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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 un-evangelized 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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***Hallowed be Your Name!
Your Kingdom Come!
Your Will be Done!***

From our Desk

by Paul David Washer

The Greatest Privilege

There is no greater privilege than that of being a child of God and an ambassador of Christ. Not only have we received the benefits of sonship, but have been granted the privilege of making known the excellencies of *Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light* (I Peter 2:9).

A great calling and tremendous responsibility has been set before us - the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ. We live in an unprecedented age when more doors are opened for the preaching of the Gospel than anyone could have ever imagined. How will we respond? To get the most use out of this life that has been given to us and to get the most glory for God, how should we respond? The Scriptures are clear: We should give ourselves to seek first God's kingdom and righteousness, and trust Him to take care of our temporal needs according to His riches in glory.

I have spent a little more than half my Christian life on the mission field. I lived in Peru through one of the most terrible times in its history. *It was a time of extreme poverty:* I can remember standing in line for hours in hopes of buying a bag of rice, a loaf of bread, and a can of milk. *It was a time of extreme danger:* Peru was in the middle of a civil war. The terrorists were taking ground every day. The city was under martial law and it was often illegal to be in the streets after curfew. We were often awakened in the middle of the night with bombings and gun fire. *It was a time of extreme uncertainty and fear:* Who would be the next among the many thousands of victims that had already died? Was the new convert sincere or was he planted by the terrorists to gain information about the missionaries and those who fellowshiped with them? Would the unknown man sitting in the last pew suddenly arise and gun down half the congregation? Was the car parked across the street filled with explosives?

It was the worst of times and yet it was the best of times! I remember so many wonderful things about my first church plant and those who served with me. We were a young group of idealistic Christians ready to live and die for our new found faith and the fellowship of our brothers and sisters in Christ. Every weekend, we met on some of the most dangerous streets in Lima to sing about Jesus and preach His Gospel in the open air. How many times did we sing to the sound of bombings and gunfire? How many times did we preach to the sound of scoffing, mocking, and threats? On Saturday nights we would feed the street children and seek to share with them the love of Christ. We had no money and yet God seemed to always provide enough Quaker Oats and milk for us to feed a

multitude out of the back of an old ambulance that another missionary had loaned me. We would return home in the early morning hours, dirty, tired, and infested with fleas.

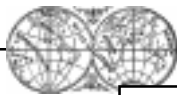
I remember when a poor Peruvian missionary visited our fellowship and shared his needs with us. The people in our congregation were as poor as he, but they wanted to give. I remember watching Peruvian believers give the few coins they possessed, and when they saw how little they had gathered, they asked for the offering plate to be passed again. It came back with their rings, earrings, watches, sweaters, coats, and even shoes. Most had to walk home from church because they had given their bus money. Others walked home without shoes. We had nothing, but words were not enough to describe our joy. We were Christ's and Christ was ours. We were His servants and He was our Master and Provider.

I remember once when I was informed that the terrorists had made a treat on my life. I was advised by the Evangelical Counsel to leave the country. I decided to stay, but agreed to lay low for a few weeks in a place apart from my home. After a week, I decided to return to our small fellowship and preach. That Sunday, three young converts arrived at the place where I was staying and accompanied me to our meeting place. As we walked down the street, I notice that they surrounded me and were constantly getting in my way. I asked them what they were doing and they replied, "If a bullet is meant for you, it will have to come through us. We heard the Gospel through you. We will not let you walk alone."

The Privilege Disdained

Years have now passed, and HeartCry has grown from a tiny mission with one missionary in Peru, to more than eighty missionaries and their families around the globe. Those early days seem like a far away dream. I look back with wonder and I look back with longing. What has happened to me? I have grown in knowledge through the study of the Scriptures, experience, and the teachings of the wise Christians that the Lord has placed around me. I have grown in faith. I can remember being overwhelmed with the idea of supporting three indigenous missionaries and their families at a cost of \$450 a month, and now we must believe God for more than three times that amount each day.

I have gained in some things, but I have lost in others. It has cost my wife Charo and I a great deal to return to the United States. It is so difficult to seek first the king-



dom of God in the midst of the everyday American life. There are so many temporal things that compete with the eternal, so many deceivers that clamor for our attention and blur the heavenly vision, so many thieves that seek to rob us of eternal glory. We all know that Christ is our advocate and that He lives forever to intercede on our behalf before God, but we should also know that Satan seeks to be our advocate and to intercede on our behalf, not before God, but against Him. Was it not Satan who convinced Eve that she needed more than what the will of God allowed? Did he not stand beside her and pretend to have her best interest in mind? Does he not do the same today? Is it not true that He has our ear when He speaks of our rights and all that we need to be happy? He is so clever with his words that he is able to convince us that fleshly lusts and ghastly luxuries are genuine needs and proper privileges of a child of God. He can turn our eyes to seeking things that are not eternal and turn our hearts against the Lord who bought us. In the end, we are left empty, hungry, and full of strife. The benevolent promise, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you," becomes a declaration of judgment against us.

The Book of Malachi is one of the most powerful in the Old Testament. It is God's "period" to that entire dispensation. In the first chapter, the heart of God's people is revealed. Please read:

"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. Then if I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My respect?" says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. But you say, 'How have we despised Your name?' You are presenting defiled food upon My altar. But you say, 'How have we defiled You?' In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is to be despised.' But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts. "But now will you not entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us? With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts. Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD of hosts, "nor will I accept an offering from you. 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. "But you are profaning it, in that you say, 'The table of the Lord is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be de-

spised.' "You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it," says the LORD of hosts, "and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?" says the LORD. "But cursed be the swindler who has a male in his flock and vows it, but sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord, for I am a great King," says the LORD of hosts, "and My name is feared among the nations."

(Malachi 1:6-14)

Like many of God's people today, they were tired. Not only did they have to struggle to scratch out an existence for themselves just like the pagans who had no God, but they had the added responsibility of religious duty to a jealous God. If their attitude had been voiced in 21st century terms, it would have probably sounded something like this, "I work six days a week trying to provide for my family and then I have the added responsibility of giving God His due." What is the cause of such an attitude? There are several things, not least of which are unbelief, fleshly desires, and ignorance.

They did not believe God They acknowledged His existence, but doubted His character. They did not believe that He was as good and wise as He proclaimed and as He had proven to be throughout the many generations of His people. Do you and I truly believe that God is good? That He desires more good things for His people than they desire for themselves? Then why do we boldly set out on our own to gather goods with our own hands? Do we truly believe that God is all wise and that He not only desires the best for us, but knows what that "best" is? Then why do we not submit to His wisdom and accept His will for our lives.

The ancients were frequent in saying that we glorify God by being content with His providence (sovereign rule). Thomas Watson wrote, "We glorify God, by being contented in that state in which Providence has placed us. We give God the glory of His wisdom, when we rest satisfied with what He carves out to us" (A Body of Divinity, p.13). Are we content with God's will? Do we feel cheated? Do we feel that someone else got the better end of God's providence? Such attitudes will quench thanksgiving and service, and plant seeds of bitterness in our lives. I have known Christians who were diligent in their vocation, who made a great amount of money without striving for such, and used their gifts and position for the glory of God. I have known others who had no time for the work of the Kingdom because of their constant striving for riches, which left them indebted, tired, and empty. If we are called to a place of prosperity, let us be content with the Lord's will and use our position for His glory. If we are called to a more meager place, let us be content with our Lord's will. To kick open the stable gate and run free in the wilds may cost us our lives. Paul the apostle wrote to young Timothy, "But godliness actually is a means of great gain



when accompanied by contentment" (1 Timothy 6:6).

They had fleshly desires. Although sanctification is a mark of every true believer on earth, it is an unfinished, ever-progressing work. None of God's chosen on this side of heaven are free from the desires of the flesh. In Galatians 5:17, the apostle Paul wrote:

"For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please."

The flesh is that unredeemed part of the believer that rails against God and His will. It is also that part of us that the devil is so quickly to defend. Our fiendish flesh can be likened to so many evil things, but one of the most dangerous aspects of the flesh is its self-centered and selfish whining about all it does not have, and its fierce defense of all that it does have. This is the very place where the devil drops his hook. The flesh is never content with God's will. It not only seeks more than what God gives, it seeks the wrong things that God will not give. This is where the devil comes to our defense against God, "You are right in desiring these things!" "You need to think about yourself every once in a while!" "God would not want His children deprived?" The possible lies are endless, and if we are not careful to recognize the deception behind the demonic defense, we will end up abandoning God's will and purpose for the will and purpose of our fallen flesh. Such a road can only lead to emptiness, misery, and death.

There is not one good thing in our flesh, and its lies are only equaled by those of the devil. Together they have a catalog of all the endless things we need to be happy, and not one of them includes the will of God. Each thing we purchase on the flesh's recommendation, is like the Turkish Delight given to Edmund in the Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe - it will never satisfy us, but only have us begging for more. With each new thing we acquire, we are more miserable than before it was ours, and our minds are filled with so much confusion that we cannot focus a moment in the day upon God's Kingdom and purpose.

Are you already a prisoner, or more specific, a slave to your flesh? How much of your mental, emotional, and physical energy is given to the pursuit of God and the advancement of His Kingdom? How much is given to the pursuit of the temporal things of this age. An age, I remind you, that is passing away and will soon be gone. It is important to remember that not all our desires are good, but many are destructive and lead to death!

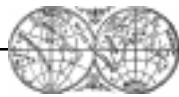
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They were ignorant about the Father-child / Master-servant relationship they had with God. Have you ever considered the meaning of the divine name *Adonai*? It denotes both lordship and ownership. It also communicates a great deal about the relationship that exists between God and His people. As Owner and Master, God is committed to care for His people and provide for their needs. As servants of the Master, we are to be committed to serve Him in absolute obedience. We are not to strive in caring for ourselves. We are not to strive in providing our own blessings. We are not to be distracted with worries of what shall we eat, what shall we wear, or where shall we live. We are to have a singular focus on God, His Kingdom, and His will. We are slaves. Our only responsibility is to do the will of the Master. His responsibility is to care of us.

So often, we have the roles reversed. We seek to take care of ourselves and "IF" (big "if") we have any time left over, we will do something in the name of God. God is our great *Adonai*. He is our Owner and Master, and we are His. When we commit ourselves to the fulfillment of His will and good pleasure, we can count on the fact that He has already committed Himself to our welfare.

Who has ever served the Lord for nothing? Who has ever given to the Lord so as to make the Owner of all things a debtor? I have met some of the choicest and most sacrificial servants that have ever walked upon this earth. Men and women who have lost fame, fortune, health, husband, wife, children, and even their own lives on the mission field. If you were to even suggest to them that they had given too much to God, or even that they had given to God, it would make them nauseous. Any true believer who has served as a slave in the sight of God, feels himself or herself to be the most privileged and undeserving being in heaven and on earth.

An eternity of stories can be told about God's provision for His own. The Psalmist has said, "I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging for bread" (Psalm 37:25). Take a census of all the children of God from the first to the last and you will not find a forsaken one among them. Interview the saints in heaven who have suffered most on earth, and beg them to offer up a complaint against the Lord. I myself have served the Lord for over 20 years and am the least of all the saints, not worthy of the least of all His mercies. I confess to be a covenant breaker and a clumsy, unattractive, unpleasant child. Yet He has cared for me and my own above all I could ever ask or think. Enough complaints could be put forth against me each day to condemn my soul to an eternity in hell each night, but in all my years, I have not found one



cause for complaint against my Lord. He doeth all things well!

How many of God's saints have I heard pour forth the praises of the One who saved them and keeps them? How many saints have I watched with my own eyes as tears of joy flowed down their faces as they spoke about the goodness of their God? I think of the mountain preachers from Peru - poor and ragged, broken and outcast. The things they have suffered at the hands of their own people are too numerous and terrible to write, and yet they speak of it all as a privilege to suffer for the Master who suffered for them. In their praising, they are not to be praised, for they do not respond in this manner because they are good saints, but because God is truly THAT GOOD!

What a kind Master is ours, and yet we are so quick to abandon his hospitality and employment, for the shackles and cruel slavery of the devil, this world, and our flesh. When will we learn. As Isaiah cried out:

"Where will you be stricken again, as you continue in your rebellion? The whole head is sick and the whole heart is faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head there is nothing sound in it, only bruises, welts and raw wounds, not pressed out or bandaged, nor softened with oil."

Isaiah 1:5-6

And yet God offers:

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool. If you consent and obey, you will eat the best of the land;"

Isaiah 1:18-19

And again God pleads:

"Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance. Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, according to the faithful mercies shown to David."

Isaiah 55:1-3

Jesus commanded His people to follow His example to find true prosperity, contentment, and fullness of life when He said,

"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS" (Matthew 11:28-29).

When we consider the life of Jesus, we find our great

example. He told His disciples, "I have food to eat that you do not know about," (John 4:32) and, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and accomplish His work." (John 4:34). Is it not true that you and I think of doing God's will as an expenditure of energy, something that drains us, and makes us tired? That was definitely Israel's attitude in the book of Malachi when they considered the will of God and declared, "My, how tiresome it is!" (1:13). But when we look to Jesus we witness an entirely different opinion about the will of God. He called it His food. It was not an expenditure, but a source; not a subtraction, but an addition; not a cause of poverty, but an enricher. It was His sustenance and it left Him with joy and fullness.

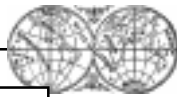
The Christian in America has greater economic power and freedom for worship and service than any other group of Christians in the history of Christianity. And yet, to browse through a "Christian" bookstore one would think that we were the most impoverished. Half the store is filled with books about our emotional, physical, and spiritual poverty. How can we as a people be so impoverished when we have so much freedom to know and serve the Lord? It is because we have not used our freedom for the kingdom, but we have spent it on our own flesh. The apostle Paul wrote:

"For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

Galatians 5:13-14

We have been freed to serve the Lord! Why do we once again place ourselves under the bondage of such childish and petty things? We work for money to buy things that do not satisfy, and then return to work with even greater gusto to buy more unsatisfactory things. We are like a man who ties himself once again to the whipping post after his Lord has set him free. What drives us so? Our fallen flesh and the lies of the devil through the mouth of his media. How many of you who know the Lord would faithfully attend cult meetings and listen hours a day to their teaching? How many of you would subject your children to the dangers of their lies? Not one among us would do such a thing, and yet, each night countless Christians feast on hours of the world's teaching and allow their lives and families to be molded by it. Have you ever found contentment at their table? Have you ever found a healthy meal to make you grown, or strong medicine to heal your wounds? Is it not true that their teaching and example leave you dirty and poor, grieving and hungry? Again the Lord calls out to you:

"Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not



satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourself in abundance.”
Isaiah 55:1-3

Let us crucify the flesh. Let us turn away from the lies of Satan and the fellowship of those held captive to do his will. Let us return to the Lord in full recognition of His goodness and wisdom. Let us submit ourselves to His will. Then, we will be healed.

Living for the Eternal

We have spoken much about what we should not do, and that is not enough. What should we do? How then shall we live? We should follow the example of our Master. He found food in the fellowship of His Father and in doing of His will. He has promised a fruitful life to those of His disciples who do the same. In John 15:16, He gives us a most extraordinary promise:

“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.”

I believe it was A.W. Tozer who once said, “I hear all these Christian begging God to use them. I have discovered that if a man will make himself usable, God will wear him out!” There is a great deal of truth in this statement. We should never think that we desire to do more good things in the kingdom of God than God Himself, or that we desire to be used of God more than He desires to use us! Such thinking is preposterous! The Lord Jesus Christ tells us that He has chosen us as His servants, and that He has appointed that we bear fruit, and that our fruit should be everlasting! He has made it possible for us to live for eternity, to work on this earth, and to make gains that death cannot take away.

Look around you at the great monuments of men. Look down the corridors of history at their great plans and endeavors. Listen to men speak about the great deeds that humanity will accomplish in the future. Now listen to God as He tells you that all their works are but scribbling in the dust. Their greatest monuments will fall and be forgotten. Have you ever wondered why some of the great cities of the world are set upon hills? It is simply because they are built upon the remains of the cities that came before them, and one day they will be the garbage pile upon which another will be built. This is the temporal curse under which the world and its citizens must labor. They are like Sisyphus of Greek mythology who was condemned for eternity to roll a heavy ball up a mountain only to have it roll back down the other side. But we are not of this world and we have not been appointed to such accursed works. Our city is in heaven. Its Builder and Maker is God. An eternal dwelling awaits us and the hope of eternal reward. Nothing is lost to the disciple who sets His mind foremost upon the glory of God and the ad-

vancement of His Kingdom. Even if you do something so small as give a glass of cold water to a disciple of Christ, because he is of Christ, you will surely not lose your reward.

Sometimes I feel as though I have been visited by death too many times for a man of my years. My brother before me died, my father died in my arms in the middle of a field, and I preached my sister’s funeral. These were all terrible trials for me, but they did not pass without their good lesson. I am keenly aware that I am temporal, and that all the splendor and beauty of this world is passing. The most splendid leaves are shaken from their high place, carried by the wind, and fall to the ground. They are not there many days before their color is gone and they crumble to dust. Nothing better can be said for the greatest men and their greatest endeavors. The great Babylon is a desert for jackals and scorpions, glorious Rome is a pile of ruins for the curious, and even now the grave calls to the greatest of our present day empires and their rulers. The taunt against the king of Babylon is appropriate for all the arrogant of this world:

“Sheol from beneath is excited over you to meet you when you come; It arouses for you the spirits of the dead, all the leaders of the earth; It raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones. They will all respond and say to you, ‘Even you have been made weak as we, You have become like us. Your pomp *and* the music of your harps have been brought down to Sheol; Maggots are spread out *as your bed* beneath you And worms are your covering.’” (Isaiah 14:9-11)

Knowledge of this truth should shape the way we live out our lives. As Christians, we are not of the night that we should live in darkness, or that the day of His coming should catch us unaware. We are of the day. For this reason it says:

“Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’ Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:14-17)

While it is day, let us work. For night is coming when no man will work. Remember the Creator in the day of your youth before old age comes upon you and you say I have no pleasure in them. What does it matter if a man gains the whole world, and loses his soul? And what would a man give in exchange for his soul?

We must turn from the world that draws us and seek to be imitators of our Lord. His heart was always right before God and therefore His vision was always clear. His heart beat with the desire for God’s purposes to be fulfilled. This is clearly revealed in His praying:



“Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:9-10)

Do these words reflect the greatest passion of our lives? How often do our Lord’s petitions fall from our lips? How often do our hearts break over a world that is still not conquered? Do you and I desire above all things that the Lord be counted as holy by every creature on earth? Do our prayers beckon His kingdom to come? Do we esteem His will and hope that it will be the goal of all men everywhere? Are these the last words that escape from our hearts before falling off to sleep? Are these the first words that spring from our mouths in the morning? Or are we like the children of Israel in the book of Malachi. They were careless about the glory of God and they could *care less* about its promotion among the nations. They were guilty of the most heinous crime that can be committed by the people of God - they were apathetic about God’s person, and unconcerned about His glory.

It is here that we must be most thankful about the sovereignty of God in missions. If it had been left up to the people of God, the nations would have never known about the glories of the one true God. But in the midst of such pathetic apathy, God raises His right hand and swears by His own holiness:

“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)

This is both a source of comfort and a warning for God’s people. The comfort is found in this - that God is sovereign over missions and that He will see to it that His Name is made great among the nations. The warning is found in this - if we are apathetic towards His glory and unconcerned about its promotion among the nations, at best we should understand that we are dull of heart and missing a most glorious privilege; and at worst we should fear that we are yet unconverted!

Run to the Battle!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, you are commanded to be passionate and to be involved in the Great Commission. You say, “What must I do?” There are two options. You are either called to go down into the well or you are called to hold the rope for those who have gone down. Either way you are to give yourself to the great

commission with the same zeal and sacrifice as the most devoted missionary in the darkness, most demanding place on earth.

Regardless of what we may believe, the Christian life is a threefold battle. First, we battle against the flesh and its sinful desires that wage war against our new nature and against the Spirit who seeks to lead us to greater holiness. In this battle we are called to put to death the deeds of the flesh, and to eagerly pursue personal holiness without which no man will see the Lord. We are called to die daily, to beat our bodies and to even radically amputate those things in our lives that are a cause of stumbling. We are called to saturate our lives in the Word of God, to renew our minds so that we might be able to discern those things which please the Lord and reject those things which the Lord abhors. We are called to be filled with the Spirit and to walk in a newness of life, ever sensitive to His will and

leading. Finally we are called to do this in a world that hates God, is hardened to His truth, and opposes all virtue and godliness. What a terrible battle is this battle of ours. We would surely be consumed if it were not for the God who produces in us the desire to live righteously and gives us the effective grace to do so. For He is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to His power that works in us.

Secondly, we battle against something even more terrible than our own depraved flesh. We battle against rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly

places. We are called to wrestle against them face to face and to resist them even to the point of death, so that our testimony may resound to the Glory of God. We are called to fight an enemy whose strength so exceeds our own that we must put aside our confidence in our own strength and be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might, to put on the full armor of God and stand fast regardless of each day’s evil. It is true that Satan prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour and that he has requested to sift us like wheat, nevertheless, we shall stand because our Master is able to make us stand and to present us before Himself on that Day with great joy.

Thirdly, we battle for something much more precious than our own lives, much greater than our own goals, and much more important than our own welfare. We battle for the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom on the earth. We struggle and pray and watch with one great hope - that His Name be sanctified, that His Kingdom come, and that His Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We give our strength and our years that the earth might be filled with



the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea. We long for the day when we will see a great multitude that no man can count from every tribe, language and nation standing before the throne of God and crying out with a loud voice.

“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

Each one of us has been commissioned to see to it that Christ's banner is raised on every distant hill in every far away land. If we are not called to go, we are called to stand behind those who do with equal sacrifice. The Great Commission is not some little thing that the Church does; it is THE thing that we are commanded to do. Do we realize that we will be held accountable on the Day of Judgment for our participation in taking the Gospel to the nations? Do our lives reflect that we truly understand that apart from the Gospel no man will be saved?

The following words were spoken by an atheist who mocked those Christians who declared Christ to be the only way and yet were not moved to make Christ known among the nations. His words are those that moved the great English missionary C.T. Studd to go to China, India and Africa and later say: “If Christ was God and died for me, there is nothing that would be too much to do for Him.” Read these words carefully. Weigh you own life and desires against them.

“If I believed with conviction what millions say they believed, that the knowledge and practice of religion was everything to me; I would throw from me like a weight, every worldly pleasure; I would esteem every worldly consideration as insanity and every worldly thought as vanity. My faith would be my first thought in the morning, and my last image before I fell asleep; I would work only for the cause, think only in eternity and esteem every soul won for heaven as the greatest value, even if it meant a life of suffering. No earthly consequence would detain me or quiet my lips; the joys of the world or its sorrows would not even occupy a single moment of my thoughts. I would focus only on eternity and the immortal souls that are around me and destined for eternal misery. I would go to the world and preach in season and out of season and my text would be: ‘What does it benefit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul?’”

As we live out our daily lives, we should be looking towards the world and the battle that out there rages. These are the greatest times in the history of Christianity. God has opened doors throughout the world so that we may now preach the Gospel in places that only a few years ago were totally beyond our reach. The doors are open, but will we pass through? Will we take advantage of this most strategic moment in history? These are not times for men of narrow minds, small hearts, and tight spirits. These are not times for only standing firm, but also marching forward. We must put the world behind us, pass through the doors that have been opened to us, put our hand to the

plow and never look back again.

The world is such a large place and there are so many people that have yet to be reached with the Gospel. There is so much to be done and so much that can be accomplished. Will the Church take advantage of her opportunity to see God's glory among the nations? Will you hear the call to lay aside your life and become part of something much larger than yourself? What will you do? Can you think of any greater thing to which you could possibly give your life than the preaching of the Gospel to those who have yet to hear? It is not a time to think about careers, but about a Kingdom. Why would we want fame, when God promises us glory? Why would we be seeking the wealth of the world when the wealth of heaven is ours? Why would we run for a crown that will perish with time, when we are called to win a crown that is imperishable? My dear friend let us run to the battle so that we might stand with Him on that Great Day of Victory!

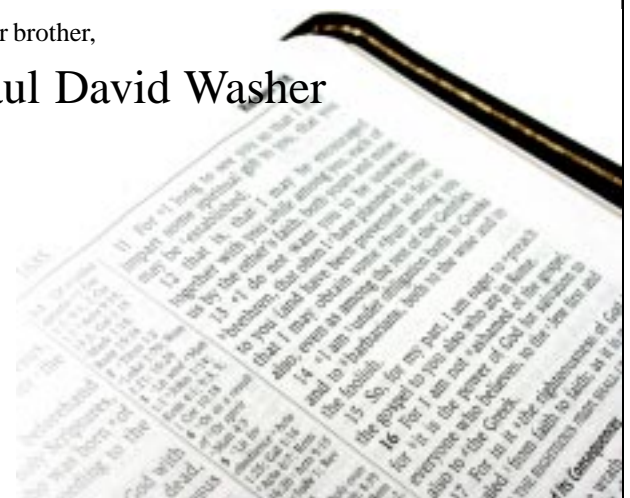
For the last 2000 years, the battle for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ has been a costly one. It is estimated that since the first century over 50 million Christians have been martyred and now every year over 300,000 are added to the ranks of those who did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Nearly 1000 believers a day lay down their lives in the battle to carry the Gospel of Christ to all men. Even now as you read this, hundreds are dying, and tens of thousands are locked away in prisons and jails. Their only crime is their belief in Christ and their unwillingness to lay down their Bibles and cease from preaching the Gospel.

How should we respond in light of such terrible casualties? There is only one answer - We should run headlong into the battle and give our very lives for the only cause that will stand - the coming of the Kingdom of our Lord and God. As your brother in Christ, I plead with you to become a true soldier in the battle to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every man. The harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few.

I plead with you as though God were making an appeal through Me - Turn from this world and be reconciled to God. Turn your eyes toward heaven! Give yourself to be a holy instrument of God's will. Put your hand to the plow and do not look back.

Your brother,

Paul David Washer



HEAR THE DRUMS

Hear The Drums



by Redford Tramel

Redford and Elizabeth Tramel, have been missionaries in Peru for the greater part of their lives. Charo and I count them as friends and counselors. The following article appeared in their last newsletter. Knowing their years of service on the mission field and their unusual dedication to the Kingdom and the harvest, we wanted to publish it for your edification. Please read these words as coming from a man and

woman who have given their entire life in battle on the foreign field - Paul Washer

Why so much “foreign” missions effort? Foreign is in quotes because it is not foreign to God and should not be foreign to us. Also, God has brought the “foreign” mission field to the USA in the millions of foreigners that are here from every country in the world, even the tightest closed and least evangelized ones like North Korea, Laos, Maldives, Iran, etc.

Even though the physical and emotional need of those in under developed countries is NOT the main reason for “foreign” missions, *we do care* about the poverty and suffering that hundreds of millions are experiencing. And *we are touched* by the millions who are being oppressed by ruthless rulers or the wicked majority. *It does bother us* to know of thousands every year of every age who are captured and sold as slaves, and bought by cruel slave owners, and parents selling their daughters to be taken to the cities for prostitutes. *We try to imagine* the ignorance and near “stone age” ways of those not touched by “civilization.” *We try to sense* the feelings, fears, and difficult lives of those who live in isolated tribes. We know that *God knows and cares*. And these needs should touch our hearts and move us with Christian compassion. Christ “had compassion on the multitudes” (Matthew 9:36). We who have received the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior can love strangers with God’s love that is in our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). We realize that Christ would have us to relieve suffering while we are evangelizing.

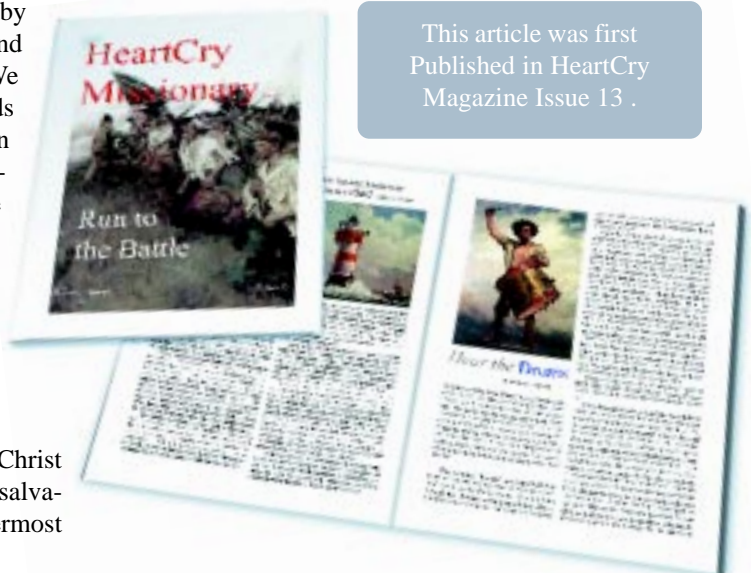
However, the physical and emotional need is NOT THE MAIN REASON for “foreign” missions. Three of the greatest reasons for missions are:

First: We must obey our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who has commanded us to take the good news of salvation “to every creature” (Mark 16:15), “to the uttermost

part of the earth” (Acts 1:8), and “to all ethnic groups” (Matthew 28:19). We must obey because He is Lord, and “we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive according to what he has done...” (II Corinthians 5:10). He commanded us to do it because it is very important to Him that it be done. “This is eternal life that they might know... the only true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent” (John 17:3). He knows every person on earth and cares about each one. To know the Lord, worship Him and serve Him are the Purposes for which He put all of us on this earth. He commands us to be deeply involved in getting His message “to the uttermost part of the earth.” Each of us is deciding to obey or not. Partial obedience is not obedience.

Second: We must take the gospel of salvation “to the uttermost part of the earth” because every person’s need for salvation is his greatest need. If a person goes to hell it is by far the worse thing that could happen to him. The most important condition of every person is whether he is going to hell or heaven, i.e. whether he has received Christ Jesus as his Savior or not. Forgiveness of sin, being acceptable to God in this life, and going to enjoy His presence are the most important things in life.

Many of us are concerned about people who claim to be Christians but hardly act like it. But, almost a billion Hindus, 700 million Buddhists, millions of Animists, and hundreds of millions of other people do not even claim to have received Christ as Savior. They clearly state, “No! I do not believe in Christ Jesus.” Or “I do not know who he is.” Their most important need is to hear about Christ, received Him as their Savior, and be saved from condemnation (John 3:18). The God of the Bible is the only Creator of the universe, and our Lord Jesus is the only Savior-Christ-Messiah (I Timothy 2:5). The question is, “How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?” (Romans 10:11).



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Third: The need is so great that every Christian is needed to get the gospel out. The world is enormous (The opposite side of the world is 12,000 miles away from each person on earth.). There are about 21,000 languages and culture groups. And there are about six billion people on earth (95% live outside the USA). He has committed to Christians the responsibility of taking the message of Christ and salvation to all. The job is so enormous that no Christian is exempt from doing his part. None can say, "I am not needed. Others will do it."

So why has it not been accomplished in nearly 2,000 years since our Lord gave the command? Too many Christians have not done their part. If every person who has truly received Christ Jesus as their Savior prayed like he should, carried the gospel as far as he could, and gave what he could, the job would be accomplished. If each one gave to missions only one percent more of his take home pay, there would be more than enough to pay the expenses for reaching every town and village "to the uttermost part of the earth." And if everyone of us prayed, gave, and did what we are reasonably capable of doing,

according to God's will for each one, the commission could be accomplished in a few years. Every unreached ethnic group, every unreached town, and every unreached person is proof of the coldness and disobedience of most of the Lord's people.

Do you care? How much do you care? Will you obey? What are you doing to help? Could you do more? Could you intercede more in prayer, minister the gospel to more people, give more to missions? Is the Lord Jesus Christ the Lord of your life, ambitions, and decisions? Are you serving the Lord Jesus Christ?

We pray that the Lord can one day say to you, "Well done thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21). Does Luke 6:46 apply to you: "Why do you call me Lord and don't do what I say?" Will you pray now and daily, "Lord, I want to do your will. I want to obey. I want to do my part. Please show me your will and give me the faith and strength to do it." We pray that you will "stand perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Colossians 4:12).

Redford and Elizabeth Trammel

Life Saving Station or Country Club? by Frank G. Voight.

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often happened was a makeshift lifesaving station. Its devoted workers went out day or night, searching for the lost and saving many lives. Soon the little station developed quite a reputation for its unselfish work. Many people joined the station, giving of their time, money, and effort for the support of its work. They bought new boats and trained new crews. The little lifesaving station grew.

Then, some of the new members of the station grew unhappy because the building was crude and poorly equipped. So they enlarged the building, replaced the emergency cots with comfortable beds, and put in nice furniture. Soon the station became a popular gathering place for its members. Most of them lost interest in going to sea on lifesaving missions, so they hired a professional crew to do this work.

One day a large ship was wrecked off the coast. The hired lifesaving crew brought in boatloads of people. They were wounded, dirty, and sick. The beautiful new building was soiled and damaged. So the property committee had a shower house built outside the club where shipwreck victims could be cleaned up before coming inside. At the next meeting, club members got into a big dispute. Most wanted to stop the lifesaving work because it interfered with their regular activities. But some members insisted that lifesaving was still their primary purpose. However, they were voted down. The majority told them if they wanted to save lives, they could start their own station down the coast. They did.

As the years passed, this new station also developed into a club, and a third lifesaving station was founded. If you visit that area today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along the coast. Shipwrecks still happen, but most of the people drown in the stormy waters just off the shore.

Frank G. Voight.





The Cost of an Indigenous Missionary

The following is a break down of how much it costs for the HeartCry Missionary Society to put an indigenous missionary on the field in the countries where we work. This will help our readers and supporters to understand the cost effectiveness of the indigenous missionary movement. We still need to send cross-cultural missionaries (now more than ever), but it is clear that the support of indigenous missionaries is biblical, practical, and necessary.

Total Number of HeartCry Missionaries in Fifteen Countries: 80
 Total Monthly Support for all our missionaries: \$17,550
 Average Monthly Support per Missionary: \$220

	Monthly	Daily	Compared to USA*
Benin	\$300	\$10	24%
Ghana	\$200	\$6.67	16%
Nigeria	\$200	\$6.67	16%
Nepal	\$100	\$3.33	8%
Burma	\$100	\$3.33	8%
India	\$100	\$3.33	8%
Israel	\$1000	\$33.33	81%
Moldova	\$200	\$6.67	16%
Paraguay	\$200	\$6.67	16%
Peru	\$240	\$8	19%
Romania	\$192	\$6.4	15.5%
Serbia	\$350	\$11.67	28%
Siberia	\$400	\$13.33	32%
Ukraine	\$125	\$4.17	10%
Zambia	\$300	\$10	24%

* Minimum Wage (\$5.15)

Average Support per Missionary in each Country:

Astounding Facts:

1. In Nepal, Burma, and India a missionary can be put on the field for under four dollars a day. Only 8% of minimum wage in the USA.
2. In Ukraine a missionary can be put on the field for under five dollars a day. Only 10% of minimum wage in the USA.
3. In Ghana, Nigeria, Moldova, Paraguay, and Romania a missionary can be put on the field for under seven dollars a day. Only 16% of minimum wage in the USA.
4. In Peru a missionary can be put on the field for eight dollars a day. Only 19% of minimum wage in the USA.
5. In Benin and Zambia a missionary can be put on the field for ten dollars a day. Only 24% of minimum wage in the USA.
6. In Serbia a missionary can be put on the field for under twelve dollars a day. Only 28% of minimum wage in the USA.
7. In Siberia a missionary can be put on the field for under fourteen dollars a day. Only 32% of minimum wage in the USA.

A Great Opportunity to Possess One of the Greatest Testimonies of God's Faithfulness

HeartCry has gladly agreed to promote the distribution of one of the greatest and most important testimonies to the faithfulness of God in the history of the Church. Outside of the Scriptures, the autobiography of George Muller has been the most influential book in my life and I recommend it without reservation. Up until now, this book has been available only in its

abridged form, but is now offered in its entirety. In the following you can read what others are saying about this book and find information on how it may be obtained.

— Paul David Washer, HeartCry Missionary Society

For the first time in over eighty years, the full autobiography of George Müller is back in print in a beautiful hardback edition. This covers Müller's entire life and

ministry, especially the Bristol Orphanage, in which God met the needs of 120,000 children over a period of 63 years.

The subtitle "A Million and a Half in Answer to Prayer" is better appreciated when we understand that a million and a half pounds then is 75 million dollars in current US currency. This amount came in over a period of 63 years in answer to prayer for the orphans.

The volume includes over forty original photos of Müller, his staff and associates, the orphan homes, and

the orphans themselves. Müller's full account of God's faithfulness will inspire any reader with the reality that there is indeed a living God who is glorified by answering believing prayer.

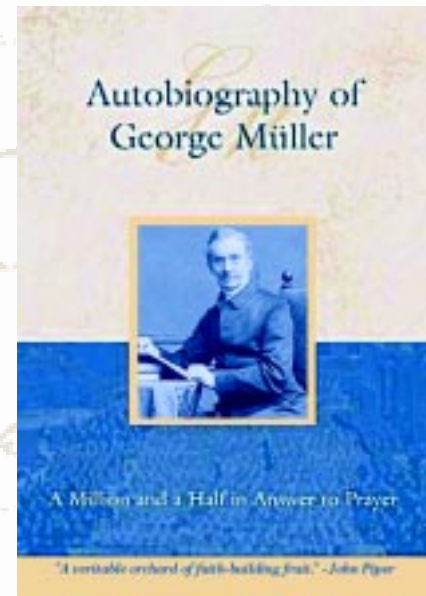
George Müller has for years been a pacesetter for me in prayer. His Autobiography is a veritable orchard of faith-building fruit. I have found Müller's way absolutely crucial in my own life—be with the Lord before I am with anyone else and let Him speak to me first.

— John Piper, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

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Romania

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Serbia

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MISSIONARY PRAYER INSERT

Missionary Prayer Insert

This center page of our magazine may be detached and used as a prayer guide.

Prayer is the greatest gift you can give.

"Therefore I want the men in every place to pray..." I Timothy 2:8

Pray for our Missionaries around the World!

Above all things we desire your prayers on behalf of this ministry that the Lord has given us. Prayer is not "a work" of missions, but "the work" of missions. We would greatly appreciate your prayers on behalf of those of us who have been called to this ministry and on behalf of those who are ministering as indigenous missionaries throughout the world.

How to Pray for Missions

1. That there might be peace throughout the world so that the Gospel might be preached in every nation (I Timothy 2:1-4), and that doors might be opened to the Gospel throughout the world (Colossians 4:3).
2. That God might send forth laborers to every nation of the earth (Matthew 9:37-38).
3. That God might grant grace to each missionary so that they walk in holiness, love, wisdom, and power, and they preach the Gospel correctly (Colossians 4:1-4).
4. That the knowledge of God might cover every land like the waters that cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9).
5. That God might convert men by His sovereign power and for His own glory (Ezekiel 36:22-28).
6. That all men of every nation might joyfully submit to the sovereign will of God (Matthew 6:10).
7. That God's Name might be great or "be hallowed" among the nations (Malachi 1:11; Matthew 6:9). That all men of every nation might esteemed the worth of God above all things.

Benin

Abraham and Rebecca Babalola - Church Planting.

Burma

Samuel and Shankhuila Phairong - Planting churches among the Burmese Buddhists.

Ghana

Daniel Amoo - Pastors the Porkuase Baptist Church and is planting additional churches in surrounding villages.

Frank Karimu - Church Planting.

Joseph and Rebecca Lamptey - Pastors the Ringway Baptist Church and is working to plant additional churches.

James and Eveline Naadu Lamptey - James pastors and is planting additional churches in the region.

India

Dr. Joseph and Ngale Kennedy - Joseph is training missionaries at the Royal Ambassador Academy and plant-

ing churches.

M. Lossii - Church planting among the Hindus.

Rikhi Ajan and K. Guidon Palmei - Church planting in Imphal, India. A community dominated by Hindus and Muslims.

Israel

Slavic and Svetlana Spataru - Planting churches among the Russian and Romanian Jews.

Moldova

Vadim and Ina Bulgac - Planting a church in the city of Tudora. There is much persecution from the Orthodox priests.

Dimitru Capacina - Pastoring and church planting in surrounding villages.

Anatol and Nadia Dunas - Anatol is HeartCry's national coordinator for Moldova. He pastors and teaches at the Theological College. He is also working with church plants.

Nicolae Dunas - Church planter.

Igor and Mariana Seremet - Church planters.

Nepal

Ritesh Ranah - Church planting and teaching in public school system in Nepal. The church he is small but soundly established.

Nigeria

Samuel and Ester Ahmed - Samuel is planting a church among Muslims in the city of Minna.

Dauda Freeman - Planting churches among his tribal people.

Andrew and Lydia Martey - Pastoring in the city of Minna.

Paraguay

Dino Ortiz - Working in the juvenile prison "Panchito Lopez" and the adult prison "Tacumbu" in the capital city of Asunción.

Peru

Rogelio and Rut Acea - Missionary pastor of the Baptist Church of La Victoria; Works with drug rehab center "Nacer."

Jonas and Maria Barbieri - Missionary pastor in Lima. Also works as church planter in the poor rural areas north of Lima.

Javier and Judith Carhuapoma - Pastors new church in Paita; teaches at Seminary in Sullana.

Gregorio Chavez - Church planting in Juan Bosco in the city of Piura.

Florencio and Christian Churata - Pastors a work "Monte Olivar" in Villa Primavera, Sullana.

Angel and Efigenia Colmenares - Angel oversees 600 churches in Northern Peru. He also pastors "Divino Redentor" in Sullana.

Daniel and Jenny Colmenares - Daniel assists A. Colmenares in overseeing the churches. He also directs the new seminary in Sullana.

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"For we have regard for what is honorable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men."

II Corinthians 8:21

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Computer Services	\$194.98
Computer Supplies	\$845.56
Supporter Meetings	\$89.85
Missionary Meetings	\$189.98
Gifts	\$479.08
Bank Charges	\$1,425.87
Computer Maintenance	\$374.08
Email	\$227.40
Film & Development	\$10.05
Office Supplies	\$1,265.45
Postage	\$1,841.07
Telephone	\$2,950.18
Waldo Baptist Church	\$162.15
Total	\$10,055.70

HeartCry Magazine

Heartcry Mailing	\$1,292.18
Heartcry Printing	\$4,052.13
Total	\$5,344.31

Audio Ministry

\$240.09

Shipping Ministry

Lodging	\$135.80
Food	\$71.85
Fuel	\$256.21
Storage	\$500.00
Ground Transportation	\$538.44
Total	\$1,502.30

Pastor's Conferences

\$11,859.70

Education

Christian Schools	\$2,231.00
Gypsy School- Salaries	\$2,400.00

Other	\$1,000.00
Total	\$5,631.00

Literature

\$2,995.35

Land and Construction

\$15,500.00

Missionaries

Gifts	\$1,650.00
Special Needs	\$17,526.61
Salaries	\$179,439.00

Mission Trips

\$865.00

Total

\$199,480.61

HeartCry Staff

Retirement	\$3,000.00
Wages	\$73,382.86
Total	\$76,382.86

Ministry Travel

Parking	\$6.00
Fuel	\$914.49
Supplies	\$304.95
Travel Expenses	\$842.08
Hotel	\$983.91
Telephone	\$174.22
Food	\$2,890.25
Air Travel	\$11,520.62
Auto Travel	\$1,347.72
Customs/Tax	\$208.72
Passports/Visas	\$206.44
Total	\$19,399.40

Designated Offerings

\$4,785.00

Total Expenses

\$353,176.32

Contributions

The Lord has been faithful to meet all our needs according to His riches in Glory. We are exceedingly grateful to Him and to all of you who have prayed for our needs and given sacrificially.

Administration

We are dedicated to keeping our administrative costs to a minimum. We are blessed to have the support of our church Waldo Baptist who allow us to use their facility and support us in our endeavors. Our administrative costs were less then 3% of our total expenditures.

HeartCry Magazine

We hope that the magazine has been a blessing to you. It is printed by Kings Publishers of Mayfield, Kentucky at a fraction of the normal cost. Thanks Mel!

Shipping Ministry

These expenses came from shipping an entire container of blessings to our needy missionaries in Nigeria, West Africa. The container included Bibles, tracts, literature, clothing, evangelistic tools, etc.

Pastor's Conferences

We consider this to be one the most important aspects of our ministry. In 2002, we sponsored conferences in Romania, Ukraine, and Peru.



Education

HeartCry is helping support two Christian schools. The school in Sullana, Peru ministers to the children of evangelicals would be marginalized in the predominantly Catholic schools. The school in Bucharest, Romania is teaching Gypsy children to read.

Literature

One of the greatest needs on the mission field is theologically sound literature.

Land and Construction

Whenever the Lord opens the door and provides the means, we seek provide a meeting place that is suitable to the need.

Missionaries

This is the most important aspect of HeartCry's ministry. In 2002, nearly 60% of all expenditures went to the support of indigenous missionaries and their activities.

HeartCry Staff

The amount designated HeartCry staff reflects the yearly salary of full time workers Paul Washer and Darian Rottmann. It also includes the salary of full time staffer Jon Green who joined us at the end of the working year.

Ministry Travel

A necessary part of mission work is traveling. The expenditure for the year 2002 reflects the travels of different staff members to several countries in Europe, Africa, and South America.

Designated Offerings

At times, our donors wish to designate their giving to specific missionaries and projects.

Statement on Finances and Stewardship

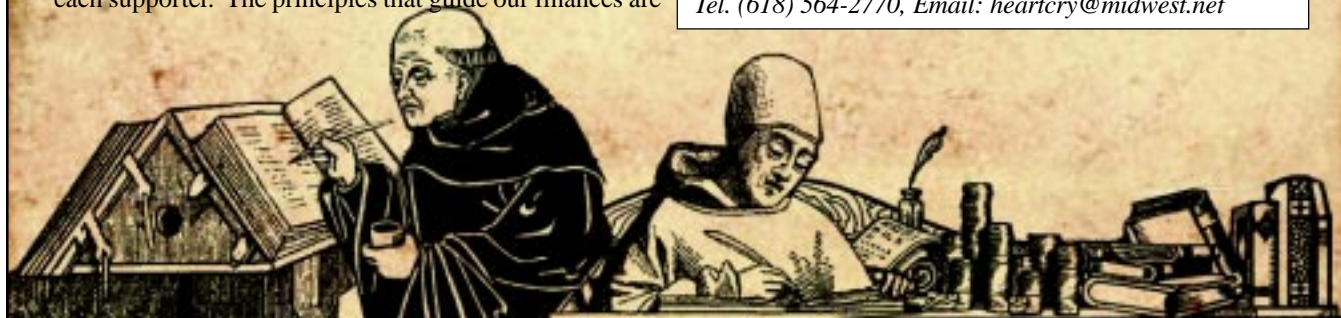
The HeartCry Missionary Society is under the authority and supervision of Waldo Baptist Church (6970 Waldo Church Rd., Metropolis, IL. 62960, Tel. (618) 564-2180, Email: waldobaptist@juno.com), and is accountable to them in all areas of life, ministry and Christian profession. In conjunction with Waldo Baptist Church, the HeartCry Missionary Society Board of Directors has been established to provide godly counsel and accountability in all areas of doctrine, practice, missionary vision, finances and legal matters. The HeartCry Missionary Society provides a biannual financial report. All donations are tax deductible and are verifiable by receipts sent from HeartCry to each supporter. The principles that guide our finances are

the following:

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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 will of God and the advancement of His Kingdom.
- 4 The staff that is employed full time in this ministry is worthy of their labor and should be afforded that which is required to live with dignity and to demonstrate that the Lord is gracious to supply the needs of His servants. To neglect their welfare would give excuse for the ungodly and unbelieving to bring unjust accusations against the Lord that He is either uncaring or unable to meet the needs of those He employs. To the same degree of consistency, those who are supported by this ministry shall not be given so much as to waste the Lord's resources, acquire luxury or live above those who so graciously give to the Lord's work. To seek wealth and luxury in the ministry is to deny the call.
- 5 Any honorariums that would be given to Paul or Charo Washer as a result of their speaking ministry in the United States and Canada, are to be given to the general fund of the HeartCry Missionary Society and used to advance the cause of Christ in the foreign field.

All financial support is to be sent to: HeartCry Missionary Society, 6970 Waldo Church Rd., Metropolis, IL. 62960. Make all checks payable to the HeartCry Missionary Society.

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The things which are despised, God has chosen...



In this month's edition of HeartCry, we have prayerfully selected a few of our Gypsy missionaries' reports from the field. We hope that they will be as great a joy and encouragement to you as they are to us. They tell a story of life on the mission field with all its trials, losses and victories.

Here at HeartCry we have a special place reserved in our hearts for the Gypsy people. They are for the most part, poor, illiterate, and ostracized. They live on the margins of society, gathered together in squalid slums or roving from town to town in caravans of

covered wagons. Those who seek an honest living find only the most menial labor. Others have given themselves to the thievery, contraband, prostitution, and drug trafficking for which they have earned their infamous reputation.

The Gypsies are the "undesirables." Most nations have sought to drive them from their borders and some have attempted to exterminate them - more than one and a half million Gypsies died in the concentration camps of Nazi Germany, and countless other Gypsies have perished through the smaller scale extermination attempts of other nations. To this very day, they are the most despised people group in Europe, and yet, possibly the greatest work of God in Europe today is among the Gypsies. This should come as no surprise to those who know the Scriptures. The apostle Paul writes:

"Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, so that no man may boast before God."

(I Corinthians 1:25-29 NASB)

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*Moises Marin
baptising another
Gypsy convert in
the country
Romania*

"...from town to town in caravans and covered wagons..."

Brother Ion was one of the first Gypsy missionaries supported by HeartCry in the country of Romania. From the moment we first met brother Ion, our love and respect for him continues to grow. Ion and his wife Suplimenta have ten children.

Ion Marin

A Blessed Month

This was one of the most blessed months I have had in years. On the 4th of May, we baptized thirteen new converts. We held a public baptism in a bathtub in front of the house. We announced the baptism a head of time to the entire gypsy neighborhood and many unbelievers were present. Brother Moises Marin who directs the Gypsy work in Romania came from Bucharest and baptized the people. The baptism was even more special for me because my son and daughter and two of my daughter-in-laws were also baptized. I thank the Lord for the peace that He has brought to our family. The following is a testimony from an unbeliever that witness our baptism:

"I always laughed at the "repenters" because I thought that they were fanatics and that they were confused. But when I saw the way they baptized the people, when I heard the sermons that they preached from the Bible, and when I saw so many gypsies seeking for God, I was deeply moved. I have decided that I will encourage my family to follow in the same way!"

I want to thank the brothers and sisters who give to HeartCry. With the extra support that you gave me I was able to buy two goats that give a total of 5 liters of milk. I still have money left over to buy a third goat when the opportunity presents itself.

Doing Ministry

This month was much more fruitful than others because we truly desired to use every means to reach out to the lost Gypsies: (1) Evangelistic visits to individual gypsy families; (2) Evangelism in the church's courtyard; (3) Evangelism in the center of the city; (4) Visits to the sick and poor (believers and unbelievers alike); (5) Visits to people with family problems; (5) Youth evangelism; and (6) Children evangelism in the courtyard of the church with poems, songs, and plays. All this evangelistic activity made the Orthodox priest



very angry. When there was no one at our meeting place, the priest came and took down our sign with the name of our church and the hours of the services. When I arrived at the church, the brothers and sisters were very upset about it, but I told them to be loving and gentle. God is really working in our village of Voetin because the Christians are growing in love.

This month we had evangelistic meetings in many different places. The ones that I enjoyed the most were the youth meetings. Every Sunday after the church service, we held youth gatherings in the church's courtyard. Many teenagers came. After each meeting we walked through the village singing and inviting other youth to come to Christ.

If we are open and willing, the Lord will provide us with many opportunities to share the Gospel with others. One day while I was heading for the church, I saw a gypsy from another tribe on the side road with his mother. I began to talk to them about Jesus, the power He has to change lives, and the peace He gives to the people who trust Him. They were touched and promised to come to church. Another day, when I was in the village, I had the opportunity to speak with a man named Nicu. After he listen to the Gospel, he said that he wanted to follow the Lord, but he

"I saw so many gypsies seeking for God, I was deeply moved..."

did not come to church the following Sunday. Because of this, I visited his family again and left them some tracts to give to him. The very next Sunday, he came to our church and sought the Lord. He told me that after he had read the tracts, he had a dream that he was taken to hell. Because of the dream, he is earnestly seeking the Lord. Praise be to our Lord who knows how to work!

This month, I also had the privilege of visiting the Gavaci family. After I shared the Gospel with them, they promised to come to church, but they did not. I visited them two more times and they made the same empty promise. I visited them a forth time, and found them very sad because their daughter Monica and her baby were in the hospital. The Lord used the trial to bring them to the church. After the service, the entire church prayed that God would heal their granddaughter, and He healed her at that very moment. The Gavaci family witnessed the power and love of our God and cried out to Him for salvation. This is the way that God works in the lives of the people He loves.

Please pray for the ministry and for me. We have started new works in the villages of Voetin, Rimnicu-Sarat, and Focsani. I must divide my time between these places and it is very difficult. In Rimnicu-Sarat, the people are very opened to the Gospel. At our first meeting, there were twelve people in attendance. We also held two evangelistic meetings in a park near the market. Some of the people were glad to listen to the Word, but others were stirred up by the Orthodox priest and opposed us. Regardless of the problems, I praise the Lord because the Word was shared and the seed was planted.

In Focsani, we already have eighteen people who have confessed Christ as Lord. I am very happy about this, because they are already helping me to do street evangelism and door-to-door visitation. In Focsani, the work is very good because the people are more opened to the Gospel. We have had two evangelistic meetings in the street and two meetings in the market with success. In addition, we have had two prayer meetings that were attended by many neighbors. They were moved by our songs, prayers, and preaching. I was even invited to the homes of two Romanian families. As a result, Aurelia, who is a teacher in Focsani, has begun to attend our meetings. It is very unusual for a non-gypsy to identify with us. I rejoice that our Lord is bringing the Romanians to the Gypsies so that we might teach them to know the Lord. At this moment, ten people are ready to be baptized.

In the village of Voetin, we meet every Wednesday evening and have twelve people coming regularly. Before the service, I make pastoral visits to encourage the believers. We also have programs with the children. One young man who has been saved is Costel Mocalau.

He had many problems with the police, but now he is walking with Christ.

To conclude, I would like to share with you a little thing that means a great deal to me. I would like to share with you how God listened to my children's prayer. I was very sick in bed for a few days, and my three youngest children came together around my bed. They told me that they had brought my case before the Lord, but wanted to pray for me again. As soon as they finished praying for me, I began to feel better and was back on my feet almost immediately. Praise the Lord!



Marian Toma

Marian and his wife family are HeartCry missionaries to the Gypsies of Romania. Marian pastors a Gypsy church in Tunari (a very dangerous village controlled by the Gypsy Mafia) and is planting mission churches in Dimieni and Tamas.

I met with HeartCry European directors Sorin Prodan and Cristi Ciuca in order to analyze the work in Tunari. It was a very useful and necessary meeting. The Lord has

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helped me to find new ways to share the Gospel with others. Our church has decided to restart an abandoned work in the village of Dimieni. This Gypsy village, which is infamous for its vice and corruption, was literally wiped out by Ceausescu in 1987. After the revolution, the Gypsies returned to their lands and rebuilt their houses. The town is very isolated and does not have a school or drugstore. My grandfather has a piece of land in the village and we have built a chapel there.

We have been showing the Jesus film on the streets and preaching the Gospel. Many people are attending and there are many different reactions. Once a drug addict tried to interrupt the movie by doing drugs in front of all the people who were watching the movie. I asked him to stop, but he only laughed at me. I did not know what to do, but at that moment the Lord raised up one of the most dangerous criminals in the neighborhood to help us. This man threatened the drug addict and he left immediately. There are many prostitutes who watch the movie. They love the part where Mary Magdalene comes to Jesus and is forgiven. They always talk about how very beautiful she is and they are happy because Jesus cares for the prostitutes. Some of prostitutes have begun to attend our meetings. They do not know how to read, but we hope to start another reading school to help them. The following are some of the testimonies from the last few months of ministry:

Costel is thirty-two years old and has a two year old boy. His parents come to our church and his wife is a believer. The greatest desire of Costel's parents and the fervent prayer of their heart was for his conversion. They often came to me for encouragement and I would tell them that with God everything is possible. I shared the Lord with Costel many times and I let him know that the entire church was praying for his conversion. He appreciated our concern, but he could not give up the many vices in his life such as smoking and alcohol. It seemed as though he would never be saved, but one day the Lord called his name and he was converted. He recently moved to another Gypsy village called Grovu-Titu. He is now attending the church in that village and sharing the Gospel with those who do not know God. I am very happy because God listens to our prayers. Please pray for Costel and his continued growth in the Lord. Pray also for Costel's little boy who has a problem with one of his legs. He has had several operations and the parents hope that God will heal him.

Florin is a twenty-five year old man and an acquaintance of mine for many years. He is a poor man who sells garden supplies in the city of Tunari. One day I met him in the street and told him that I was concerned about his spiritual life. I discovered that he was going through a very difficult time in his life because his wife left him and he loved her very much. I talked to him for many hours and invited him to come to church. I told him that he should give his life to the Lord and let Him work out all the problems in his life. He thanked me for making time for him, and then, made a profession of



faith. He is demonstrating the fruit of a genuine Christian. I can see that he loves the Lord.

Marcel is a thirty-five year old man who I met one day while I was waiting for my cow to come in from grazing in the pasture. He is married and has two children. We talked about many different things until the conversation finally turned to spiritual matters. He shared with me that he had never owned a Bible and that he could not quit his vices. I gave him a Bible and he is reading through it for the first time. Please pray for his salvation.

Dumitru is twenty-eight years old, is married, and has one daughter. He spent most of his childhood in juvenile detention centers. By the time he was released from the detention center, his father had died and his mother was remarried to a man who would not allow him to return home. He had to live with his older brothers. Two years ago, he was married and began a small business. Even though he is an unbeliever, he has always been aware of how God has loved him and cared for him. After witnessing to Dumitru, I gave him a Bible and some tracts. He is very well known as a good fighter and a violent man (He was a boxer), but ever since he began to read the Bible, his behavior has changed and he is striving to show others that he is a new creature. He is also praying for his wife and his friends to know the Lord through him.

M a r i a n N a e

Marian and his wife are HeartCry missionaries to the Gypsies of Romania. Marian is planting churches in the towns of Glina and Bobesti. He also has a gypsy band that does open air evangelism and ministers in churches.

Please pray for our church and our neighborhood (It is named 23rd of August). Pray that God might work in the people's hearts. We began the work here a year ago and we have faced many trials. The evil one works through the nonbelievers who try to seduce the ones who are on the

Lord's path. Unfortunately, some who professed Christ have left the church and fallen into the devil's trap. Because of this, I decided (after much praying) that it would be profitable for us to have worship services in the homes of those who have gone astray. I have now discovered that this is a good way to turn God's straying sheep to repentance, and to evangelize their lost friends and family. We have won many people to Christ because they witness our concern for them.

By the grace of God we have started to build our own meeting place and I must be on the construction site every day. I work with the construction workers from 10AM to 3PM, and then I visit the people in the area. I am happy to report that many people have been willing to hear the Gospel and some of them are attending the services. At the end of each service, I pray for them and their families to repent and to turn to God. Even one of the construction workers has shown interest in the Word of God. This man is only thirty-five years old, but he had allowed alcohol to nearly destroyed his family. He has now quit drinking only because the doctors told him that his liver is destroyed and that he would soon die if he did not. He is now very sorry that he did not quit drinking earlier because he realizes that his life is very sad. When I visited him at his home, he told me that he wanted to follow God because he has no chance at life without Him. I was impressed with his wife and children, because they listened very carefully to the Word of God. At the end of our discussion he asked me what he needed to do in order to enjoy the blessings of God. His question gave me the opportunity to share with him the way of salvation.

We have just finished a wonderful time in the Lord. Together with the Gypsy church in Colentina, our mission agreed to have two weeks of prayer and fasting for the neighborhood called "23rd of August". In the first week we prayed for all those who were far from the Lord. In the second week we prayed for the problems in the mission and for those who were suffering. Please join us in prayer for the problems that we face on the mission field. In the past, we have had to fight great battles against unbelief. Also pray that God will move the authorities to provide electricity for our neighborhood. We must meet by candle and lamplight.

I would like to share with you one testimony about how God searched the heart of a young man and how the Word of God worked in his life. While I was in the bus station talking with a group of brothers from the church, I noticed that a young man was listening to our conversation about Jesus. I shared the Word with him and invited him to our church. After church, he told me that the words I had shared with him did not give him any peace until he came to our fellowship and worshipped the Lord. For me, it was a great joy to see the power of God's Word and the interest in the young man's heart to hear more about God. He came to the worship service more than two hours before it started!



This gave me the opportunity to explain to him more clearly what our Lord Jesus did for us in order to set us free from sin and give us the eternal life. While I was speaking with him, the Holy Spirit touched his heart and he cried out to the Lord with all of his heart. His name is Christian and he is twenty-six years old. He was born and raised in the village of Botosani. Like many other Gypsies, he came to Bucharest to find work. He now comes to our church in Glina every time there is a service. It is evident to all that God is doing wonderful things in his life. Please pray for him so that God will keep him in His grace and transform him into a useful instrument for His kingdom.

Finally, I ask you to pray for the following needs: First, pray for our literacy school for Gypsies in the neighborhood called *Mama India*. At the end of every class we study the Bible and I can see that the Lord is working through His Word. Secondly, please pray for Elena Claudia. She is a young lady who comes to the church to listen to

the Word, but has a very abusive husband. Thirdly, please pray for my family. My wife had problems with her pregnancy and we had to take her to the hospital. A week later, I had a very painful kidney problem. I went to the doctor and he gave me a treatment for kidney stones. I had to return to the emergency unit twice because of the great pain. The doctors told me that if things do not get better they will operate.

Marius Toma

Marius and his family are HeartCry missionaries to the Gypsies of Romania. They are planting a church (Immanuel Baptist Church) in the Colentina District of Bucharest. The area is dirty, dangerous, and overrun by thieves and prostitutes.

I praise the Lord who strengthens me for the ministry because this month we were able to contact 60 people in Colentina through a Christian dental team that came to help us from the USA. While the people were waited to see the doctors, we were able to share with them the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

While we were singing and witnessing in the park, I met a 27 years old man, named Petrica. He asked for the guitar that we were using, and began playing. I discovered that he is a fiddler who makes money singing at weddings. Everyone else was asking questions about

our faith and why we were in the park, but he only listened. As we left for the train station, he began to follow us and tell us about his life. He had lived a life of drugs and alcohol. I could tell that he was very knowledgeable about many things, but I could also tell that he had a great fear of death and the unknown. He came to our church the next Sunday and enjoyed the music. The following week, one of the brothers in our church visited him and found him drunk. The brother left, but Petrica followed him. The brother told him to throw away the bottle of alcohol and he did. Petrica was out of his mind with the alcohol and the only way the brother could escape him was to take a taxi. Although I did not have much faith that any good thing would result, I thought that I should visit him again. I asked him why he wanted to get drunk and why he would not come to our church. He told me that the rest of his band was very angry with him because he was with the "repenters." All I could do was share Scripture with him and leave him to God. Never in my four years of full-time ministry have I seen a person more convicted of sin than Petrica was that day. He threw away his cigarettes and even his face changed when he repented. When I left his house he was still following me with his eyes. He is now faithfully attending our church. Please pray for Him!

The Work in Colentina

Many more people have come to church this month than in the months before. This is both a blessing and a trial. Some members of the family who lets us use their home for a meeting place are not Christians and they are troubling us more with each passing Sunday. We are praying that the Lord will provide for us a new meeting place. This month I visited every person from the church and spoke with them about their spiritual life. I talked to each one about the sin in their lives and instructed them in doctrine. There has been some confusion in our church arising from a misunderstanding of God's Word. I tried to show them the true meaning of some teachings. I also encouraged the Christians to evangelize their neighbors, their colleagues, and I even took some of them with me on visits to nonbelievers. We have also formed some fellowship groups in the homes of our members and there are many who want to know more about God's will.

With regard to our evangelistic outreach, we have made ten teams from the brothers and sisters in our church. They are a great blessing to me and are bearing much fruit. While we were witnessing, a homeless boy came to me for money to buy bread. I spoke with him about God's love for him and the power of God to change his life through Jesus Christ. I saw in him a great desire to listen to the Word. He prayed together with me and we agreed upon meeting another day at the church. While I was visiting a friend, I had the opportunity to meet a man who was ninety-two years old. He was very unhappy about the world and very embittered against the leaders of our country. He was even mad at God because "He does not do anything to fix the problems." I asked him if he believed in heaven





and hell, but he told me that the Bible was written by men, and death is the end of all life. In his own words, "Once a man dies, he cannot rise again." I spoke with him a long time and explained to him that the Bible is the Word of God. He finally accepted my words and was open to listening to the Gospel. By the end of our conversation, he confessed Jesus as Lord.

As I talk to people about the Gospel, I realize that I must explain its message very clearly so that it can be understood. I recently met an eighty year old man who thought that if he went to church he would be saved. I told him that salvation is only through Jesus and that only His blood can wash away our sins. He understood and cried out for Christ to forgive his sins and take over his life. Recently, I also spoke with a woman who asked me if we would give her money if she came to church. I explained to her that her greatest need was the saving of her soul. I asked her if she believed in God. She said she did, but I felt in my heart that she was not telling me the truth. I explained to her about the way of salvation, but she told me that she was not ready to receive Jesus as her Lord.

This month, I also had the opportunity to talk to the director of the public school and he was very touched about the truth I shared with him. The second time I visited him, the Lord opened the door for me to talk to one of the teachers as well. I asked them if they wanted to repent and follow the Lord and they both cried out for the Lord's salvation. I told them that they must believe from the heart and they testified that they were sincere. This experience helped me to understand that God can give me the opportunity and power to share the Gospel with anyone. This month, I also met a businessman named Ene who is very influential in our town. He is now attending our church and he loves our worship ser-

vices. He has even brought his family and some of his relatives to the church. From our conversations, I could see that he was a religious man, but that he did not know Christ. I shared the Gospel with him and he gave himself to the Lord. I can see evidence that his conversion was real.

We recently began a work with the children in the neighborhood. This work is very special because we are able to reach the adults through the children. The parents even offered to help us by giving us a room where we can meet (until now we have gathered outdoors because we did not have any other place). In our outreach, we teach the children songs and Scripture, and we also play games. I believe that these are good activities and they help the children to draw closer to God. Recently a grandmother came with her granddaughter and she was so touched by our program that she came to our worship service. Afterwards, I visited her at home and met her family. After I talked with her about her soul, she professed Jesus as the Lord of her life.

The Work in Lizeanu

Some people no longer come to our church because we have no place to meet. Because of this I was tempted to give up. After a long talk with my wife, I understood that if God has called me to work here in Lizeanu, I must not give up. Although the results are sometimes very discouraging, I can truly say that God is with me in this work. A Gypsy brother named Luca who was baptized in the Romanian church is now coming to our meetings. A lady named Maria has been converted and wants to be baptized. Seeing these things made me more motivated to work for God. Every Tuesday, I meet with our fellowship groups in the homes of our members. I also visit those who have stopped coming to our meetings. I want them to know that God loves them deeply and that they need to come back to Him, as did the prodigal son.

When we lost our permanent meeting place, we were forced to hold our fellowship groups in the houses of those who invite us. Although we were very discouraged at first, I can say that the work is going better now than when we gathered in one place. We no longer have to pay rent and the people are more open to coming to our meetings because they are held in a house.

I will close with a few of my prayer requests. Please pray: (1) For the approval we need to buy land in Colentina; (2) For my wife's medical problems; (3) We are still looking for a place to live closer to the mission; (4) That the mature believers will stay on the path and the new believers will grow in Christ; (5) The conversion of the people whom we visit; (6) For the Lord to keep us from the devil.



Rustam Scripcenco

Rustam is a HeartCry missionary to the Gypsies in Ukraine. He is currently working in the city of Conotop. He has also started two other mission points in the area.

Our congregation in the city of Conotop has been praying for the Gypsies in our area and the Lord is leading us in the work. It seems to me that the presence of the Lord has been in the midst of every church meeting. In one of our meetings, a twenty-eight year old gypsy named Vanea was listening to a hymn and began to cry. Because he did not want anyone to see him, he hid himself in another room. When he regained his composure, he returned to the meetings, but quickly left again in tears. He is very open to the Gospel and not far from the Kingdom! He is now coming regularly to our church and has even offered his house as a meeting place. We have entrusted him to God.

A sister from the village of Macosina, now fellowships with us. There is no church in her village, and so she is full of joy that we are planting a church nearby. Please pray for the many villages, towns, and cities where there are no churches. Please pray for the village where my cousin Arthur lives. I never thought that he would be converted, but now he is saved and growing quickly in the things of God. I pray that God will use him to start a church. His mother was very opposed to us when we shared the Gospel with him, but now she is rejoicing. She is

always asking me to visit him and teach him more about the Gospel. Her attitude towards the Gospel and us has changed because Arthur has stopped smoking and drinking. She told me that she has realized that God was punishing her because she opposed her son's faith and was always cursing him. She has asked God for forgiveness and is not far from the Kingdom.

At the orphanage where my church is ministering, we have three groups who care for the children and share the Gospel with them. I am taking care of the older ones (ninth to twelfth grade). We thank God for this privilege, and we thank the Lord for giving us the freedom to preach regularly on the local television station. Our broadcast is named after our church "The Voice of the Truth."

Toni Anghel

Brother Toni and his wife Daniela are HeartCry missionaries to the Gypsies of Romania. They are planting churches in the following gypsy villages: Strehaia, Grozesti, Menti and Stolojeni. The work is very difficult and they have experienced many trials. Just recently they are beginning to see the fruit of their labors.

I rejoice and praise God because of the meeting place that He has provided for us. We now have a group of twenty-five people who congregate together regularly. Some have yet to profess faith in Christ and some who have believed are not yet baptized. I can see that the Lord is working. One of the most amazing things is that nine of the people who are attending our church are not Gypsies. For a non-gypsy to even fellowship with us is an amazing work of God! Please pray that we will be encouraged and zealous to finish all the necessary work on our new building. Pray also for the young believers and for those who are soon to be baptized.



Sorin Iordan

Brother Sorin is a HeartCry missionary to the Gypsies of Romania. He is currently planting a church in the city of Alexandria.

By the grace of God, the work in the city of Alexandria has advanced from personal evangelism to small group meetings. There is a new family that is open to the Word of God and they are allowing us to hold meetings in the courtyard outside their home. I rejoice because God is blessing the work. Please pray for me. I have just learned that I have diabetes.



Marian Vale

Brother Marian and his wife Gica are HeartCry missionaries to the Gypsies of Romania. They are currently planting a work in the town of Frunzanesti. They have four children.

The Lord is faithful and the work continues on by His grace. Please pray for us: Pray for the two gangs that are doing much damage in the town of Frunzanesti! Their opposition and violence causes many problems for our church. Pray for the new converts that we are preparing for baptism. Pray that they may understand the Word and grow to maturity! Finally, pray that I might have wisdom to follow the Lord's leadership. I greatly desire to start a work among the young adults in our area.



Moises Marin

Brother Moises is the coordinator of most of the Gypsy work among Baptists in Romania.

Brother Moises and his wife Ana Maria are very special people who are completely dedicated to their people and their salvation.

We would like to thank the HeartCry Missionary Society for their financial support that enables us to pay the monthly salaries of the teachers in our school for Gypsy children. Because of your monthly gift, we are able to educate many children and train them spiritually. This would have been impossible apart from God's faithfulness that is manifested through you. Please pray for the children that they might repent and believe the Gospel, and that they might become the next generation of missionaries.



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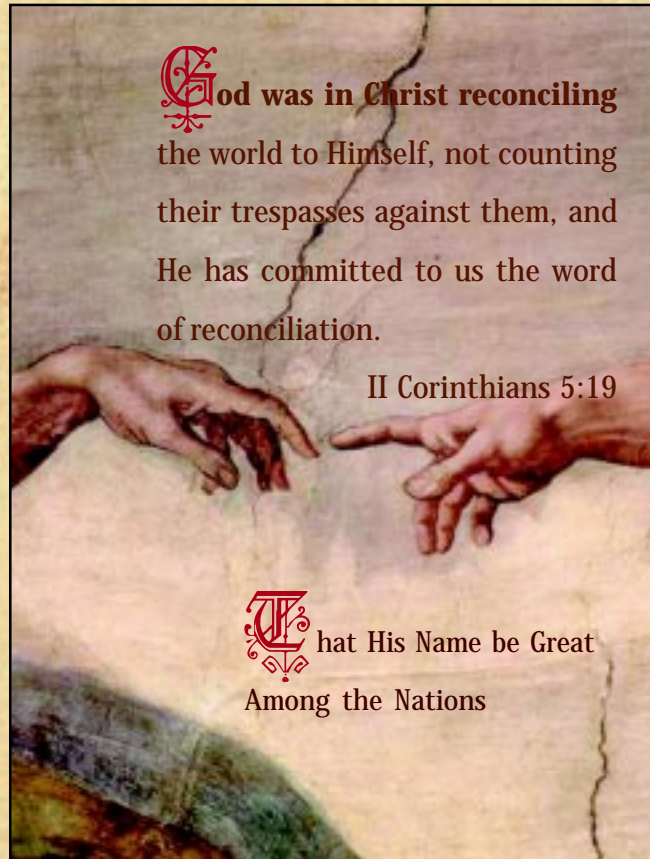
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(II Corinthians 5:17-21).

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August 2003

1st - 3th - Christ is My Rock (Spanish Conference)
Mt. Pleasant, TX.
Friday - Saturday 06:30PM
Sunday Morning 11:00AM Sunday School
Sunday Meeting 12:00PM

September

7th - Oscar Baptist Church,
Lacenter, KY.
Spanish Homecoming Service beginning at 11:00AM
Sunday Morning - 11:00AM

12th - 13th Great Commission Prayer Conference
Jasper, AL.
For Registration and information contact: Alabama
Baptist Convention (800) 264 1225 Ext 210

14th - Lake City Baptist Church,
Grand Rivers, KY.
Sunday Morning - 11:00AM
For Directions and Information please contact: Mac Walls
(270) 362 8534

21st - Rockport Baptist Church - Missions Sunday
Arnold, MO.
Sunday Morning - 10:40AM
Sunday Evening - 06:30PM

28st - Oak Grove Baptist Church,
Paducah, KY.
Sunday morning - 10:45AM
Sunday evening - 06:30PM
For more information you can contact Oak Grove Baptist
Church at 270-898-8496.

Schedule 2003 - 2004

October

11th - Berean Baptist Church - Missions Conference
Grand Blanc, MI.
Theme- "A Changeless God in a Changing World"
- Constancy vs Chaos"
More details to follow.

16rd - 25th - Youth Conference in Romania

November

14th - 16th - College Retreat at Hardin Baptist Church
Hardin, KY.
For more information phone contact: Trad York (270) 437-4868

March 2004

9th - Midwest Founder's Conference Kansas City, MO.
More details to follow.

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Text (.doc):

The One True God – A study of the attributes of God by Paul David Washer
Written Briefly - Brief outlines and articles that might be to the edification of the church of the living God by Bob Jennings

Audio (mp3):

The One True God Audio – Audio study sessions of the attributes of God taught by Paul Washer
The First Annual HeartCry Conference 2003 –Teaching from the May HeartCry conference in four sessions.

*"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed,
accurately handling the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15 (NAB)*

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



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