 5:18*<sup>5</sup>

42= This verse describes a scene of great rejoicing and celebration during the dedication of the walls. Everyone was present, and celebrated with musicians, who played a variety of instruments including cymbals, psalteries, and harps, all accompanied by singing.

43= Everyone offered joyfully because God had made them rejoice with great joy.

44= Q2 The people appointed to run the storerooms were responsible for managing the money and goods of the temple. Their job was to make sure that all tithes and offerings were collected correctly and then given out as needed. The storerooms had to be large enough to hold the many grains and other gifts brought by the people, showing their joy in giving. Their giving came from the heart, not out of obligation. *2 Cor 5:13-15*<sup>6</sup>

46= Among the priests and Levites, some led the people in singing and praising God, some worked as gatekeepers, and some performed purification rituals.

47= The dedication of Jerusalem's city wall was a time of great joy, praise, and singing (Nehemiah 12:24-43). The returning exiles were not just celebrating a construction project—they were spiritually dedicating themselves and their city to God. By rebuilding Jerusalem, they wanted it to be the center of a renewed, God-strengthened nation. For the temple ministries, a portion of daily offerings was given to the Levites, who then provided for the priests, the descendants of Aaron. *Neh 10:38-39*<sup>7</sup>

<sup>5</sup> *1 Thes 5:18* in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

<sup>6</sup> *2 Cor 5:13-15* For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for you. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; <sup>15</sup> and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

<sup>7</sup> *Neh 10:38-39* And the priest, the descendant of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive tithes; and the Levites shall bring up a tenth of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms of the storehouse.

<sup>39</sup> For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the articles of the sanctuary are, *where* the priests who minister and the gatekeepers and the singers are; and we will not neglect the house of our God.

**13** <sup>1</sup> On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people, and in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever come into the assembly of God, <sup>2</sup> because they had not met the children of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them. However, our God turned the curse into a blessing. <sup>3</sup> So it was, when they had heard the Law, that they separated all the mixed multitude from Israel. <sup>4</sup> Now before this, Eliashib the priest, having authority over the storerooms of the house of our God, was allied with Tobiah. <sup>5</sup> And he had prepared for him a large room, where previously they had stored the grain offerings, the frankincense, the articles, the tithes of grain, the new wine and oil, which were commanded *to be given* to the Levites and singers and gatekeepers, and the offerings for the priests. <sup>6</sup> But during all this I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had returned to the king. Then after certain days I obtained leave from the king, <sup>7</sup> and I came to Jerusalem and discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of God. <sup>8</sup> And it grieved me bitterly; therefore I threw all the household goods of Tobiah out of the room. <sup>9</sup> Then I commanded them to cleanse the rooms; and I brought back into them the articles of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

<sup>10</sup> I also realized that the portions for the Levites had not been given *them*; for each of the Levites and the singers who did the work had gone back to his field. <sup>11</sup> So I contended with the rulers, and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their place. <sup>12</sup> Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil to the

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1-2 = God forbade the Israelites from making alliances with the Ammonites and Moabites, the descendants of Lot, because these nations had mistreated the Israelites during their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land. One example is when the Moabite King Balak hired the prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites. But God turned the intended curse into a blessing, showing that He works to protect and favor His people *Gen 19:37-38; Deu 23:3-4*<sup>8</sup>

4= Although Tobiah had tirelessly worked to hinder the rebuilding of Jerusalem's wall and had actively conspired against Nehemiah, he was now found to be an ally of one of the priests, Eliashib.

5= Eliashib, the priest, provided a storage room within the temple—previously used for meal offerings—to Tobiah, a known opponent of God's work.

6-7= After Nehemiah returned to Babylon in 433 BC, he came back to Jerusalem and found a shocking situation: his former opponent, Tobiah the Ammonite, had been given a room inside the temple. As an Ammonite, Tobiah was forbidden from entering the temple, yet he was granted this special privilege because of his alliance with the priest Eliashib, whose daughter Tobiah had married. This demonstrates how enemies, unable to conquer from the outside, often seek to infiltrate and corrupt from within. This is a clear parallel to the earlier opposition described in Nehemiah chapters 2, 4, and 6, where Tobiah and Sanballat relentlessly tried to stop the rebuilding efforts.

9= Nehemiah expelled all of Tobiah's furnishings from the temple chamber and restored the room to its original purpose.

10= Rash vows are often made to gain God's favor or to extract a special blessing, but they ultimately demonstrate a reliance on one's own efforts rather than on God's grace. This contrasts with the situation of the Levites. Because the Levites were no longer being supported by the people, they had left their temple duties and returned to their farms to support themselves. This neglect of their ministry had a negative impact on the spiritual welfare of the people. Believers failed to adequately assess and

<sup>8</sup> *Gen 19:37-38* The firstborn bore a son and called his name Moab; he *is* the father of the Moabites to this day. <sup>38</sup> And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; he *is* the father of the people of Ammon to this day. *Deu 23:3-4* "An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter the assembly of the Lord; even to the tenth generation none of his *descendants* shall enter the assembly of the Lord forever, <sup>4</sup> because they did not meet you with bread and water on the road when you came out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse you.

storehouse. <sup>13</sup> And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouse Shelemiah the priest and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were considered faithful, and their task was to distribute to their brethren.

<sup>14</sup> Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for its services!

<sup>15</sup> In those days I saw *people* in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all *kinds of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned *them* about the day on which they were selling provisions. <sup>16</sup> Men of Tyre dwelt there also, who brought in fish and all kinds of goods, and sold *them* on the Sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem.

<sup>17</sup> Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, "What evil thing *is* this that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day? <sup>18</sup> Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath."

<sup>19</sup> So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem, as it began to be dark before the Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to be shut, and charged that they must not be opened till after the Sabbath. Then I posted *some* of my servants at the gates, so *that* no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day. <sup>20</sup> Now the merchants and sellers of

meet the needs of their ministers, causing the Levites to suffer and abandon their spiritual responsibilities.

13= Faithful men were appointed to distribute the collected goods to the Levites

14= After detailing his works to correct the people's sins, Nehemiah concludes by asking God to remember him favorably because of his works responded to God, Here is his first request followed by his 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> requests, the verse 22 and verse 31. Nehemiah's constant request to "remember me" implies his ministry was tough and needed God's strength.

15= While it was the Sabbath, some people were working, treading the grapes in the winepresses barefoot. Others were bringing in bundles of grain and other goods, such as grapes and figs, from the fields.

16= Tyre was a significant Phoenician city and a major port on the Mediterranean Sea, located on the coast of what is now in Lebanon.

17= According to the Sabbath—observed from Friday sunset to Saturday sunset—requires people to rest and honor God. Trading on the Sabbath was a direct violation of this law. Upon returning from the Persian king, Nehemiah found that the people had strayed from this observance. He demonstrated strong leadership by commanding that the city gates be shut and traders be sent away on the Sabbath, enforcing adherence to God's law. This highlights the importance of strong, diligent leadership in maintaining spiritual discipline among a hesitant people. *Exodus 20:8-11; Deuteronomy 5:12-15*<sup>9</sup>

19= Nehemiah took decisive action by sending his servants to the city gates to ensure no one brought in goods on the Sabbath.

<sup>9</sup> . *Exodus 20:8-11* "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the Lord your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For *in* six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.; *Deuteronomy 5:12-15* 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the Lord your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup> And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice. <sup>21</sup> Then I warned them, and said to them, "Why do you spend the night around the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you!" From that time on they came no *more* on the Sabbath. <sup>22</sup> And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should go and guard the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day.

Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Your mercy! <sup>23</sup> In those days I also saw Jews *who* had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. <sup>24</sup> And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and could not speak the language of Judah, but spoke according to the language of one or the other people. <sup>25</sup> So I contended with them and cursed them, struck some of them and pulled out their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying*, "You shall not give your daughters as wives to their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons or yourselves. <sup>26</sup> Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved of his God; and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless pagan women caused even him to sin. <sup>27</sup> Should we then hear of your doing all this great evil, transgressing against our God by marrying pagan women?"<sup>28</sup> And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, *was* a son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite; therefore I drove him from me. <sup>29</sup> Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites. <sup>30</sup> Thus I cleansed them of everything pagan. I also assigned duties to the priests and the Levites, each to his service, <sup>31</sup> and *to bringing* the wood offering and the firstfruits at appointed times.

Remember me, O my God, for good!

21= He went out there and threatened them.

22= Q3 A genuine faith in God will produce good works and bear good fruit in your life for the kingdom. While our hearts respond to God's gift by serving Him, and we want Him to observe our service, we should not seek salvation or blessings based on our works. Instead, we must approach God based on His abundant mercy. As the passage says, "Spare me, Lord, according to the greatness of your mercy," recognizing that we are saved not by our deeds but by His grace.

24= Ashdod, located on the Mediterranean coast, was a Philistine city. Across the Jordan River to the east were the nations of Ammon and Moab. Both of these nations, along with Ashdod, were considered abhorrent by the Israelites due to their historical opposition to Israel.

25= To combat the spread of paganism in Israel, interracial marriage was prohibited. When Nehemiah discovered that these laws were being violated, he took strong action. He physically confronted the offenders, pulling their hair and making them swear an oath that they would not allow their children to marry into these pagan nations. *Deu 7:3-4*<sup>10</sup>

26= Despite Solomon's greatness as a king, his interracial marriages introduced paganism into Israel, which led to a significant tragedy. This serves as a powerful reminder of one of the primary reasons for reading the Bible: to learn from the mistakes of God's people.

28-30= Eliashib, the high priest, was allied with Tobiah and Sanballat who had been resistant to rebuild Nehemiah's rebuilding the wall, by giving his daughter to Tobiah and receiving the daughter of Sanballat to his grandson. Through the marriages of Eliashib's children, Tobiah and Sanballat gained special influence over Eliashib.

31= Nehemiah really wanted God to remember him about his spiritual works responding to God..

<sup>10</sup> *Deu 7:3-4* Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. <sup>4</sup>For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly.

Note: Most Christians say the Scripture is important, but rarely study every word in the Scripture 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 Scripture 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 Scripture is the Scripture 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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**“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8).**

**God’s Continuing Work through His Church CCAH Acts 29**

Calvary Chapel Anaheim Hills (CCAHA), through its publishing arm CCAH PRESS®, is a poor church in materials and in spirit compared to other local churches. Despite this, it is deeply committed to serving not just a community but also those in need, providing free Bibles, food, and support to the most marginalized members of society—including drug addicts, the homeless, the elderly, veterans, and the indigent. Although CCAH does not own or possess a dedicated physical building, it utilizes at least seven different locations out of 15 available places each week to hold services and ministries. Each week, approximately 2,000 people are connected to the church’s work. Beyond its local reach, CCAH connects globally through its mobile apps on Google Play and the Apple App Store. Over the past years, church representatives have traveled to Europe, Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Recently, an online supporter generously donated to sustain the teaching of God’s Word, recognizing that CCAH’s 15 ministers provide verse-by-verse inductive Bible teaching—unlike most local churches, which focus on brief topical messages—while faithfully preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ anytime and anywhere.

**Note:** The open, connected members of CCAH should not be discouraged by the fact that the church neither owns nor possesses a physical building. This actually frees the fellowship from the burden of mortgage or rental payments tied to maintaining such a property. Instead, we are reminded that we ourselves are the church—not a building—as we gather together in Jesus’ name. At present, the Lord has graciously provided at least seven meeting places among fifteen available each week. And if the Lord desires for CCAH to have a permanent building in the future, He will provide it in His time, for CCAH belongs wholly to Jesus, who is all in all.

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

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**Pray for God's power, grace, and protection of the underground church and ministers in Iran in the last days**

ANCIENT WAY, NEW SACRIFICE

**INTERVIEW WITH HAMID**

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**MY JOB IS TO HELP IRANIAN CHRISTIANS PREPARE TO FACE PERSECUTION**

**Human rights lawyer and Elam team member Hamid explains how Iranian believers are being equipped to stand firm in the face of persecution. Choosing Christ can carry a high price, but - Hamid says - many believers bravely see imprisonment as an opportunity to share the Gospel.**

**Hamid, can you share your story with us?**

I was born into a devout Muslim family in Iran. As a young man I was passionate about the law and attended university hoping to become a judge. But as I studied, I saw the corruption of the judiciary branch and so became a lawyer instead to try to do good for others. Disillusioned by Islam, I explored other spiritual experiences. Then one of my co-workers introduced me to Jesus and everything changed.

I attended Elam's three-month leadership training and have served the church ever since. I dedicated my life to advocating for human rights and serving those who face persecution in the Iran region. This work made me a target for persecution, so I left Iran with my family. Today, as part of the Elam team, I help fellow Iranian Christians prepare for

**What is it like to be a Christian in Iran?**

It can be very hard. Conversion from Islam to Christianity is illegal; many believers face arrest, torture, and long prison sentences for their ministry. But this is not a surprise for us. The Bible makes it clear that living for Jesus means facing persecution. The world hates Him, so it hates those who love Him. That doesn't make it easy, but it gives us something to remember and hold onto amid the hardships. That's why spiritual formation in this area is so important.

**How do you prepare someone for persecution?**

An important foundation is exploring the Biblical perspective on suffering in general and persecution in particular. The practical insight we give the students on best practices for security is important but helping them engage with God's Word has the most enduring impact.

**How do you help Iranian Christians overcome fear?**

Proverbs 29:25 says: "Fear of man will prove a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe." We study this verse and others to explore fear.



# Pastoral Training of Asia

Ministering to Ministers

## CALVARY CHAPEL KOREA

Loudermilk Family Occasional Newsletter – December 2024

Dear Friends and Family,

After nearly 19 years here in Korea (16 years since starting Calvary Chapel in Daejeon), we finally had an actual American style Thanksgiving dinner at the church. Everyone had a great time as we got to see some people we hadn't seen in a while, and some visitors were brought in as well. It was a good time of fellowship and getting into God's Word to be reminded of the need for thankfulness and prayer.

*Rejoice in the Lord always.  
Again I will say, rejoice!  
Let your gentleness be known to all men.  
The Lord is at hand.  
Be anxious for nothing,  
but in everything by prayer  
and supplication, with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God;  
and the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and minds through  
Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:4-7



Everyone is now even more excited about our upcoming Christmas party on December 25<sup>th</sup> where we will worship with songs of Christmas, share the Gospel of God's Grace, and enjoy the fun of a white elephant gift exchange which we have done every year from the beginning. It is another chance for evangelism as people who don't normally attend church tend to come enjoy the time with us. Please pray for effective outreach for those who need to know God's salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

As you consider us with your prayers in 2025, please pray that God would raise up an army of young people that are on fire for the Lord with a desire for evangelism. Pray that us older folks would be ready and willing to disciple them and help them along the way.

Pray that all of us would increase in the knowledge of His will, to walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, to be fruitful and increase in the knowledge of God. Strengthened with His power, patient with joy, and always giving thanks to Him.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Mike, Hye-Young, and Jeena

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## Pray for Christians and Underground Churches in Iran.

NOVEMBER 2024

# In a region at war, the Lord remains at work

Dear Friend,

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

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

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

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

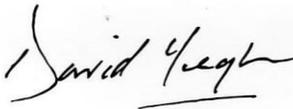
**It is our privilege to serve people like Magda and Firouz. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and partnership which have allowed us to do so.**

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

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

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

Grace and peace,



David Yeghnazar  
Executive Director, Elam Ministries

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

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# European Union Mission

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

**From 9/26 To 10/4, 2024**

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

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

**Soli Deo Gloria! For those on the EU Mission from 9/26 to 10/4, the mobile apps have been launched. We the Board invite you to review any eBook that encourages others to dive into our expositional study and grow in their knowledge of Jesus and their life by faith. If the Lord wills, please consider doing so. Use the code "Review" for free access, and "Calvary" for a 30% discount.** The Apple App Store, with over 650 million users per week, and Google Play Store, with over 2.5 billion users per month. The more increasing materialism, the more demanding this kind of App the whole counsel of God in exposition to every soul at all nations.



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

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

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## Christian Population By Country

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

North America	Europe	Asia	Africa
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>United States:</b> 230 million</li> <li>• <b>Canada:</b> 22 million</li> <li>• <b>Mexico:</b> 120 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Russia:</b> 105 million</li> <li>• <b>Germany:</b> 50 million</li> <li>• <b>United Kingdom:</b> 40 million</li> <li>• <b>France:</b> 38 million</li> <li>• <b>Italy:</b> 44 million</li> <li>• <b>Spain:</b> 37 million</li> <li>• <b>Poland:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Ukraine:</b> 30 million</li> <li>• <b>Romania:</b> 18 million</li> <li>• <b>Netherlands:</b> 12 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Philippines:</b> 90 million</li> <li>• <b>China:</b> 70 million</li> <li>• <b>India:</b> 31 million</li> <li>• <b>Indonesia:</b> 25 million</li> <li>• <b>South Korea:</b> 15 million</li> <li>• <b>Vietnam:</b> 7 million</li> <li>• <b>Kazakhstan:</b> 4 million</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nigeria:</b> 85 million</li> <li>• <b>Democratic Republic of the Congo:</b> 65 million</li> <li>• <b>Ethiopia:</b> 45 million</li> <li>• <b>South Africa:</b> 37 million</li> <li>• <b>Kenya:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Uganda:</b> 34 million</li> <li>• <b>Tanzania:</b> 30 million</li> <li>• <b>Ghana:</b> 24 million</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Central America and the Caribbean</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Guatemala:</b> 13 million</li> <li>• <b>Honduras:</b> 7 million</li> <li>• <b>El Salvador:</b> 6 million</li> <li>• <b>Nicaragua:</b> 5 million</li> <li>• <b>Cuba:</b> 6 million</li> <li>• <b>Dominican Republic:</b> 9 million</li> <li>• <b>Haiti:</b> 6 million</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Middle East</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Egypt:</b> 10 million</li> <li>• <b>Lebanon:</b> 2 million</li> <li>• <b>Iraq:</b> 0.5 million</li> <li>• <b>Syria:</b> 0.5 million</li> <li>• <b>Jordan:</b> 0.4 million</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Oceania</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Australia:</b> 14 million</li> <li>• <b>Papua New Guinea:</b> 8 million</li> <li>• <b>New Zealand:</b> 2 million</li> <li>• <b>Fiji:</b> 0.6 million</li> </ul>	<p>“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.  <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:  <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Mat 28:18-20).</p> <p style="color: red;">Note: there are more Christians than we often realize, but only a few are truly Scripture-based Christians. So, anyone among them who wanders from the truth should be turned to the life by faith through all the Scripture (Jame 5:19; Dan 12:3)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>South America</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Brazil:</b> 180 million</li> <li>• <b>Argentina:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Colombia:</b> 35 million</li> <li>• <b>Peru:</b> 25 million</li> <li>• <b>Venezuela:</b> 25 million</li> <li>• <b>Chile:</b> 16 million</li> </ul>			<p>Sources:  <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christianity_by_country:</a>  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQBeX0M3Ego">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQBeX0M3Ego</a></p>

# Delivery of the words of God

in the Gospel and in all the Scripture

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

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

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

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

**"...teach all nations..."** (Matthew 28:19)

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



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

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

## Calvary Anaheim Hills Missions:

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

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

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

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

France -- Joy Diacou... MAP

Haiti – Brian McDaniel MAP

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

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

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

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

Israel -- street evangelists.... MAP genocide

Italy -- Brent Harrell... MAP

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

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

Lebanon -- Raymond Sleighman... MAP

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

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

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

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

Peru -- Timothy Kim, J Y Oh, Lucho Garcia, Alberato Sanchez..... MAP

Philippines -- Dodong, Jim Davis..... MAP

Russia -- Robert Ovcharenko..... MAP

Scotland -- Chris & Jenn Lawsons, Steve Kostlan MAP

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

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

Uganda -- Brian Kelly... MAP

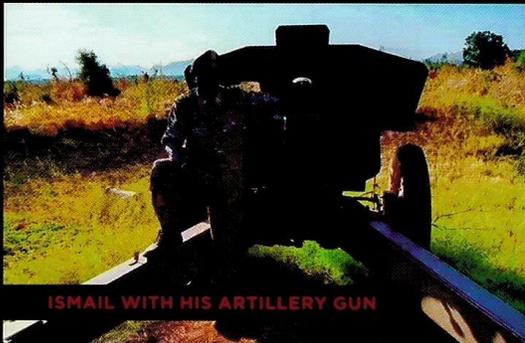
United Arab Emirates – Simon Baek .... MAP

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

*Please pray for Missionaries and for Christians over all the earth.  
James 5:16b ".....The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

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# Pray for the Feeding People From Starvation and Sickness.



**ISMAIL WITH HIS ARTILLERY GUN**

God could deliver him. Ismail said that if God can heal me from this, He is real, and I will follow him and he did.

In one particular battle Ismail was in, his unit was being attacked by 700 Islamic enemy soldiers and his unit had only 100 men. His unit was told to attack even though they were greatly outnumbered, but he said, "Today is Sunday. Let us pray this whole day and seek our God that He will be with us." So, all the soldiers spent the



**WE STARTED THE FEEDING PROGRAM TO KEEP PEOPLE FROM STARVATION AND SICKNESS**

day in prayer. The next day, Ismail took his artillery gun and fired seven shots; all seven hit critical enemy positions, and within a few minutes, the enemy was in full retreat leaving the area and did not return. The men spent the day giving thanks to the Lord for His deliverance. Ismail was known for many great feats of heroism, once capturing 16 enemy soldiers and three trucks full of military supplies. On another occasion, his position was hit by a surface-to-air missile (SAM) that killed over 100 soldiers and 30 civilians. Once again, Ismail escaped uninjured, and the people said it was because of his relationship with Christ that he was delivered.

I am at the chaplain base as this letter is being written. We sent for Ismail's wife to be brought from the Nuba

Mountains to the base. We will do our best to comfort her in her grief and give her the stipend that we give for each fallen chaplain, which can take care of her for years. Ismail was around 55 years of age and served in the war for 37 years. In his life, he had brought many men and



**NEW CHURCH BUILT BY JOSHUA SPRINGS CALVARY CHAPEL AND JEREL HAGERMAN**

women to Christ. He had planted a church in a radical Muslim area where the people were some of the most violent, but to this day, his church is still alive with over 200 converted Muslims.

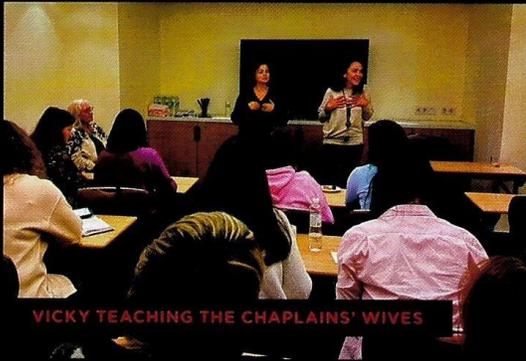
He never knew the comforts of this world but will know great peace throughout eternity, having given his all to protect his people and serve Christ.

*Wes Bentley*

Wes Bentley

Far Reaching Ministries

# Pray for Abandoned children in Ukraine and for His increase



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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

Pray for the Rescue from Afghanistan & Ukraine and for His glory.



## WHEN MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED

I have too much to share once again but let me just give you an update on Afghanistan first.

On our Afghanistan operation, we have rescued around 2,700 individuals. During this operation, we raised about \$5.5 million, but we will have spent close to \$6.5 million by the time our last refugees are safely resettled. Brent came to me and asked what I wanted to do when the money had run out, and I told him that we would spend what was needed to get every last person the Lord had entrusted us with to relocate to a safe country. For all of you who have given, thank you, I believe you have touched the heart of God. And I would like to give a special thanks to North Country Chapel for helping to save so many lives. Far Reaching Ministries is in the final stages of shutting down operations in Afghanistan.

In March, Luke, Vicky, and I were at the chaplain refresher course in Ukraine. The time was far better than

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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.,

# Pray for Feeding the Lord's Lambs in Ukraine and in S Sudan

Second, I want to share an update on our orphanage project in Ukraine. We have found a great location that is even better than the first. It not only has room for an orphanage but future Bible school as well as a chaplain base. The property is seven acres and has a natural waterway. When the owner found out believers from the U.S. wanted to help Ukrainian orphans, he lowered the price from \$180,000 to \$140,000. We have raised the complete amount to purchase the property so that the next phase will be the construction of the first dorm for 100 children. For another \$250,000, we will be able to complete a kitchen and cafeteria, and the new children's dorm. We have already raised the first \$100,000 and only need another \$150,000 to complete the initial phase of



the project. One of the ideas is to build the buildings in an Austrian or German Bavarian style so that the children will grow up in a beautiful home and have many happy memories.

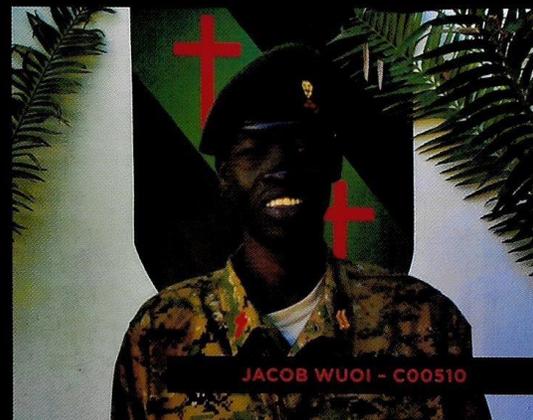
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We are also looking for pastors to come to Ukraine to train the chaplains.

The third thing I need to share is that Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) has shipped a container of Bibles into China. We can share no details so as not to hamper future operations.

The fourth thing we must report is the loss of two more chaplains—Chaplain Jacob Wuoi and Chaplain John Ebele. With the death of three more chaplains in the last year, this brings the total to 76 chaplains lost since the beginning of the ministry.



Jacob joined the chaplaincy program in 2019. He fell ill one evening and was gone by morning. Being in South Sudan, he was buried the next day, and whatever took him, we will never know. Jacob had graduated in Class 11 and served for four years before he was summoned home by our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Q 1. How many members or offerings are at CCAH?

A 1. People say, "How many people have been saved?" we don't know, but God knows, although we acknowledge that God has arranged over 1,000 units of communities, 7 sober living facilities, over 200 units of veteran community, KJV English & RVR Spanish Scriptures & 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 Scripture 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 Philippians 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%; 4st Quarter 2013, 55.6 %; 3rd Quarter 2013, 20.11%; 2nd Quarter 2013, 55.91%; 1st Quarter, 2013 43.26%; 4th Quarter, 2012 45.57%, etc.), rather than spent them for additional social/cultural/popular internal programs. But about 60% for the internal ministries following the model of the early church in the Book of Acts is spent for sheep to be fed with spiritual food (Galatians 6:6) and for staff (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

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

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

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

### UKRAINIAN CHILDREN'S HOME - GHOST OPERATIONS



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

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

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

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

### UKRAINIAN ORPHAN



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

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

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

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



# Pastoral Training of Asia

Ministering to Ministers

Dear Calvary Chapel Pastor,

July 2024

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

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

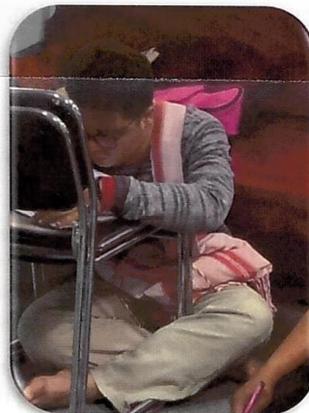


*This mother survived the accident, but her son did not.*

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



*Boys on one side...*



*All were diligent in their Bible study.*



*.... Girls on the other!*

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

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



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



*Pastors & wives at the Sumatra PTA Seminar*

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

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

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

Lord bless you,

Jim & Shonda Davis

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

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



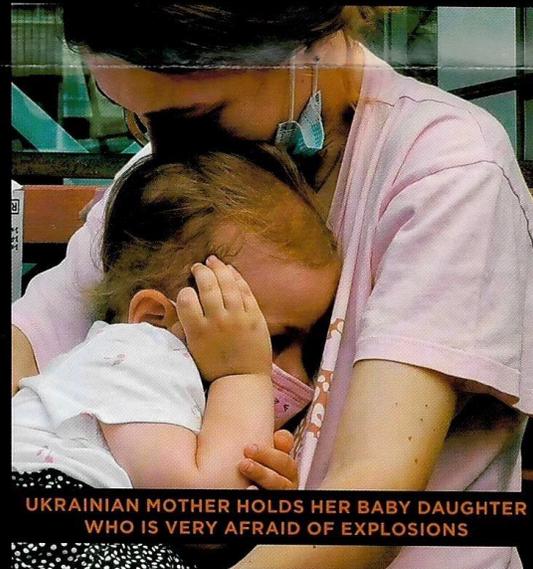
At this moment in our conversation, I knew this was a time to give them something of substance that they could relate to. I said that at the future chaplain training school there would be a large aquarium, and on the bottom, there would be a sunken battleship with the word Moskva on it. I knew that this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

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



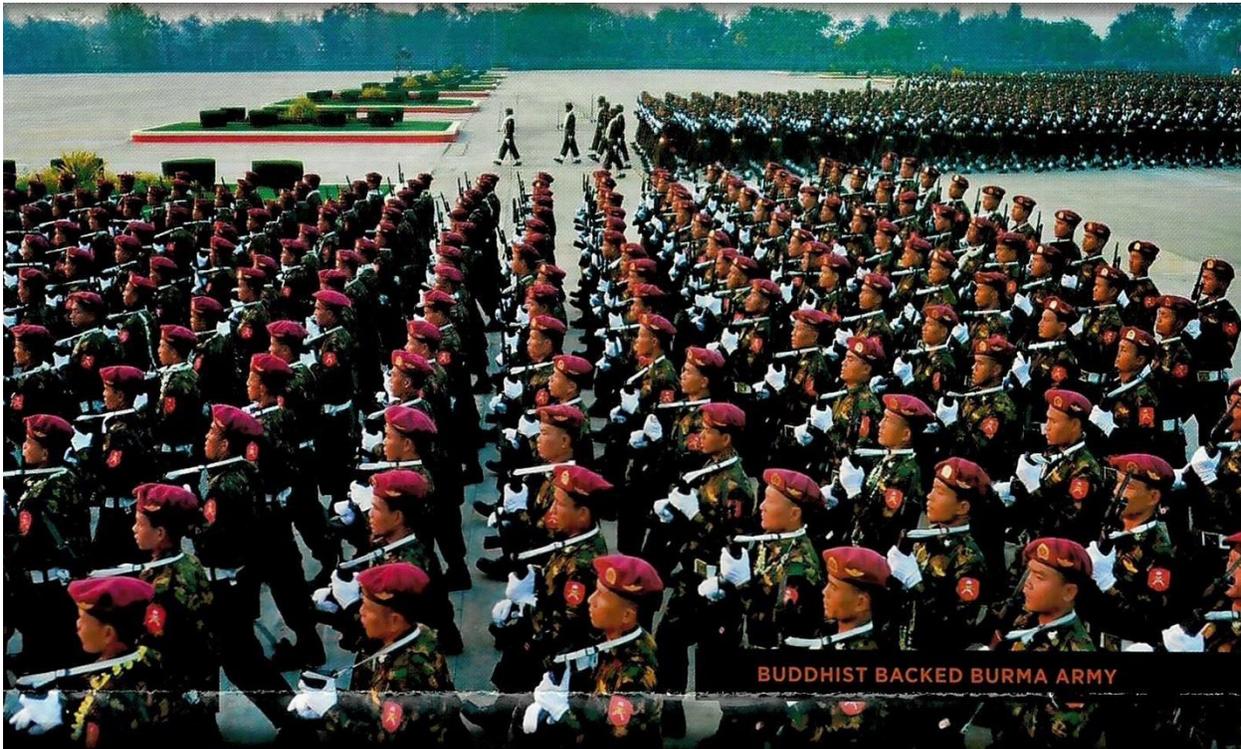
I was in Europe when a Russian missile hit a children's hospital and maternity ward in Ukraine, killing mothers and children. One photo, in particular, troubled me.



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



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



**BUDDHIST BACKED BURMA ARMY**

## ONE LONG JOURNEY

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

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

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

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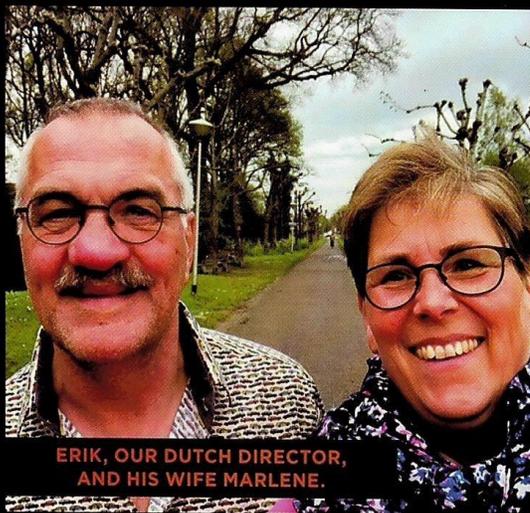
And, often, I would only eat twice a day. When I would return to Moscow after each of my trips, I would run to the only McDonald's in the city to find food. Every month, when I would travel, I would lose at least 20 pounds, but it was never a problem; instead, it was a great joy.

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

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

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

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



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

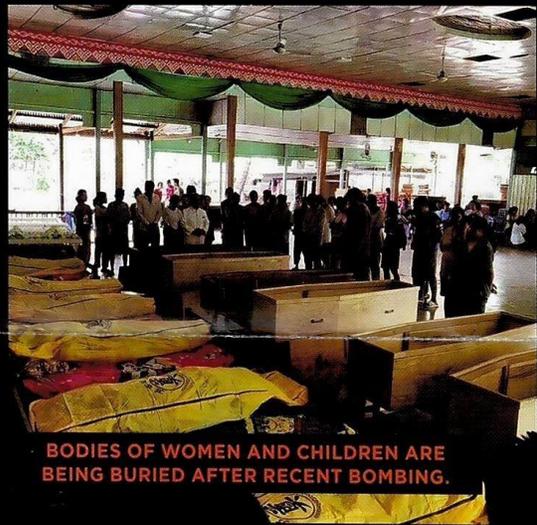
Unfortunately, Erik, the director of the Dutch office, had a heart attack at age 63 and went home to be with the Lord. It was a shock to all of us, and the Dutch office is having to deal with such a great loss. We gave his

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

I will miss Erik and his passion for the Lord.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

### **1. CCAH is the Lord's Church**

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

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

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

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

**In today's world, shaped by capitalism and materialism, money has become central to human life. However, how we allocate our financial resources reflects the priorities of our heart. As Matthew 6:21 states, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." CCAH uses a donation basket or online donation button as a way for individuals to examine their love for God, gauging it through their willingness to support His work. These tools are not for fundraising but rather to encourage believers to align their financial priorities with their faith, recognizing that where one's money goes often indicates where their heart lies.**

**CCA follows a Spirit-led approach, relying on God's provision rather than human efforts to seek funds. Therefore, donations at CCAH serve as a personal testament to one's love for God, and are gratefully accepted as an act of faith and commitment to advancing His kingdom. Note that we do tolerate others' fund raising for Godly things which are in Jesus, because of the supremacy of Agape love.**

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This book of “LIVING EPISTLE WITH AI” the title contemplated from the verse-by-verse inductive expository studies – has been published on October 15, 2024, coming from the CCAH sheep’s inductive & expositional Scripture Studies from September 17, 2023, to September 15, 2024, via the “Online Word for Global Crusade™” viewed by multitudes on the earth. A free either ebook (“Review”, 30% “Calvary Code”) or free paperback book is available for “first-come first-served.” <https://ebook.church> or <https://amazon.com>

**The Role of AI in Bible Study**

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

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

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

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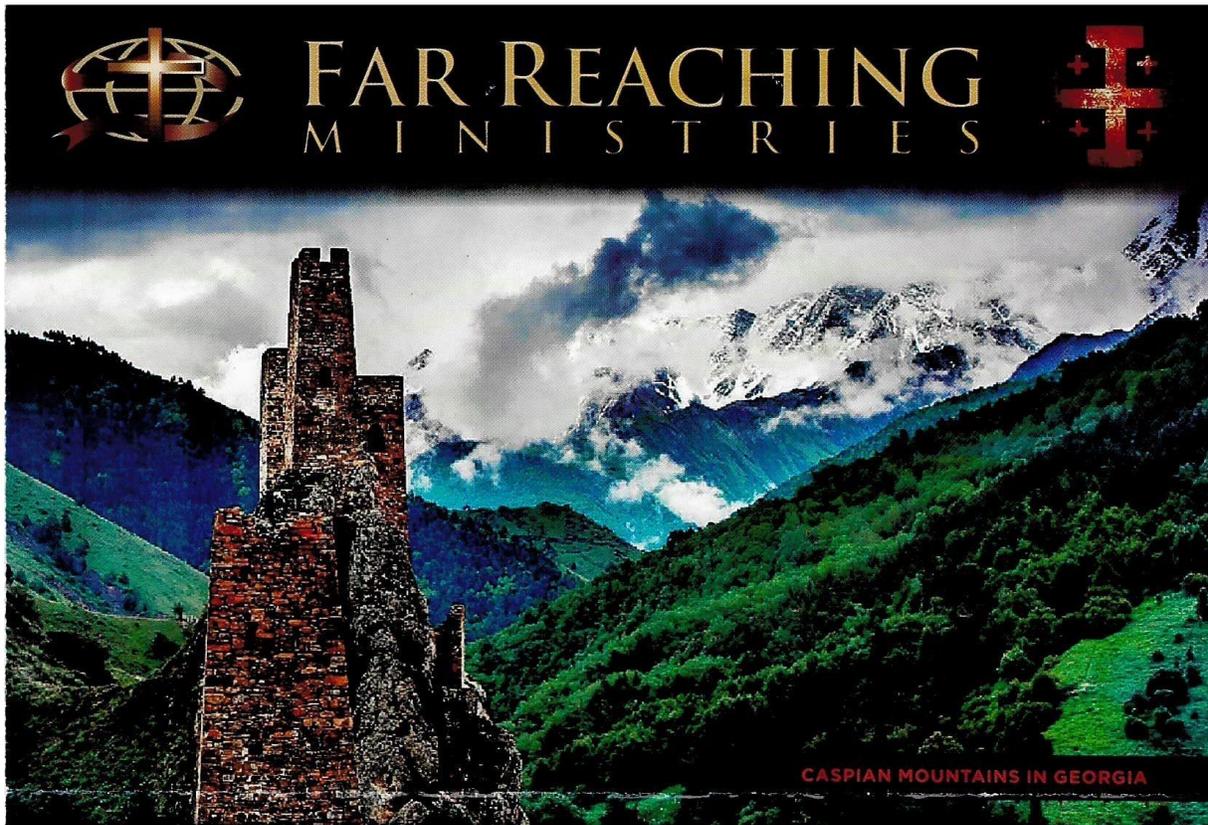
WAYNE KIM

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

LIVING EPISTLE with AI Wayne

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

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



**FAR REACHING**  
MINISTRIES

CASPIAN MOUNTAINS IN GEORGIA

## NO MAN WILL WANT ME

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

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

**GOING WHERE FEW WOULD DARE TO GO**

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

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

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

## Keep on Prayer for Peru and other Latin America to Turn Back to the Truth (James 5:19). 5/20 – 5/28 CC Peru Lima, Lucho/Alberto

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



CALVARY CHAPEL TRUJILLO, PERU

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

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

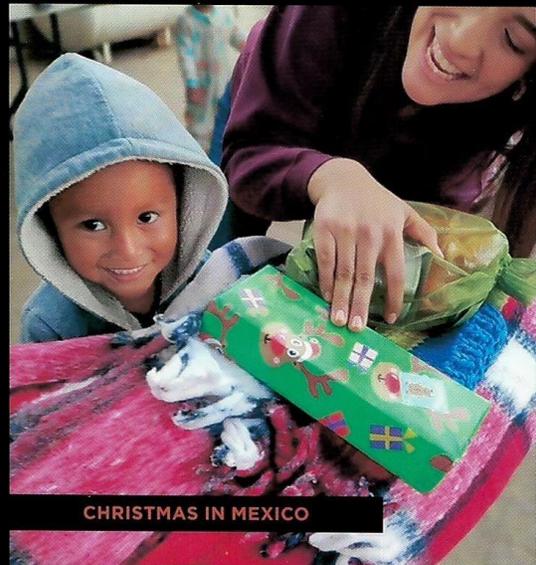


THE CHURCH IS ALIVE AND GROWING

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

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

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



CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO

## Mission To Georgia; Pray for the more the closer to Jesus

### THE WAR CROSS

Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) Chaplain Corps proudly presents the War Cross, a distinguished honor awarded in three classes—Bronze, Silver, and Gold—to recognize courage and dedication in war:

- **Bronze** is awarded for five years of wartime service.
- **Silver** honors those with seven years of service.
- **Gold** acknowledges a decade of unwavering faithfulness.

While traditionally reserved for Chaplain Corps members, FRM recently honored two Americans, Dustin Cummings and Roger Ulman, both pastors with Calvary Chapel. These men have shown extraordinary commitment, often giving up personal family vacations, to work with our chaplains and chaplain cadets at our base in South Sudan. Pastor Dustin has served for twelve years, and Pastor Roger for nine years. Their commitment, along with the sacrifices of their incredible wives, reflects a deeply profound dedication to the Gospel.



THE WAR CROSS



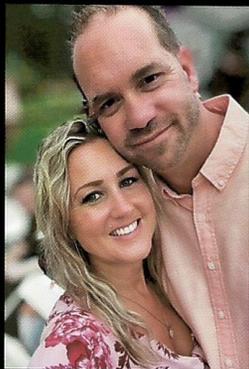
CALVARY CHAPEL TBILISI'S NEW SANCTUARY

### MISSION TO GEORGIA



Calvary Chapel Tbilisi, in the country of Georgia, has found a bigger church home. Being led by Jason and Britney Havertape, they are a vibrant, growing church in this former Soviet Union nation. They are unwavering in their continued mission to transform lives and the country through Bible and English language schools.

Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) is assembling a new team of missionaries ready to go there for one to three years to help plant churches and expand the work across Georgia. Whether you are young or elderly and have passion, dedication, and spiritual gifts, FRM wants to hear from you. If you feel you are being called, contact our office at (951) 677-4474.



PASTOR DUSTIN AND ANGELA CUMMINGS



PASTOR ROGER AND LISA ULMAN



CALVARY CHAPEL TBILISI'S NEW SANCTUARY

Pray for Philippine Ministry and Other Countries in Asia



## *Pastoral Training of Asia*

*Ministering to Ministers*

Dear Calvary Pastor,

December 2024

**THE PHILIPPINES: 21 PEOPLE ASK JESUS INTO THEIR HEARTS!** The angels in Heaven rejoice! This happened in Bacolod City as the PTA participants went out into the streets and houses with the Gospel. Two homes requested to have home Bible studies which usually brings more salvation as people hear the Word of God explained. Please pray for these new believers and the home Bible studies.



**PHILIPPINES: 70 PASTORS & CHRISTIAN WORKERS LEARN HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE** Mindanao Island is feared by some because of the radical Muslim presence, yet they are mostly active in remote areas. The Seminars were held in the City of Ozamiz, which I had taught in the same church back in 1985! Our PTA staff Pastor Rey and missionary, Steve Michaels did excellent jobs in communicating according to the reports; "I was glad to attend, because I was having a difficult time making outlines of my sermons but now, I learned the simplest way on how to do it!" Another Pastor said, "I haven't heard of the Inductive Method of Bible Study, but both facilitators explained it well. I will be using this method and encourage other pastors as well." As the pastors are given tools to help them understand the Word of God, so the Church is fed and grows!





**THE PHILIPPINES: AN INSATIABLE HUNGER FOR THE BIBLE!** Calvary Chapel of Dumaguete City is our Filipino Home Church. Years ago, I was the Senior Pastor. I brought on Pastor Joseph Jo to be my Assistant and in a short time, we swapped positions, and I became his assistant and then at the right time, completely turned it over to Pastor Jo who has grown the church and planted several others. I am speaking in the new building that was donated to the Church! Our PTA Print Shop supplies tracts and new believer books for the outreaches.

**SHONDA TAUGHT THE KIDS** They love her as she loves these poor kids as she was one of them in her childhood. They love to hear of Jesus and His love for children. I taught the Helping Hands group which is teenagers PTA is helping through HS and College. Even though we sat outside as it rained, they all listened earnestly to the Bible Study (including some parents).



**CONCERNING MY POSITION** Sorry to say that after Pastor Chuck went to heaven a few Calvary Chapels have slowly moved away from the Word of God. Emerging church ideas, seeker friendly, spiritual formations and progressive ideas seem to have crept in. My position is the "old fashioned" Jesus People, Pastor Chuck and his brother Paul church, and "what does the Bible say?" kind of guy, just FYI.

**COME TO THE PHILIPPINES, BRING A TEAM!** We have a Mission Center, a place to stay, open doors, gospel tracts in Filipino languages and a full staff. Music groups, children, youth, adult.... hearts are ready to hear about Jesus. Email me for more information. Tremendous fruit awaits!

Please Pray for us, we need more missionaries, short and long term. And if the Lord moves you, we could use your support. **THANK YOU SO MUCH! HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

Your missionaries for Asia,

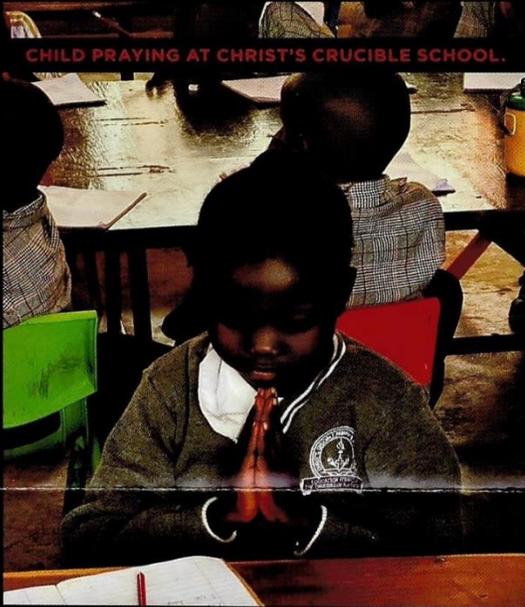
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Keep on Prayer for Evangelism against the kingdom of hell in Africa for 30 years, e.g., Christ's Crucible School in Uganda

and actually the polar opposite of Christlikeness. God's Word is very clear; it is the love of God that compels a person to repentance. Jesus, when He spoke of Himself, said, "I am meek, gentle of heart, and I offer you eternal rest for your souls." The Lord has called us to train men to behave with selflessness, generosity, great integrity, and, above all, not to shame the name of Christ.



When my daughter was young, she told me about a classmate everyone picked on at her school. I told her to befriend this girl, sit with her at lunch, play with her, and, if others ridicule her, defend her. She said, "But Dad, if I do this, I will be unpopular." I said, "I did not raise you to be popular but to be an example of Jesus Christ to a lost world!"



**WE BUILT CHRIST'S CRUCIBLE SCHOOL FOR \$300,000, WHICH INCLUDES THE WALL, TWO THREE-STORY BUILDINGS, ONE TWO-STORY BUILDING, A CAFETERIA, AND A DINING ROOM.**

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In October 2024, we started a construction project in Uganda to build a new Bible school. One of the great things about Africa is that you can do so much for very little. Our existing school in Uganda was built to resemble a castle and sits on a compound that covers about 150-200 square yards. It has two three-story buildings that house 700 children, a kitchen, a dining hall, an administration block, and classrooms. If we had built the same building in the U.S., it would probably cost a fortune, but we were able to construct it for about \$300,000. We built the school to train up future leaders. I tell the community I will most likely be gone in 10-15 years, but this school will serve for years to come.

Now, my heart is to invest in the people training the leaders of the church. I want this new Bible school to house and train up to 200 students and staff. I recently met with Pastor Jerel Hagerman and Pastor Don McClure about registering this facility as a Calvary Bible Institute (CBI). In many African nations, the only training for a pastor is to learn how to listen to a sermon and repeat as much as you can in order to excite your audience. This Bible school will be a year-long resident

**IN THE U.S., A SCHOOL LIKE THIS PROBABLY WOULD HAVE COST \$10 - \$15 MILLION.**



program, taking students verse by verse from Genesis to Revelation. We will also give practical ministry training in four areas: evangelical outreach, Children's Ministry, discipleship for adults, and counseling and visitations (spending three months in each module). In addition, students will learn about church government and financial administration, so they will have all the tools and training to build a healthy church family.

The new school will be built to have the look of a true European castle built 500 years ago. The reason this is important is that every nation has places like Cambridge

Pray for the ministries for the Bible Schools to train pastors (1) in Africa, the Fatherless' Food and the Elderly's home (2) in Ukraine.

## CHRIST FOR A CONTINENT



**THE BIBLE SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT TO LOOK AS IF IT WERE A EUROPEAN CASTLE**

Far Reaching Ministries is building a Bible school to train pastors to serve across Africa. Each year, up to 200 students will study the Word of God comprehensively—from Genesis to Revelation, chapter by chapter, verse by verse. They will be hands-on in ministry and are being trained to equip them to serve on the battlefield, as well as in hospitals, prisons, evangelism, and church planting.

For many pastors in Africa, the only training they receive is if they occasionally hear another pastor's sermon. This Bible school will provide a foundation that frontline pastors must have to be sent out across Africa, including to combat the rapid spread of radicalized forms of Islam.

The cost to build this Bible school, complete with student housing, is between \$250,000 - \$350,000, a small fraction of the tens of millions it would cost in the United States. This is a practical, cost-effective, and urgently needed school to prepare a new generation of frontline pastors. To be part of this vital project, please mark **"Bible School"** on the enclosed gift card, along with your donation.

## FEDOR AND ALEX IN UKRAINE



**NIGHTLY FEEDING OF THE HOMELESS, AND HEARING THE GOSPEL PREACHED**

Fedor and his ministry assistant, Alex, often do not have enough to feed their families.

Far Reaching Ministries has committed to giving them \$500 a month to help them, hoping to raise \$1,000 a month for each

of them. This support will enable them to focus on ministry work and not worry about how to feed their families.

If you would count a privilege to bless these ministry leaders, please mark **"Fedor in Ukraine"**, or **"Alex in Ukraine"** along with your donation on the enclosed gift card.

## UKRAINE HOME FOR THE ELDERLY



**ELDERLY MAN FINDS CHRIST**

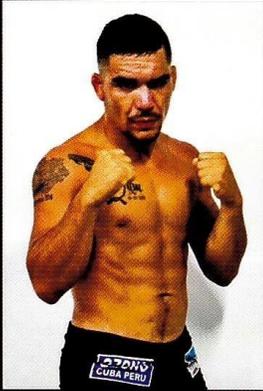
Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) has recently been introduced to Fedor from Odesa, Ukraine. Fedor has a ministry that helps the elderly and poor who have no place to live. Currently, they live in a crowded room on the second floor. There is just enough room to walk around the beds and no place for them to sit.

Many of the elderly cannot walk, so once a week, they are carried down from the second story, bathe, and then sit in the sun for a while.

Fedor's dream is to build a home for the elderly and poor so that they can have a better quality of life. So, we at FRM would like to help Fedor fulfill his dream. We will need \$500,000-\$750,000 to purchase land and build this home that will house 200 elderly.

If you would like to help with this urgent need, please mark **"Home for Ukraine Elderly"** along with your donation on the enclosed gift card.

Pray for Missionaries in all of the World, e.g., Peru, Afghanistan, Vietnam, etc.



**TOP MMA FIGHTER IN PERU NOW STUDYING FOR MINISTRY**

one mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter in Peru, so he is famous in the nation. He told me that when he started fighting, he did not even have enough money to eat. After training when all the gym broke for lunch, he would go for a walk, because he did not have any money for food, and he did not want others to know how poor he was. After winning many fights, he started to get sponsors and could buy food and better provide for himself, but he said this was a blessing in disguise because the struggles made him stronger.

Luis' gym is only a block from Calvary Chapel Trujillo, and he was invited to visit one weekend. He met Jesus Christ and received eternal life almost immediately. Soon after, Luis felt the Lord asking him to give up fighting and serve Him, and he obeyed without question. He has completed his first year of Bible school and just started his second. He is not a prideful, aggressive, or loud fighter as one may expect; instead, I saw a brother, humble and committed to serve Christ with all his heart. Cory wants to eventually move him into full-time ministry. The Lord spoke to Vicky and me and told us to give him \$1,000. He later said that his wife had called and was looking for their last four dollars. With the gift they were able to get caught up on all their bills and they are celebrating their fourth anniversary. I believe the Lord wants us to support Luis; I would ask for 10 to 20 people to sponsor him so he can be in full-time ministry.

I want to encourage all of you to invest in others serving the Lord, and I have no doubt you will reap great treasures in heaven. You can sign up to support for as little as \$10 a month, or if the Lord leads you \$50, \$75, or \$100. I want to raise at least \$1,000 a month for Luis and his wife, who are both currently serving voluntarily.

Many of you have heard of Jim and Elizabeth Elliott. Elizabeth is the author of the book *Through the Gates of Splendor* which shares the tragic killing of her husband and four other men. They were murdered by the very tribe they were trying to win for Christ. Shortly after, Elizabeth and her daughter moved into the village where the murders occurred to demonstrate Christ's love. Pastor Pablo Elliott, the adopted son of Bert Elliott, has been

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shepherding the flock and running the school built by his father. Pablo has faced corruption, and an evil man trying to steal the ministry's land. Pablo has had to spend a considerable amount of his personal support and is fighting to keep the land. As we listened to Pastor Pablo's struggle, God led me to give him \$10,000, but I know they need more. If the Lord leads you to give a gift, we will pass it along giving 100% of what you give.



**ADOPTED SON OF JIM ELLIOTT'S BROTHER WHO WAS ALSO A MISSIONARY**

Far Reaching Ministries is involved in multiple clandestine operations to save believers and innocent lives. I have shared in previous newsletters about our work in Afghanistan.

During the Afghanistan evacuation operation, we were contacted by Shannon Spann, a former CIA agent, and she asked us to help extract 28 people who worked for the agency. These were people who had worked for the U.S. government but were left behind. The entire intelligence world was caught by surprise when the withdrawal from Afghanistan was done with no advanced notice. What was done resulted in tens of thousands of men, women, and children being tortured, raped, and brutally murdered. Folks, I do not have any knowledge of the inner workings of the CIA, but I did know what would happen to these people.

During the Vietnam war both the Hmong and Montagnards indigenous people helped the CIA and the 5th Special Forces Group, which are Green Berets trained hard to fight Viet Cong forces. The Hmong and Montagnards were Christians fighting against communism, so they created deep bonds with the U.S. soldiers. When the United States pulled out of Vietnam, our government abandoned them, and they suffered horribly in what is referred to as the forgotten genocide. To others, promises made might not matter, but to me they do.

## EQUIP

# Darius: trained leader equips new believers with God's Word

Faithful Darius chased a car through the streets of his city to deliver a precious copy of the Bible. As a result, a small group of new believers is now equipped to grow in their faith.

Trained church planter Darius was halted at a red light on his bike one day when something in an adjacent car caught his eye. It was a small cross hanging from the rear-view mirror.

Darius knew this symbol was popular among the increasingly non-Islamic people of Iran and was not necessarily indicative of an active Christian faith. Yet his heart quickened.

In that moment, Darius decided to give the driver of the car the Persian Bible that was stashed in his backpack. This precious Bible was one of only ten that had escaped attention when his home was raided earlier that year by intelligence agents. Darius had spent six weeks in prison following the raid, yet his passion for giving others the Word of God had not been diminished.

As Darius was about to knock on the car window, the light turned green, and the car sped off. Undeterred, Darius gave chase on his bike. As the car stopped at a second red light, Darius was relieved to have caught up. But once more, the lights changed. Darius was starting to give up hope when he saw the car pull over.

Now hot and tired, Darius pulled over too. As he approached, he could see the driver had his head bowed. The driver looked up and lowered the window when Darius knocked. "I want to give you a gift," Darius explained breathlessly. He reached into his bag for the Bible. "This book is about Jesus," he said. "Your cross is a symbol of what He has done for us."

The face of the man - whose name was Farhad - lit up. "Do

you know what I was just doing?" Farhad asked, excitedly. "I was praying because my friends and I became Christians, but we had no idea how to find a Bible!"

Through God's providence and Darius' boldness, Farhad and his friends now have access to the Bible as well as to discipleship and fellowship resources like *Safar* and *Weekly Fellowship*. This group of new believers has been equipped to not only believe the Gospel, but to actively follow Jesus as Lord.

*Farhad and his friends are one group out of many that have been equipped with the Bible and other resources to help them grow this year. Please pray for their continued walk with Christ and for Darius as he continues in ministry.*



**Hundreds of thousands**

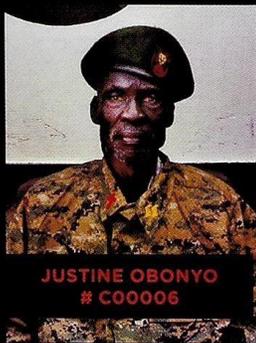
of Persian speakers were equipped to grow in faith in 2024 as they gained access to the Word of God and to discipleship and fellowship resources.

**Keep on Prayer for Continual Ministry wherever our Lord leads, such as, S Sudan, Ukraine, Haiti, Georgia, etc.**

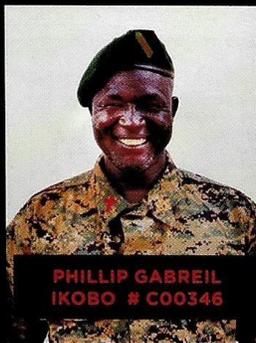
with them, but we had given them \$5,000 once to help feed them. While I could have said they are not my responsibility, I know the heart of the Lord. In the end, 17 Haitians, mostly women and children, were saved, and it cost \$411.76 for each soul. I would hope if my family were in danger and needed help, believers would not let money stop them from helping.

I heard Alistair Begg share that when he met the woman who would be his future wife, she had a bunch of guy friends who were U.S. Marines, and he said they had muscles in places that he did not even have places. It makes us laugh at his humor, but whatever he lacked in physical strength, he seems to have far more in spiritual strength. One of the great things about following Christ is if you are diligently seeking the Lord, you can be used greatly. While the Lord seems to be tasking us with caring for so many, I never lose sight that the Bible says it is the love of God that compels people to repentance, and I do care for people who are lost in darkness.

Often, Vicky tells me she never thought she could be so happy in marriage, and I love taking care of her. But, as believers, I believe that our hearts should have enough room for those who have never felt loved. Getting people to support missionaries in dangerous countries or children is very easy, but few are inclined to support the elderly. Sadly, in Ukraine many abandon their mothers and fathers, dropping them off at a home owned by Pastor Fedor, who cares for those too old to care for themselves. Many want their parents' apartment to start a life with whatever man or woman they are involved with and willingly abandon both mother and father. I want to encourage many of you to join us in caring for people like this. The Bible says as much as you do it unto them it will be done unto you.



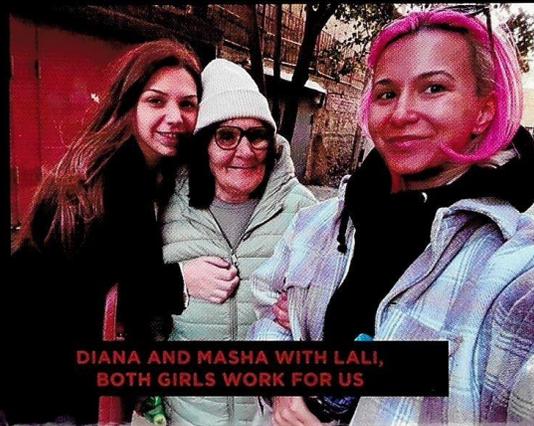
**JUSTINE OBONYO  
# C00006**



**PHILLIP GABREIL  
IKOBO # C00346**

At this time, I must report that we have lost two more chaplains. Justine Obonyo, chaplain number C00006, and Phillip Gabreil C00346, have both finished their race for the Lord Jesus Christ. Justine served the Lord in the Chaplain Corps for 26 years. He was the sixth man to join the Chaplain Corps and graduated in the first [www.frmusa.org](http://www.frmusa.org)

class of chaplains in 1999. He had been in more than 20 heavy combat engagements serving Christ at the front lines, putting his life in harm's way so that others might know Christ. Michael, my senior chaplain, said that Justine had spent the great majority of his life in combat, serving others, and rose to the rank of Major. He was deeply committed to prayer because he knew that only through Christ could he reach the men. It is believed his death was the result of an old wound that he never fully recovered from. He was truly a real man of God, and we do not see his death as a loss but as a graduation to glory.



**DIANA AND MASHA WITH LALI,  
BOTH GIRLS WORK FOR US**

Michael said that Phillip graduated from class nine. Unlike Justine, he did not see much earthly combat but did see a tremendous amount of spiritual combat. He was known as a man of great prayer and spent his life sharing Christ and teaching God's word to the military units he was deployed to. The men respected Phillip because he lived what he taught, and they said he was on fire for Christ. During his military service, he rose to the rank of Sergeant Major. Though we believe he died of an illness, we will never truly know what took him.

In the Second World War, when Nazi Germany and the Empire of Japan were defeated, the first groups of men who came home were greeted with great celebrations and parades. By the time the other men, who had to stay after the war ended, came home six months to a year later, the parades and parties were over. They were content with seeing families and friends. For those who fought in the longest-running war in Africa, the men never came home to celebrations because the country had suffered too much from war and genocide, and the general population was traumatized from suffering through so many years of war. But it makes my heart happy to think of the reception that Phillip and Justine received when they stood before the Lord Jesus and the angels and the glory of His heavenly kingdom.

## DANGEROUS PLACES PRAY FOR

### *Nigeria Operations:*

On Christmas Eve in 2023, in typical African villages in Plateau State, Nigeria, brothers, sisters, relatives, and friends had arrived from towns and cities near and far away. As preparations were in top gear for the Christmas celebration, out of nowhere came the shout of Allah hu Akbar (God is great). Next, the sounds of AK-47s and other automatic weapons of war suddenly cut short the celebration of joy in the middle of the night.

The attacks on these villages continued throughout the night until dawn. There was no intervention by soldiers or security, so the terrorists had their field day raping, maiming, and killing as they wished. In barely 48 hours, over 200 had been killed in a cluster of villages by radical Islamic militias.

In one of the villages, following the shouts of Allah hu Akbar, about 16 close relatives, including men, women, and children, were either hacked down by double-edged swords or gunned down by AK-47s. Following the sudden massacre, their homes were destroyed and some set on fire. All the relatives were killed except for one survivor—a little girl whose mother managed to hide her just behind a window blind. Her name is Nanpa. Nanpa's father, mother, and four siblings were gruesomely murdered. Miraculously, she did not make a single noise as her father, mother, and siblings were



slaughtered by these very wicked and evil terrorists. The following day, after the terrorists had wreaked their havoc, Nanpa was rescued. When she was picked up, she was soaked from her feet to her shoulders in the blood of her parents and siblings that had flowed to where she was hiding.

Nanpa's story touched many hearts and made many cry. When a head pastor (whom we are supporting to train former Muslims to be followers of Jesus) and his wife visited the IDP camp where Nanpa was, they knew that they had to take her with them. Later, Nanpa was adopted by the pastor and his wife. When they thought the chapter of having more children was closed, God

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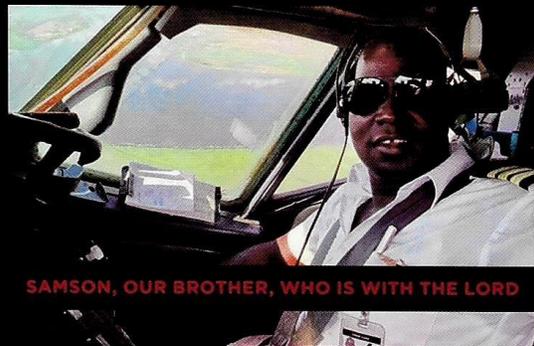
brought them this little girl. When she was first brought into their home, she would awaken every night in terror, but through love, she has become a happy little girl again.

Far Reaching Ministries has been involved in supporting over 100 former Muslims who have converted to Christianity. Most of them had witnessed Christians be tortured and killed for the name of Christ when they refused to deny their faith. The former Muslims had seen the evil of Islam and murder and wanted nothing to do with it. They also witnessed the love and forgiveness Christians had. After leaving Islam, they were inspired to not only follow Christ but also to be trained to become missionaries. All they asked for was training and \$50 a month so they could eat while sharing their faith. What is even more remarkable was that they wanted to go back to their people, knowing that they could very well suffer torture and death. Some missionaries spoke of an incident that changed everything for them.

One of the Muslim militants, who had been the biggest killer of Christians, had come to Christ. He knew returning to his people would mean death, but he had counted the cost. An extremist told the new Christian that if he did not return to Islam, he would be tortured and skinned alive. But he told the extremist that he would not deny the One who died for him. The new Christian suffered a long, horrible night of torture, but he never wavered. The Muslims who watched said no man could have endured if God had not been with him. This act of torture backfired when over 100 of them converted to Christ after watching this brother sacrifice himself so others might know the Lord. And they have chosen to be willing to suffer the same fate.

### *South Sudan Operations:*

We have lost two more men in South Sudan. One was Samson Ohiede, who was a great brother in the Lord. He had been sent to South Africa to train as a pilot for transport planes and as a fighter pilot. I had known him for at least 20 years, since he was a young man. He was flying passengers into Darfur from the United Arab Emirates, Canada, and the United States. As his plane



**Thank you for your prayer about the Peru Mission Tour (5/20-5/28)**



**Service at a planted church in Lima, Peru on 5/25/25**



**Photo with Missionaries & Pastor Alberto Sanchez the translator**

## **I wouldn't contend**

**By CCMV | A Ministry of CCAH PRESS®**

I wouldn't contend for our church. I would see Jesus' own church, all in all.

I wouldn't contend for our purpose. I would seek God's purpose.

I wouldn't contend for our wisdom. I would love even the foolishness of God.

I wouldn't contend for the exact budget by prayer requests. I would offer what I have to the Lord and pray Him to handle the issues.

I wouldn't contend for church increase by cajoling. I would willingly decrease so that He may increase.

I wouldn't contend for a select few of God's words in a popular message. I would deliver sincerely every word of God for His increase.

I wouldn't contend for a mega church to be. I would daily live by every divine word according to the Spirit.

I wouldn't contend how much amount is donated. Individually, the sincerity of the members' hearts would be discerned as how much portion of each member's expense is willingly dedicated to God.

I wouldn't contend how many members attend at once. I would nurture the daily fellowship of each member with Him.

I wouldn't contend for a gift, a ministry, or an operation. I would honor diverse gifts, ministries, and operations all directed by the same Spirit's working in all.

I wouldn't contend for our word, our voice, and our sight. I would savor His word, His voice, and His sight.

Whatever circumstances are contended for or not, I'd be content day by day through the sovereign Lord who strengthens me to do all things for His glory, eagerly awaiting His quick return.

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## As I Walked through the Forest

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As I walked through the forest in the stillness of early morning, I was suddenly reminded of the Apostle's Creed—formed in the closing days of the early church. Its words, rooted in the authoritative Word of God, stand as the most effective principles of the doctrine of Christ.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and

sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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## Worship Rises through the Pain

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Worship rises through the Pain.

Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted.

Even when we're full of doubt,

He is near without a shout.

Worship rises through the pain.

He is worthy, still the same.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying,  
all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth

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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Let us go with power and grace,

Sent to every tribe and place.

Baptize all in holy flame.

Father, Son, and Spirit's name.

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.....

We are never left behind,

He is with us, heart and mind.

To the end, He leads the way

Christ is near, both night and day.

Even when we're full of doubt,

He is near without a shout.

Worship rises through the pain.

He is worthy, still the same...

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## Your Word Forever True

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And God spake all these words, saying, I am the Lord thy God, Which brought thee out of Egypt, Out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. Thou shalt not make a graven image, Nor bow to them or serve them, For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God.

We worship You, O holy Lord,  
Your Word forever true.  
Our hearts belong to You alone,  
We live to honor You.

Showing mercy unto thousands, To them that love Me and keep My commands. Thou shalt not take My name in vain, For I will not hold guiltless that taketh it in vain. Remember the sabbath day, keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh is the sabbath of the Lord thy God, In it thou shalt not do any work...

Forever You are faithful Lord,  
Your mercy has no end.  
From age to age, we trust Your voice,  
Your Word our guiding Friend.

Honor thy father and thy mother, That your days may be long upon the land. Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet anything of your neighbour's.

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God With all thy heart, and soul, and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments Hang all the law and prophets.

Your Word is life,  
Your truth is love,  
Forever we will sing.  
We live by grace, obey by faith,  
You are our risen King.

Praise You forever,  
Praise You forever,  
We will follow You.

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**Soli Deo Gloria! Continually Pray for the More People to Accept our Lord Jesus Christ the Savior in Asia.**



## *Pastoral Training of Asia*

*Ministering to Ministers*

Dear Calvary Chapel Pastor,

**PHILIPPINES: 44 RECEIVE JESUS!** Our pastoral team went to Katipunan on Mindanao Island and hearts were hungry for the Lord! Rich or poor, we all need God in our lives, it's just easier for the poor to come. 84 Pastors and workers attended, to learn evangelism and Inductive Method of Bible Study, 5,500 PTA salvation tracts were distributed, 44 people gave their hearts to the Lord and 13 homes were open for Bible studies! Wow! Rain is always an issue going house to house, so they prayed and, "the rain really stopped when we started our evangelism!" **Please pray for these new believers** and these new home Bible studies which have the potential of introducing dozens of people to a personal experience with Christ.



They went two by two and shared the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a wonderful feeling when somebody received Jesus Christ. They felt power was being released through prayers!

### **PHILIPPINES: CALVARY CHAPEL WESTGROVE, CALIFORNIA BRINGS A SHORT-TERM TEAM**

What a joy to behold, fourteen American young people filled with the love of Jesus and a heart for the Filipino people. They arrived ready to serve and had a very busy schedule. They ministered in a Juvenile Detention Center, several churches, preaching and teaching in the Sunday Schools, and visited a Christian school and served. They also were able to get into the public high school and share the Word of God and personal testimonies of salvation. The group took over the Boulevard Street Church and ministered both to the younger children and the older Helping Hands youth. Last night was for free time, but instead of resting, they chose to return to the kids from the slums and "hang out" with them. Calvary Chapel Westgrove, California sent the best!



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**THAI/BURMA BORDER** The Karen tribal group are amazing people full of joy as they are refugees safely living in Thailand after fleeing the brutal butchery of the Burmese military. All my students in the Bible School have come from Burma, many living in the jungle hiding from the murdering Burmese. Coming back from teaching, there was a large elephant right next to the road! Bless the Lord he didn't move onto the road! We left the border to go and teach the Thai at a Thai Church. God is so good!



*Welcome to Thailand! A land of Buddhists, spirits and people who need Jesus!*



*A lovely couple that I was able to do pre-marital counseling with and share the marriage message at the wedding*



*Shonda & a beautiful Karen girl*

**VIETNAM & LAOS** We will be in Philippines all June then go to Vietnam and Laos in July. Tourists are welcome but Christians are still persecuted, especially tribal people. Please pray for God's protection, blessing and provision.

**HOSTILE TAKEOVER: CALVARY CHAPEL OF MISSION VIEJO** Our home church, where I was the senior pastor before we moved to the Philippines in 1987, has been taken over. The pastor, who does not have a Calvary background, has embraced doctrine and practices which are not traditional Calvary, but progressive. When members share their feelings, they are told, "maybe you should leave, find another church". The building is paid off; our support was totally cut as well as many other missionaries and we are not allowed to enter. **PLEASE PRAY** as lots of suffering older saints, faithful members for 40 years have been put out.

**SEND A SHORT-TERM TEAM TO THE PHILIPPINES!** We just had a great team from CC Apple Valley come and serve; all were blessed! Contact me for information.

**CAN YOU HELP?** People are getting saved, the Word is being taught, we are busy evangelizing and discipling, and PTA has printed over 12 million Salvation tracts, all given free. Can you help? If you need a reference talk to Mike MacIntosh or Ron Wilkins about us. **THANK YOU!**

Your Calvary missionaries for Asia,

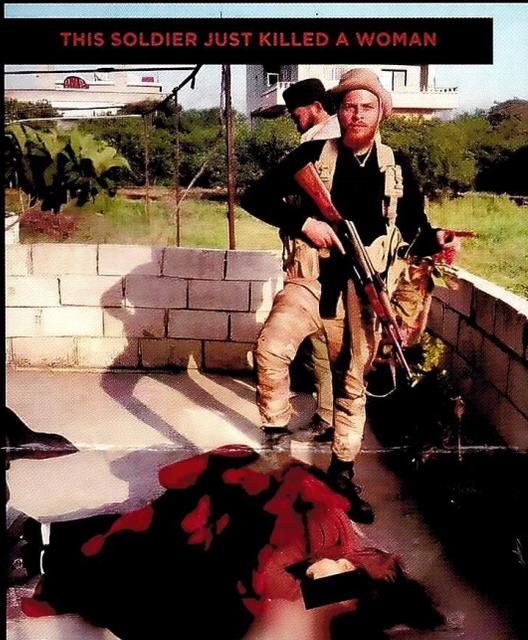
Jim & Shonda Davis



## Pray for the Christians and Innocent People persecuted in Syria and Afghanistan for God's grace

that. I may not yet know how to save these women, but I believe the Lord can give us a plan, and with prayer and determination, these women can be freed.

I am pursuing a meeting with members of the Trump administration. The new Syrian president, Ahmad al-Sharaa, desperately wants U.S. sanctions lifted. If America insisted that every abducted woman be returned before sanctions are even considered, I believe we would see quick results.

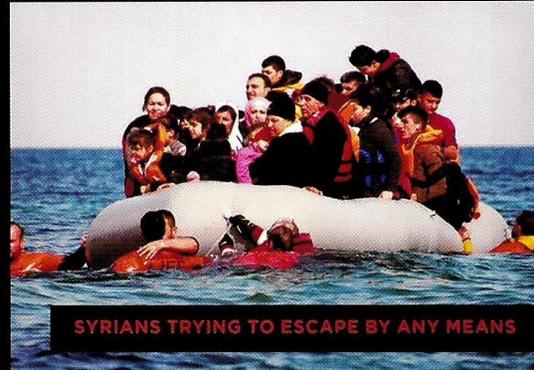


God may already be opening doors. A former F-35 fighter pilot, now a top-level official and regular guest on Tucker Carlson and Fox News, supports Far Reaching Ministries. I spoke with him, and he is committed to helping. If diplomacy fails, and I have to buy these women's freedom, I will. Please pray with me; I believe in a God who makes a way when there is none.

Since leaving Ukraine, I have committed to praying daily that God would bring an end to Putin's slaughter. For the next 40 days, would you join me personally and pray every evening with your family at dinner?

The suffering is deep and widespread. A female staff member's brother was recently killed at the front, and she and her family are in tremendous pain. Over 70,000 Ukraine soldiers are missing in action, and their wives are waiting in anguish for husbands who may never return because 99% will never be found. Without confirmation

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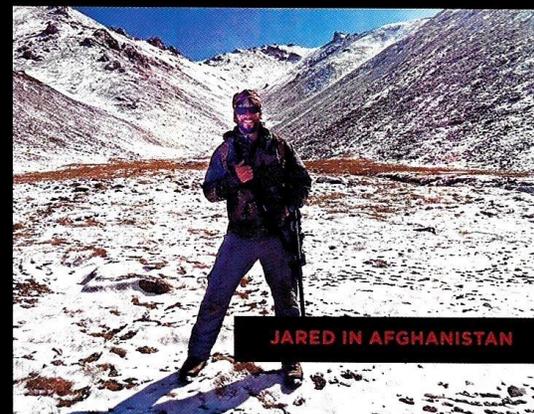


of death, the family receives no compensation for their loved ones. One woman keeps paying her husband's phone bill, calling it daily, hoping he will answer, but he never does.

When a father dies in Ukraine, they say the family dies. Chaplains bring hope, but the weight is crushing. One mother told me her body feels like an open wound, but she goes on only for her children's sake.

In Sudan's Nuba Mountains, once again, the Islamic north is trying to take what is not theirs. Fighting has intensified, and our chaplains are under fire again. I received a video from the frontline—one man's head was gone from the chin up, and another man's body was missing from the waist up. This year alone, we have lost three more chaplains—bringing our total to over 70 who have died in service to Christ. South Sudan continues to suffer; food is scarce, and the need has become critically urgent.

I have been praying about writing a book for Ukrainian soldiers. I would probably call it *Living in the Valley of the Shadow of Death*. Next year, I will have been in South Sudan for 30 years, and I have a wealth of



## God's Blessings and Our Gratitude

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

We are deeply thankful for God's provision and faithfulness in these areas:

- **New Service Location:** Thank God for opening the Premier sober living facility for women at 3735 Shamrock Ave, Riverside, for His service every Thursday at 5 PM. Please uplift Manager Gabby and Minister Salve in prayer.

"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).



Let go, let God – CCAH has progressed from a time – and location-bound community into an open and connected church.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2tuO7SDMPQ>

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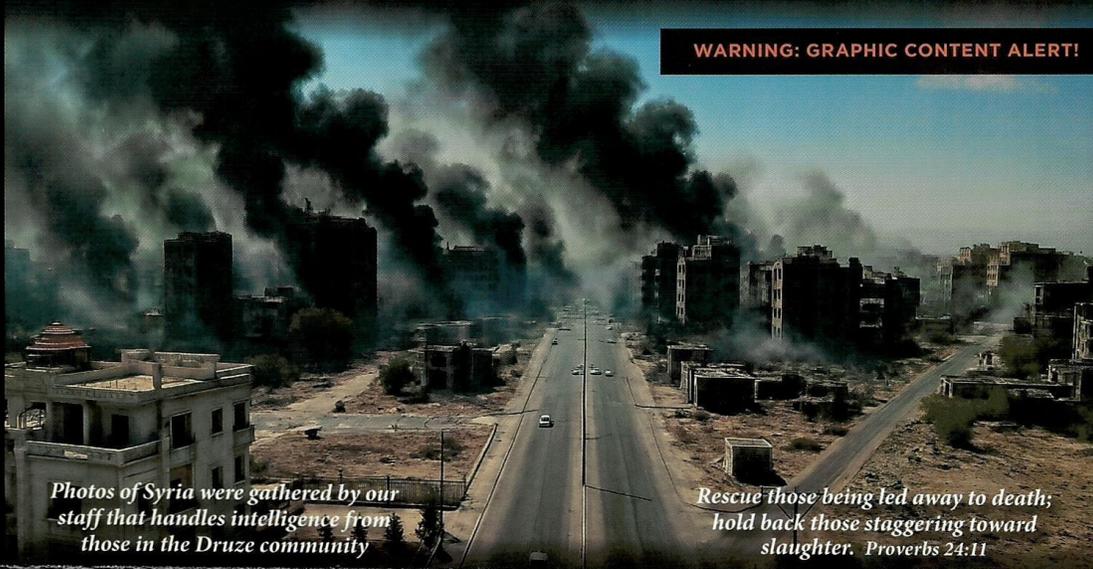
- **Inspiring Conference:** We are grateful for the CGN International Conference held from May 22-25 at Reliance Church in Temecula (29825 Santiago Road).  
<https://conference.calvarychapel.com/ministry-2025/>
- **Ongoing Fellowship:** Thank you for the consistent co-minister prayer meeting every Tuesday at noon at Corner Bakery, 1040 W Imperial Hwy, Ste B 111, La Habra, CA 90631.

Let us remain joyful and **pray without ceasing**, continually giving thanks for His goodness! "Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing," (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17).

Pray for the innocent who suffer, for persecuted Christians, and especially for missionaries serving courageously as unto the Lord.



FAR REACHING  
MINISTRIES



WARNING: GRAPHIC CONTENT ALERT!

*Photos of Syria were gathered by our staff that handles intelligence from those in the Druze community*

*Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. Proverbs 24:11*

## HIDDEN HOLOCAUST

*In the Hope We Will Save a People Group from Extinction*

Before you read this newsletter, I want to warn you that what we are sharing is beyond shocking. And if you cannot handle this, then do not read on, then call and complain.

Luke, who served internationally for 33 years, is a former Marine officer and FBI agent in intelligence. His expertise is in counterterrorism, international operations, rapid deployment, and special operations, with SEALs, Raiders, Delta, and Tier One operators. Needless to say, I give Luke difficult and critical operations. One of his key contacts is a Druze man and his family in Israel. When Luke was in the FBI, he had three immersions in the Middle East for both learning Arabic and intelligence to deal with terrorists. One of those immersions was when he met a Druze family. In Israel, the Druze community is a distinct group that neither identifies as Jewish nor Muslim but is allied with Israel and is said to have a

special "Blood-Bond" with the Jewish nation. They are citizens of Israel who serve in the Israeli military and pay taxes. They describe themselves as Muwahadin, coming from the Arabic and Hebrew word meaning as one. They share some roots with Abraham, Moses, and Muhammad, and became a new faith in the eleventh century.

**MAY MY HEART BE MOVED  
BY THE THINGS THAT  
MOVE THE HEART OF GOD.**

Luke's friend recently sent us a video that was about seven minutes long. Within the first minute, a soldier takes a young man, pushes him to the ground, and cuts his head halfway off. The man who did this was acting as if it were no big deal.

Also, in the video the atrocities continue, men rubbing their feet on dead women's faces as a sign of shame in the Arab world. I watched one family in terror as the men smiled and began to slap the father while videoing themselves smiling. The wife and children are terrified, knowing