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Christ...

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Our Purpose & Passion

“For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My Name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My Name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My Name will be great among the nations,” says the Lord of hosts.” - Malachi 1:11

The chief end of all mission work is the Glory of God. Our greatest concern is that His Name be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun (Malachi 1:11). We find our great purpose and constant motivation, not in man or his needs, but in God, His commitment to His own glory and our God-given desire to see Him glorified in every nation, tribe, people and language.

Although HeartCry recognizes the great importance of sending missionaries from the West to the unevangelized peoples throughout the world, we believe that we are led of the Lord to support native or national missionaries so that they may evangelize their own peoples. Therefore, we seek to work with godly men and women of integrity and vision in the unreached world to help them evangelize and plant Churches among their own peoples.

Our Principles

* While we recognize that the needs of mankind are many and his sufferings are diverse, we believe that they all spring from a common origin - the fall of man and the corruption of his own heart. Therefore, we believe that the greatest benefit to mankind can be accomplished through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the establishment of churches

that preach the Word of God and minister according to its commands, precepts, and wisdom.

- * Every need of this ministry will be obtained through prayer. We may share our missionary vision with others and even make known to them the specific tasks which the Lord has laid on our heart to do, but we may not raise support through prodding or manipulating our brothers and sisters in Christ. If this ministry is of the Lord, then He will be our Patron. If He is with us, He will direct His people to give and we will prosper. If He is not with us, we will not and should not succeed.
- * We intend to never enlarge our field of labor by contracting debts. This is contrary to both the letter and the spirit of the New Testament. In secret prayer, God helping us, we will carry the needs of this ministry to the Lord and act according to the direction that He gives.
- * We will not compete with other biblical mission agencies, but use the resources that God has given to us to work in partnership with them. If the Lord directs, we will sacrifice our own goals and resources that other mission works may be helped and the Kingdom of God increased.
- * In meeting any need, those of us who are supported financially by this ministry will be the first to sacrifice all things necessary for the advancement of His Kingdom.
- * We will not measure the success of this ministry by the amount of money given, Bibles distributed or national missionaries supported, but by the Lord's blessing on the work.
- * Our Goal is not to enlarge ourselves, or to become a key figure in the Great Commission, but to be faithful and obedient stewards by the grace that is given to us. That men may see our weakness and glorify God for His strength; that they may see our inability and glorify God for His faithfulness.



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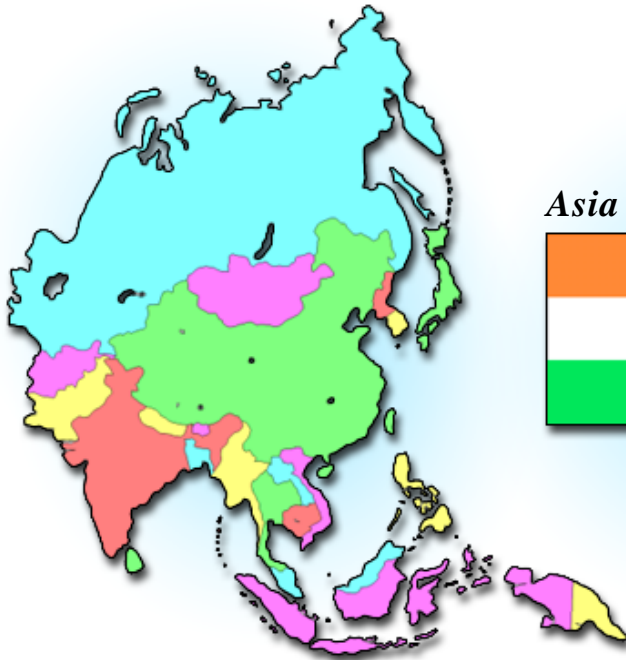
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*Hallowed be Your Name!
Your Kingdom Come!
Your Will be Done!*



Where In The World is HeartCry?

HearthCry is currently supporting seventy-two
indigenous missionaries in thirteen countries on
four continents.



Asia



India



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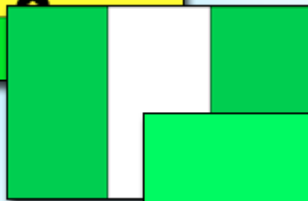


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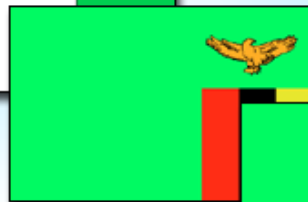
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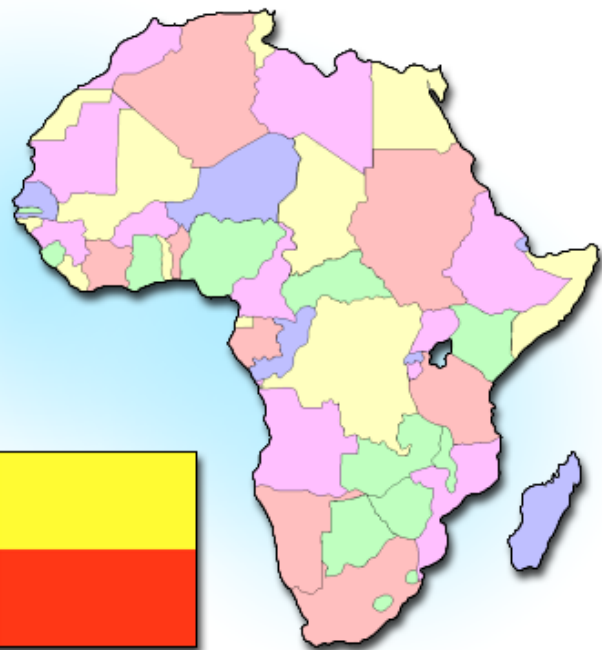
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Romania



Ukraine



Moldova



Serbia



South America



Paraguay



Peru



And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

Middle East



Israel

The Homily on the Passion

“He who hung the earth [in its place] hangs there, he who fixed the heavens is fixed there, he who made all things fast is made fast upon the tree, the Master has been insulted, God has been murdered, the King of Israel has been slain by an Israelitish hand. O strange murder, strange crime!

The Master has been treated in unseemly fashion, his body naked, and not even deemed worthy of a covering, that [his nakedness] might not be seen. Therefore the lights [of heaven] turned away, and the day darkened, that it might hide him who was stripped upon the cross.”



Mélon de Sardes

a Cradle and a Cross



Here at HeartCry we are all doing well. We rejoice to have seen God's faithfulness throughout the past year and look forward to seeing His faithfulness in the year that is before us.

As for you, we hope and pray that this issue of HeartCry finds you growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, "Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel."

If you are familiar with the HeartCry magazine, you have noticed that we frequently begin our letters with the same salutation taken from II Timothy 1:10. It is not that we wish to be redundant or that we have no other text from which to choose, it is simply that we never cease to be amazed that so much wonder can be contained in so few words:

*"Who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."
(NAS)*

The holidays are upon us once again, and therefore, even in the most unlikely places (media, politics, etc.), references are made to Christ and His coming. But these references are no indication of revival or spiritual renewal. They are vague, obscure, and patronizing to say the least. They are an attempt to acknowledge the undeniable - the glorious coming of Christ, while avoiding the true meaning of that coming - to put away sin, abolish death, and reconcile men to God through the death of Christ on Calvary's Cross.

For this reason, it is quite appropriate that we take time during this holiday season to consider such Scriptures as II Timothy 1:10. They are a much needed reminder that Christ's coming is not so much about a cradle as it is a cross; and that the cross is not only a demonstration of God's love, but also a demonstration of man's depravity; and that the One who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, now requires all men everywhere to repent of their sins and seek the mercy that is found in Christ alone.

Christ Abolished Death

One of the foundational truths of Christianity is that all men have sinned, and therefore abide under the wrath of God. The Scriptures teach us that God is holy and cannot enter into league or fellowship with sin. They also teach us that God is just and is bound by His own character to work justice on the earth. When the perfect justice of God is confronted with the crimes of a fallen race, the result is judgment leading to death.

One of the most difficult concepts for modern, secular man to comprehend is that of justice. We live in an age when the rule of law is no longer respected and there is a justification for every crime. We are all victims coerced by forces beyond our control. We are therefore not responsible, not guilty, and most certainly, not deserving of punishment.

When we consider the Scriptures, we discover that they raise a standard against the self-justifying rhetoric of our age and declare all men to be responsible for their actions and liable to punishment. They also declare and demonstrate the necessity of God in both judging and condemning the wicked. The logic of Scripture is simple. A just God must make a distinction between the righteous and the unrighteous. He must render unto all men

that which is due them in perfect measure. He cannot simply pass over sin, or wink at our violations of His Law. He cannot acquit the guilty! According to the Scriptures, God must judge the sinner and that judgment is a threefold death: *Spiritual Death* - separation from His fellowship in this life; *Physical Death* - separation of the soul from the body and the end of earthly existence; *Eternal Death* - everlasting separation from the favorable presence of God in hell.

The clear message of Scripture is that the great wage of sin is death, and therefore all must die. What a sad lot we would be if Christ had not come and death had been allowed to continue to reign. The book of Ecclesiastes would have become the handbook of human existence. All would be vanity and a striving after the wind. There would be no advantage in all our work. As a man came naked from the womb, so he would return. He would take nothing from the fruit of his labor. One generation would go and another would take its place. There would be no lasting memory of any of us. Like the flower of the field we would perish and the place where we had dwelt would remember us no more. All our days would be spent like a shadow. We would have no advantage over even the lowest forms of life. Our fate would be the same as that of the beasts. We would all go to the same place. From the dust we all came and to the dust we would all return. We would congratulate the dead who are already dead more than the living who are still living, and

we would consider the one who had never been born to be better off than all of us. The day of our death would be better than the day of our birth, and it would be better to go into a house of mourning than into a house of feasting. Joy and laughter would be utter madness.

This would be the case of all men upon the earth were it not for the coming, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has abolished death by putting away its great cause - our own sin. We have violated the Law of God and a recompense is demanded. God satisfied the demands of the Law by offering His only begotten Son in our place. On the cross, the sinless Son carried our sin and died under the divine judgment destined for us. When He cried out, "It is finished!" it

was a declaration that full payment had been made, sin had been atoned for, and the doors of forgiveness had been opened wide!

Christ Brought Life and Immortality to Light

The coming of the Son of God, and His work of salvation will radically alter the existence of every human being who has embraced the Gospel or been embraced by it. First of all, Christ declared that everyone who believed in Him would not perish, but have eternal life. While it is true that death awaits believer and unbeliever alike, it is equally true, that the one who is united with Christ will walk through the valley of the shadow of death and come out unscathed on the other side. Also it is to be understood that eternal life does not simply or primarily refer to a continuous duration of life, but to a quality of life in fellowship with God. In John 17:3, Jesus declared:

"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (NAS)

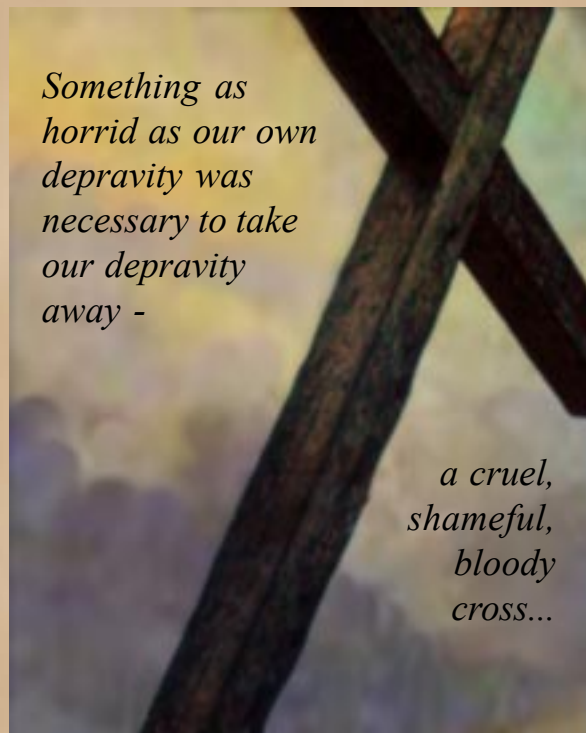
We should not think of eternal life as merely an existence without end, but as an unending and unhindered personal relationship with God. Having been reconciled with God through the death and resurrection of His Son, we have entered into a relationship with Him that goes beyond the mind's ability to comprehend and beyond the ability of human language to communicate. Throughout all of eternity, we will live in perfect

communion with the person and will of God and be astonished with greater and greater revelations of His beauty, grace, and power. A billion years in heaven will not wear off the wonder, for every day will bring greater and greater manifestations of God, and greater and greater wonder among those who have believed. We will spend all of eternity, chasing down the knowledge of God and drinking down greater and greater depths of joy with each new revelation of Him.

Another thing about the life that has been given to us in Christ is that it is not only eternal but abundant, and not only in heaven, but on earth. Jesus taught us that He came to take us beyond the realm of merely existing into the realm of abundant living. As Christians, our

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abundant life comes from three primary sources. First of all, it is founded upon our indestructible relationship with God through His Son. The One who holds us is the Unmoved Mover. He moves all things according to His will, but He Himself is never moved, manipulated, or coerced. He who began a good work in us will finish it, no one can thwart His will for us, and no one can snatch us out of His hand. It is true that the believer is often prevailed upon by many trials and weaknesses, but in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. In the darkest moments of life, when we are faced with our greatest moral failures, we have the sound confidence and strong joy that this new life given



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to us cannot be wrenched away by man, demon, or circumstance.

Secondly, our abundant life comes through the Holy Spirit who abides with us. Upon returning to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Christ did not leave us as orphans, but has sent the Holy Spirit to abide with each and every believer until the end of the age. He is the conduit of God's life. He is the divine sap that runs through our veins and makes us abound with life-giving fruit. He teaches and directs us, convicts and corrects us, encourages and strengthens us. What a neglected privilege is this gift that the Father has given us. How much more should we avail ourselves of the life of the Spirit. We will have abundant life only to the degree that

we seek His filling.

Thirdly, our abundant life comes from our victory over sin. While it is true that Christians are still subject to sin and often in need of confession and restoration, it is equally true that we can live a life of greater holiness and conformity to Jesus Christ. Much contemporary Christian writing has done a great disservice to the church in that the writers have lowered the high standard to which we are called. Sin is taught to be the rule of the day, and moral weakness is excused as an inevitable manifestation of our humanness. But this is not the word of Scripture. In I Corinthians 3:3, the apostle Paul upbraided the church in Corinth for walking like mere men and not like children of God:

"...for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?" (NAS)

If we are truly regenerated and filled with the Spirit of God, then there will be a supernatural manifestation of holiness and godliness in our lives. We, as well as others, will be aware of a new power over sin that was unknown to us in our state of unconversion. We must remember that salvation is not just a human decision to believe in Jesus and follow His will, but it is the supernatural work of God through which our very natures are changed and we are given the power to live in a newness of life, in the resurrection power of Jesus Christ. The Scriptures speak a great deal of this truth:

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances." (Ezekiel 36:25 - NAS).

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (II Corinthians 5:17 - NAS).

Through the Gospel

Christ abolished death and brought life and immortality to light *through the Gospel*. It was not through Christ's extraordinary ethical teaching, nor was it through His exemplary life, but it was through His life, death, and resurrection that the door of salvation was open to man. To put it as plainly and concisely as possible, the cradle

alone could not save us from our sin, but a cross was required. Something as horrid as our own depravity was necessary to take our depravity away - a cruel, shameful, bloody cross. It is for this reason that all the world's Christmas celebrations combined cannot save men from their sin. For most who celebrate such things rarely get past the cradle. Babes in mangers make for enchanting stories, but crucified Messiahs have no such appeal. Angels hover over cradles, but vultures hover over crosses. Nativity scenes fit so well into the world's holiday celebrations, but crosses are like a word spoken out of place that bring such celebrations to an end. It is for this reason that most would rather that the "old rugged cross" remain "on a hill far away," so as to not ruin their festivities by forcing them to look at the real meaning of the cradle - that God was in Christ reconciling a depraved world to Himself, by dying the death that every man deserves.

We at HeartCry are not against the holidays, but we refuse to celebrate the cradle without the cross. That old rugged cross has become most precious to us and to all who truly believe. It is that horrid cross that saved us from our sin and the penalty of the Law. It is that cross that empowers us to live a new life. It is that cross that has become our life and our most precious treasure. May we never boast in anything, but the cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the words of George Bennard:

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction to me;

For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.
In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
Such a wonderful beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

To conclude, this exhortation, one more thing must be said. The cradle and the cross of which we have spoken so briefly, must be proclaimed among the nations, to every creature under heaven. This is our mandate and this must become our passion. All our celebrating is empty chatter, unless it motivates us to proclaim the Gospel to every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. During this holiday season, it is our prayer that missions might become foremost in your mind and that the Gospel of Jesus Christ might be made know to all people everywhere, so that...

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- Paul David Washer

“*When Paul talks of the ‘folly’ of the message of the crucified Jesus, he is therefore not speaking in riddles or using an abstract cipher. He is expressing the harsh experience of his missionary preaching and the offense that it caused. The reason why in his letters he talks about the cross above all in a polemical context [i.e. in an atmosphere of debate] is that he deliberately wants to provoke his opponents, who are attempting to water down the offense caused by the cross. Thus in a way the ‘word of the cross’ is the spearhead of his message. And because Paul still understands the cross as the real, cruel instrument of execution, as the instrument of the bloody execution of Jesus, it is impossible to dissociate talk of the atoning death of Jesus or the blood of Jesus from this ‘word of the cross’. The spearhead cannot be broken off the spear. Rather, the complex of the death of Jesus is a single entity for the apostle, in which he never forgets the fact that Jesus did not die a gentle death like Socrates, with his cup of hemlock, much less passing on ‘old and full of years’ like the patriarchs of the Old Testament. Rather, he died like a slave or a common criminal, in torment, on the tree of shame. Paul’s Jesus did not die just any death; he was ‘given up for us all’ on the cross, in a cruel and contemptible way... The theological reasoning of our time shows very clearly that the particular form of the death of Jesus, the man and the messiah, represents a scandal which people would like to blunt, remove or domesticate in any way possible. We shall have to guarantee the truth of our theological thinking at this point. Reflection on the harsh reality of crucifixion in antiquity may help us to overcome the acute loss of reality which is to be found so often in present theology and preaching.”*
(Martin Hengel, *Crucifixion*, p.89-90, Fortress Press 1977).

From the HeartCry Staff

Dear HeartCry Friends,

It is the hope and prayer of my family that you and your family may grow in the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As I pass the holidays here at home, I am overwhelmed at all the “good things” that the Lord has done for us. My wife Charo and I have now been married for over ten years, and it is more evident every day that it has all been according to the good providence of God. Our son Ian has brought a very special joy to our home and we cherish every moment. We were told that we would never be able to have children, but with God, all things are possible. This will be Ian’s second Christmas. Please pray that he will grow to love the Lord his God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength; and that the grace given his father and mother might abound even greater in his own life. Charo and I could have no greater joy than to know that our son is walking in the truth.

As this year draws to a close and another dawns, please look to the far horizons where the Gospel of Jesus Christ has not been preached. Turn you hearts with passion towards the nations that have not heard. Cry out to God in prayer and do not give heaven rest from the sound of your voice until Christ’s great inheritance has been gathered in. That His Name may be great among the Nations!

Paul David Washer



Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has risen and lives forevermore. This past year has been filled with many wonderful and sometimes trying experiences. In a holiday season that begins with Thanksgiving, it is only fitting that I give thanks and praise to our heavenly Father for His kindness.

I thank God for my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I can only imagine with great dread where I would be now if it were not for His grace. I thank and praise God for my beautiful wife, Heather, and the work He is doing in our marriage. I thank and praise God for our daughter Elizabeth (two and a half years old), who has been both a joy and a blessing. I thank and praise God for His providence in every area of our lives. He has supplied every need “exceedingly and abundantly” beyond all we could ask or think. God has prospered HeartCry in every way, - the addition of new missionaries, greater financial support, and the addition of Jon Green to our staff.

These are exciting times and we can only imagine what 2003 holds. So many Christians live as though doomsday was around the corner, rather than living with the joy and hope of the Gospel. They see the troubles in the Middle East and say the end is near. They read of recent slides in the stock markets and say the end is near. When I look around me, I see open doors for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I see countries like Afghanistan that are open to the Gospel

whereas one year ago radical Muslims ruled and evangelism was against the law. I hear of doors opening in places such as Palestine where Muslims are being converted and the Gospel is preached via Muslim TV stations. I see churches in Romania, with standing room only crowds, hungry to hear God’s Word preached. I’ve seen hundreds of pastors gathered

Holiday Greetings

in the Ukraine to learn new truths from God's word to take back to their flocks. I see the possibility that the people of Iraq may finally be freed from their dictator and that another door to the Gospel may be opened. Even in my own Church, I see God doing amazing works which many believed would never occur.

In this year to come, do not listen to those who see darkness and no light. Understand that these are the most exciting times in the history of the Church. Whether Jesus comes back tomorrow or in another 1000 years we must be about one thing above all. We must be preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We must preach the incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection of God's only Son so that the lost may be found. Be encouraged this Christmas like never before and REJOICE IN THE LORD! (My daughter's favorite Bible verse.) Rejoice in the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Live the love of our Lord Jesus that men may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. I wish you all a blessed Christmas full of the love, grace, and glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In Him Alone,

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The holidays are a time to reflect on the many blessing in our lives - gifts from God that are undeserved and much better than we could have ever imagined. For me, one of these special gifts is the HeartCry Missionary Society. Its ministry and those who support it have gone far beyond what we could have ever believed or hoped. I am amazed as the ministry continues to expand around the world. I rejoice that we at Waldo Baptist Church have had the privilege of being a part of all that God has done. I have no doubt, that one day when I stand in glory, I will still look back with wonder at all that God was able to do. Thank you for your continued support of this God-given ministry.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Jack D. Russell
Waldo Baptist Church

This has been a year of many lessons for my wife Gabriela and me as we have sought our Lord's face and His will for our lives. Our journey has brought us from London, England to Metropolis, Illinois, where I am now working as Technical Director for the HeartCry Missionary Society. My job description includes everything that has to do with computers, web design, graphics, art, photography, and video.

I praise the Lord our God for His faithfulness in answering prayer, His provision that is over and above all that we deserve, and for giving us the opportunity to work with HeartCry. I pray He might use me to further the Gospel and that His Name be Great among the nations!

Jonathan Green





It has been a blessing to me to have had the privilege of working with HeartCry since its beginning. God has performed so many miracles in this ministry that I look forward to seeing what He has in store for the future. Although unworthy, I thank God that He has chosen the weak of this world to show His might and His love.

May God bless you during this season of the year as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. May He be first and foremost in all our thoughts and all our actions. We must remember that “Bethlehem’s Babe” was wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, and with His stripes we are healed. There has never been and never will be a greater Gift of Love.

Merry Christmas & God’s Blessings in the New Year,
Rita Douglas

As a family, we are excited to be involved in the work that God is doing through HeartCry. It is both humbling and encouraging to work alongside others who have such a heart for missions, and more importantly, to see God glorified in all things. We praise God for His faithfulness, His goodness, and for the blessing of the special friendships that we have made since becoming involved in HeartCry. As Christmas approaches this year, it is our prayer that we all look past the tinsel and glitter that clutters the season, and see the One who came in a manger, and finished His work on the cross, that death would be conquered once and for all!

Dave and Resha Kozler & family



“Merry Christmas *from our family to yours...*”



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Daniel A. Amoo

Dearly Beloved,

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ has been our Sustainer in this time. I am very grateful to the Lord for the HeartCry Missionary Society and for your vision to promote God's work. I especially appreciate your concern for the ministers of the Gospel and the work of the church as a whole. I thank the Lord for your prayers and financial assistance.

The Pokuase Baptist church is doing fine. The needs and ministries of our church are becoming greater and so we have added two men to the deacon body. Pray for them as they do their work. This Sunday, we will baptize twelve candidates who have recently confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. Please pray with us that they may demonstrate a true commitment to the Lord all the days of their lives.

Our church's youth group recently celebrated its anniversary. They participated in an entire week of programs with many challenging and exiting moments. It was a real revival

as the youth devoted themselves to prayer and fasting, challenging one another with the Word of God, and evangelizing the surrounding villages. As a result, there are now seven more souls ready for baptism. Pray with us that this revival among the youth may continue. Our vision for the upcoming year is to reach out to those who so desperately need Christ as Savior. We have prayed about the correct strategy and have decided to concentrate our work in specific areas of ministry. Please pray with us as to where we should pitch the tent of the Lord! At the present, we are working very hard on our church building. Our target for the end of the year is to finish the foundation. Pray with us that we will be patient in prayer, and that the Lord will help us finish our meeting place.

Please pray specifically for two of our people. One is a blind man named Samuel Nunoo and the other is a young lady named Charlotte Sarvi. She is crippled and life is very difficult for her. By God's grace, the church gave what it had so that brother Nunoo might undergo an operation to improve his sight. We regret to inform you that his eyesight has not improve much and the cataract is still forming. The church has also managed to provide a wheel chair for the crippled girl and to enroll her in an institute to learn sewing.

Pray *with* me and *for* me that I will be a more faithful pastor. My vision for this year is discipleship and evangelism. May the Lord richly bless you as we work together for His glory. Pray with us as we do for you.

His servant,
Daniel A. Amoo (Missionary/Church Planter)

The Testimony of Brother Samuel Nunoo

Made Blind that He might See.

Before his conversion, brother Nunoo was a Juju man - an African witch doctor who practiced the occult. He worked among the fishermen, market women, and any others who would listen to him. He claimed that he had the power to destroy lives and protect chiefs so that they might rule even when it was not their right to do so. He claimed to have a greater power than all other men.

His conversion came after he had worked a spell on a Juju woman that claimed her life. He had gone to the cemetery at midnight to perform certain rites so that her ghost could not return and do him harm. Before he was able to perform the rite, he was arrested by the police. A few months after he was released from jail, he was walking down a road when a strong wind blew dust into his eyes and blinded him. As he sat at home, blind, and afraid of further harm from his enemy's ghost, we visited his house with the Gospel and he was converted to Christianity. Other than his ongoing blindness, he is doing fine and growing in the Lord. Please pray continually for his commitment.



Joseph Lamptey
Of Ringway Baptist Church

Oh how can we praise the LORD for His abundant mercy, faithfulness, and goodness to us? We are bound to thank Him always for the Great and Mighty things our Savior does through vessels like us. He has chosen to reach the unreached for Jesus Christ, His Son and our Lord.

The last month has been most exciting because we have witnessed many conversions, wonderful attendance, godly testimonies, and consistent faithfulness among the new believers. My heart rejoices in the God of my salvation through Jesus Christ. In one month, twenty-five people were converted. Ten of those were the result of our soul-winning program and the rest of them visited our church and were saved in the service. Attendance has also shot up to eighty in the adult Sunday school class alone. I am very excited to see such tremendous growth.

To God be the Glory,
Great things He has done.

There were three people who visited the church without being invited. A middle aged man from Togo,

who had come to Ghana to visit a friend, came to our church without any one inviting him. He was staying about one mile away from our church, but testified that he was drawn to seek the Lord because of his great unhappiness. He came only to listen to the Word of God, but during the invitation, it was my great joy to see him walking forward to share with me about his decision to trust in Jesus Christ as Savior and to follow Him as Lord. I went through the Scriptures with him again to make sure that he understood the way of Salvation and what it meant to have the assurance of salvation. I praise God for His marvelous work. It never ceases to amaze me how the Lord can lead even a lost man to walk one mile past several other churches where they do not preach the Gospel, and bring him to our church where we still preach salvation only through Jesus. PRAISE THE LORD!

Pray with us as we plan on starting another new church called: ZION BAPTIST CHURCH. At this moment, we have three Bible students who we desire to send out from our school. We also praise God that in September, two more young men will start training at our Bible school. We will appreciate your prayer support.

Joseph Lamptey (Missionary/Church Planter)



ZAMBIA

Lichawa Thole

Chisomo Baptist Church Report

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ. During this year, the attendance in the Sunday morning evangelistic services has remained the same with only one new regular visitor. In the Sunday morning Bible study, we have seen an encouraging increase in the participation from our new converts. The children's class has increased in attendance to about twenty boys and girls. We are also pleased to report that the attendance in our Sunday evening services is almost the same as in the morning. In the evening, I am continuing the expository series on I Peter and this has attracted a great deal of interest among our regular visitors. I am broken hearted to report that our Friday evening prayer meetings are still hindered by the limited number of those attending.

Of all our ministries in the church, the Ladies Ministry has worked exceptionally well. They have a Bible study on Tuesdays and they go soul winning on Wednesdays and Thursdays. They also visit the hospitals. Our youth ministry has not grown and we have only a few youth that are walking in true fellowship with the Lord and His church. The young couple's outreach ministry has conducted seminars for couples and served a luncheon. Follow-up is now being carried out. We have five adult female candidates currently attending our baptism and new members class.

We are thankful to the Lord for the way He has faithfully led us throughout this year. We have seen souls converted, and the attendance in our Sunday meetings is growing steadily. On the other hand, there is a general feeling that in spite of our labors in door-to-door evangelism and other ministry efforts, we have not harvested according to our expectations at the beginning of the year. At this stage, I liken Chisomo Baptist to a field that has been thoroughly plowed and sown, but as of yet has experienced little rain to prosper the field. Because of this, we are doing two things: We hope to move the entire church in the direction of prayer and door-to-door evangelism.

We have organized a week of prayer that will end with fasting. I have also selected four mature brethren with whom I have set apart one Saturday each month to dedicate to prayer. Our great cry is that the Lord might send us showers of blessings from above. We have designated Tuesdays as our night of evangelism at the church. One Tuesday, we receive training in evangelism and the following Tuesday we visit the homes of those who live around or near our church.

In the upcoming year, we plan to begin a special class in theology for men with a view to developing leaders within our church. We have also organized a church library to encourage everyone to read more of the Christian classics. One

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brother and I have made our personal books available to the Church library. Please permit me to conclude with the following items for prayer:

- Pray with us for more conversions resulting from our labors.
- Pray for the spiritual growth for the new converts, and also for those who are older Christians, that they might increase in their service to God within the context of the local church.
- Pray for the success of our plans for the upcoming year.
- Pray for my family and for me. For a fresh supply of grace to enable us to fulfill the demands of the ministry.

Your brother,
Lichawa Thole

(Missionary/Church Planter)



AFRICA



Wilson Kamanga

Choma Central Baptist Church

The membership at our mission now stands at twenty-five. With regard to my Sunday morning and evening pulpit ministry, I have just concluded a series of sermons on the Christian marriage and the home. I will now turn to a series of expositions on the Ten Commandments in the morning service and will be preaching through the book of Revelation in the evening. In our Sunday morning Bible class, I am preaching through the book of I Corinthians, while in our Thursday evening Bible study, I am preaching through the book of Nehemiah. Both studies are coming to a close. Of late, we have had a number of children attending our Sunday School whose parents do not attend our services. Our prayer is that this might become a point of contact in reaching them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Because of the growth in our Sunday school classes, we are in need of more teachers. Please pray for God's provision. We have continued praying

that the Lord might grant us a more permanent leadership. Two men have been selected for the ministry of deacon and we hope to have an ordination service soon.

The Lord has blessed our evangelistic efforts and we now have six new converts who have been admitted into our baptism class. We hope to have a baptismal service when the class is complete.

With regard to my family: My wife Ruth, has been experiencing intense pain in her right leg between the knee and the hip. A recent x-ray revealed that she has a collection of fluid near her spine. The doctor has recommended bed rest and shorter walking distances. In addition, she must take a high dosage of painkillers. This has been a very trying period for us. Consequently, this has slowed down our follow up work. Please pray for her recovery.

Your brother,

Wilson Kamanga (Missionary/Church Planter)

Kennedy Sunkutu

Kafue reformed Baptist Church

The work we have begun has now celebrated one year. We have many reasons to thank God for it is He who has accomplished all things through us. As it is written in that sacred hymn:

*“The work with little fervour wrought,
The battles lost, or scarcely won!
Lord give the zeal and give the might,
For Thee to toil for Thee to fight.”*

It is my hope and prayer that the Lord would give us more zeal and might so that much may be achieved for His Name and His glory!

With regard to our Sunday services, attendance is still encouraging with an average of twenty every Sunday. A number of those attending have since become very regular and therefore the work is increasingly more stable. Our services continue to be evangelistic, but a few people who were regular during the earlier part of the year are no longer with us. We continue visiting those who have fallen away, and we pray that they will recognize their great spiritual needs.

Despite moving to a more central place for our weekly prayer meetings, the attendance is still not encouraging. However, the few that do attend (we are about six in number) are very consistent. I have been giving expositions on “The purpose of the Church” in order to encourage those who attend to invite their friends and neighbors to our services.

Attendance continues to be encouraging in our children’s Bible clubs. The need to divide the children according to their age groups is now very apparent. We are praying for a person to assist my wife. The clubs are held every Saturday.

The progress in our youth groups is slow but consistent. The three young men who are most devoted have begun to invite their friends to our meetings and there is an excitement in the air. I took four of our youth to the Junior Youth Camp organized by the Youth Ministry of Kabwata

Baptist Church. Two of them seem to have been affected enough by the Word so that they now demonstrate genuine interest in the things of God and are becoming very active in the church. Their names are Patrick and Leah. They have since asked me to teach them how to do evangelism. I teach them every Monday and every Tuesday we go out and practice what we have learned. May the Lord encourage them even more, and may many be brought into the fold through



them. Recently, we held a Youth evangelistic meeting. The theme was “What is freedom?” The meeting was well attended and some of the youths have since come for our Sunday services. Please pray for lasting convictions.

With regard to my family: I thank God that my wife’s work leave was extended and that she now has more time to be with our new baby, Muleya (she is now four months old). Our first born, Kapambwe (a girl) did well in school and this year she goes into the 4th Grade. The second, Chabala (a boy) goes into Pre-Grade. He too did quite well.

In Christ,

Kennedy Sunkutu
(Missionary/Church Planter)

AFRICA

A special holiday greeting ...

...and word of thanks from Brother Solomon Owolabi to our HeartCry supporters. Brother Solomon oversees our national missionaries in Nigeria, Ghana, and Benin



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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PRAYER LETTER DECEMBER 2002

Dear Supporters & Prayer Partners:

Greetings from Nigeria, West Africa. We extend to each one of you our special Christmas greetings in the wonderful saving name of the Christ of Christmas. We want to seize the privilege of this special season to express our sincere thanks to each one of you for the wonderful and magnificent ways you have all allowed the Lord to use you in the Lord's ministry here in Nigeria. The Lord has used you to help and bless us as we seek to preach the saving message of life and hope among our own tribal people in this part of the world.

As we all know, Christmas is a season of remembering God's love and His greatest gift to the world. As we approach this sacred season we cannot but praise and thank God for allowing you to have a part in the task of presenting Jesus Christ (the Savior of the world) to our own people as an expression of God's love to them.

We sincerely thank each one of you for helping us to proclaim the good tidings of the birth of Christ in this part of the world. Please, pray for many millions of lost souls here in whose hearts the Christ of Christmas has not been born.

May the Lord richly bless you and all that are yours at this Christmas season.

Your Native African Missionaries,
Solomon & Family
Matt. 1:21



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A Letter from M. K.

M K. is the sister of Komuni Dhale. She is currently studying in Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. This month, she received a phone call from James and Komuni D. whom we are supporting in Northern India. Communication has been almost impossible because of the civil unrest in the area and the constant threat of another outbreak of violence.

Yesterday, I was able to speak *via*. the telephone with James and Komuni. They had traveled to Imphal City to petition the restoration of the power lines to the Royal Ambassadors Academy (the power lines had been stolen some time back). According to James, the situation remains very unpredictable. The local churches in Nagaland have made a joint statement to the Naga public, warning them not to conduct any more strikes on the highways, because such strikes will cause higher inflation, a shortage of supplies, and above all, such behavior will be a bad testimony to unbelievers in the area. For the most part, the Nagas have been exercising both restraint and patience. We pray that this will continue so that our non-Christian neighbors will, by God's grace, come to know Him. There is growing unrest within the Nagas, especially the youth, against the political and military leaders. They are unhappy with the unresolved talks that seem to have no positive or practical results. Our fear is that their unhappiness may result in violent attacks on people and public property. Rumors continue to thrive.

James and Komuni did tell me that many are suffering, especially those who have fled their homes. Many are in despair, yet we recognize what an opportune time this is to present God's message of hope and peace. Recently, James baptized some new believers. The school continues to run as a testimony to the grace of God and the favor of the surrounding



communities. James and Komuni do admit that they are drained emotionally, mentally, and physically. Komuni was very sick for two weeks. Both James and Komuni must be strong for the many younger Christians who look up to them for encouragement and direction during this time. Spiritual warfare remains a daily reality. They are very grateful for your love and prayers, and they seek your prayers even more. I will continue to send you updates. Thank you for your prayers. We cherish them...

M. K.

PS. The missionary training conference will be held soon, if the missionaries are able to travel to the Academy. Pray for them in these dangerous times.

Zoran Milovanovici

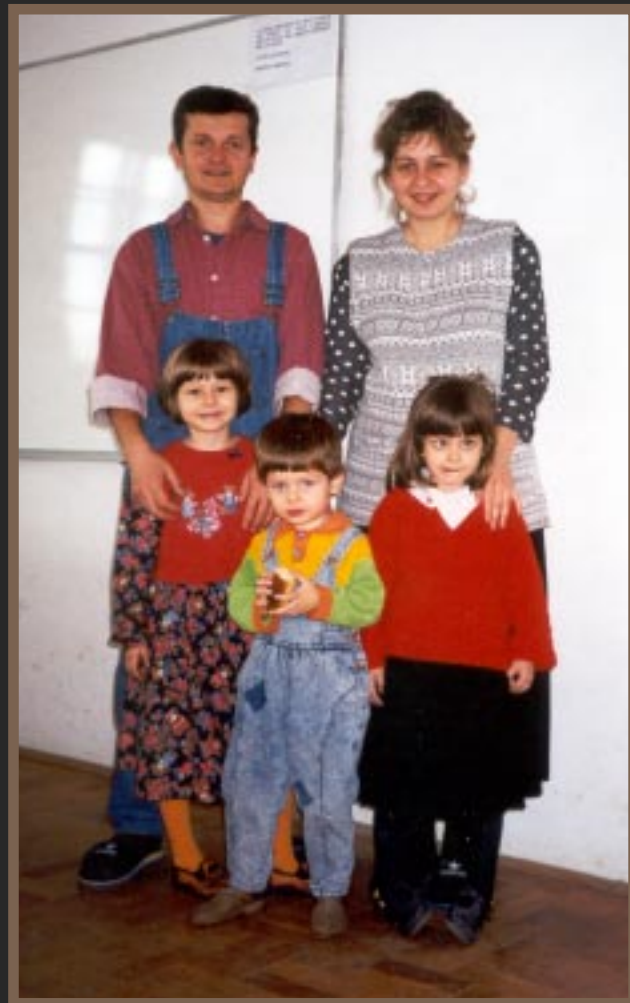
I rejoice in the Lord that I am able to share with you the joys and the sorrows that come from sowing seed on this rocky field called Serbia. It is difficult enough to sow seed, but we must also fight spiritual battles as we sow. Without the strength of the Lord, it would be impossible to carry on. The battle is constant. We are never surprised when Satan attacks us, but we are often surprised by the many different means that he uses.

In our city and others throughout Serbia, there is a new cult called "The Black Rose." This cult is extremely dangerous because they try to convince young people to commit suicide. As a result of their activity, the news media has started a television series about every religious group that is not Orthodox. They consider the Baptists and the Nazarenes to be nothing more than dangerous cults that work to destroy Serbia. They have reported over the airwaves, "The Baptist church undermines Serbian institutions and teaches our children not to go to school." Although these lies are ridiculous, they have influenced many people in our city and turned them against us.

In spite of the lies and persecution, there have been open doors to testify to the truth. A young man whom I am preparing for baptism wrote to the newspaper and they published his article. He wrote:

"I was raised in an Orthodox family. I have read in your newspaper about many of the cults that have entered into Serbia and I am glad you published this truth. Nevertheless, you made a very terrible error when you wrote that the Baptists and the Nazarenes manipulate Serbia to destroy her. During the war with Croatia, the Nazarene church helped our refugees with food and clothes, and the Baptist church is still helping refugees from Kosovo who live in Arandjelovac. There are other Christian organizations in the area of Nis that are helping locals and refugees without asking them to become members of their churches. That is why it is not right to treat them like satanic cults and I believe that, according to the Orthodox spirit, we owe them an apology."

Brother Zoran is serving as a HeartCry missionary in Serbia. The following are two of his most recent reports. Please pray for him as he is working in one of the most closed countries in Eastern Europe.



By the grace of God, we made it through another month in the work of the Gospel. Praise the Lord for being our shield and tower of refuge.



I am saddened to report to you that sister Gabi, who started the work in Lapovo, has left the group because of jealousies and other conflicts caused by carnal people. She and her husband stayed with us for two days and we counseled them and prayed with them. We are now waiting on God to help them solve this great problem. The work in sister Vesna's home is going well. I recently met her husband who is not a believer. I was glad to learn that he is not against us. There have been new people coming to this work in order to hear the Gospel.

It is so difficult to work in Serbia. Because we are unable to do things publicly, we must reach the people through our works and through building relationships. Please pray that the Lord will send more laborers into His harvest. My wife will have our baby soon, and the need for someone to help me in the work is even stronger. May God bless you according to His riches.

Your brother in Christ,
Zoran

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
By the grace of God, we made it through another month in the work of the Gospel. Praise the Lord for being our shield and tower of refuge.

For the first two weeks of last month, Simo Ralevic was in England and I was in charge of the church in Arangelovat. The fourth week of the month, I was in Timisoara for my last exam of the year in the Bible Institute. It was a time of spiritual refreshment. It was a joy to have sister Vesna from Lapovo with us for a few days. She had the opportunity to talk to my wife about things that she could not share with me. I thank God for the sacrifice that this sister has made to help us have the meetings in Lapovo. Another great joy that I experienced this month was that Nenad, one of the men I am discipling, decided to obey the Lord in believer's baptism.

Last month, I had an interesting meeting with two people who are attending our meetings in Lapovo - Branca and her son, Dusan. Branca's father was a Baptist pastor who lived near Beograd. Her son Dusan is now coming regularly to our meetings and I pray that he will follow in his grandfather's footsteps. Concerning the work in Lapovo, I ask for your prayers. As a result of all the lies that are being spread about the Baptists and the Nazarenes, many of the people are becoming more and more suspicious. If this continues, it will be difficult to convince them that we are not a cult. Please pray for the work in Serbia and for my wife who will soon give birth.

Your brother in Christ,
Zoran

What part of "GO" do you not understand? Matthew 28:18-20



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