

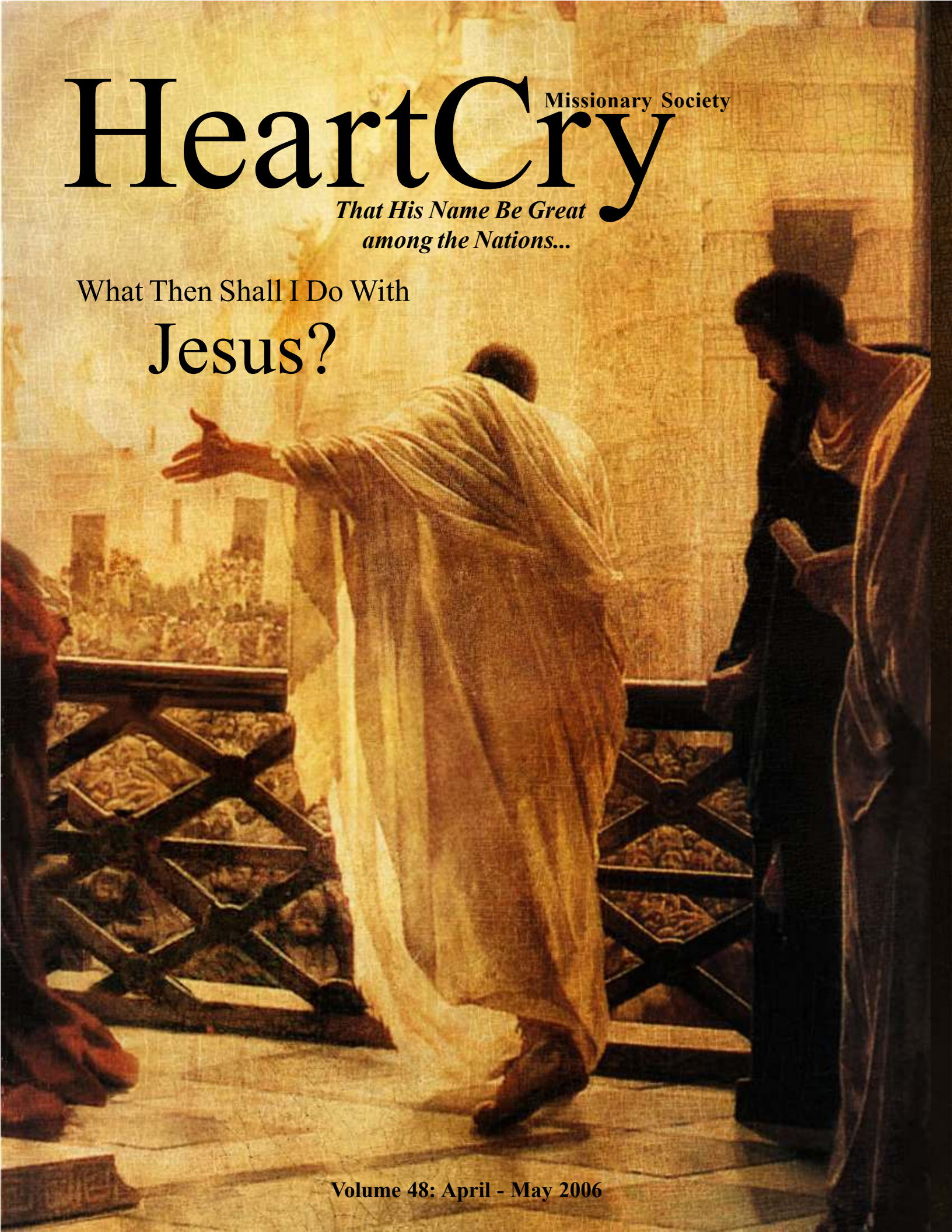
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- Malachi 1:11

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A NEW DAY

Paul David Washer

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope and pray that this edition of HeartCry finds you following hard after God and His will. God continues to pour out His grace upon His people, and the HeartCry staff is well. We have a special peace that only God can give, and we have an unusual expectation of seeing more of Him.

For the last year, the HeartCry staff has had an unusual sense that God was going to do something. Individually and as a body, we have felt impressed that change was on the horizon. In the past few months, this change has been made clear. On the 21st of February, we made the decision to move the HeartCry Missionary Society from the Waldo Baptist Church of Metropolis, Illinois to the First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

The move was not motivated by opportunity or convenience, but by our belief that it is simply the Lord's will. For over a year, we have sought His will through prayer and the voice of wise counsel. As the months passed, it became clear that God was moving us to another location. As more time passed, the exact location became evident.

It will be very difficult for us to leave our friends and church home, but we have the strong conviction that we must follow the Lord's leading. Our pastor, Jack Russell, has been a part of this decision-making process and confirms that it is his belief that we are in the very center of God's will. It is amazing just how many men and ministries have been born in Waldo Baptist Church, and it is always a bittersweet affair to see one of them "set sail" for distant lands. Our departure will only make our reunion in heaven that much sweeter!

Although our decision was not motivated by opportunity or circumstance, we believe that there are several major factors or practical reasons for this new direction:

A Much Needed Workforce

In the last several years, we have grown from supporting one indigenous missionary in Peru to supporting fifty-four missionary families on four continents. This growth has increased our work load a hundredfold, while the number of our full-time staff workers has only grown from one person to three. Although each staff member is more than willing to carry the load, it has become increasingly more evident that we need more help at home if we are to do more work abroad. We have always been reluctant to hire more staff because it would only decrease the amount of money sent to the field. It is therefore a blessing that the First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals is willing and able to partner with us, so that together we can better carry the Gospel to the far reaches of the earth.

Much Needed Facilities

Since the very beginning, Waldo Baptist Church has provided HeartCry with a place. Because of their generosity, we have never had to build office space or pay utilities. This has enabled us to send every dime possible to the mission field.

In the last year, we have experienced tremendous growing pains. Our 15ft by 18ft office is home to four work stations, five filing cabinets, and countless boxes. A few years ago, someone called our office in order to set up a tour of the HeartCry campus. They were surprised to discover that we did everything from one room!

The move to Muscle Shoals will allow us to continue to grow without spending money on more office space. Although we recognize that it is sometimes necessary for missionary organizations to invest in such things, it is always heartbreaking to do so. We rejoice that none of the donations given by our supporters will be used for buildings or utilities here at home.



The Local Church

Over the years, many have asked why we do not become an independent parachurch organization. Although we have no axes to grind with those who are parachurch organizations and although we recognize the work of God among them, we have always desired to remain under the authority of a local Baptist church and its elders.

As we grow, it is both wise and necessary that we be a legal corporation with a board of directors, but this will not diminish the spiritual authority and oversight of our local New Testament Church. Our board of directors will consist of the same godly pastors and laypersons that have been a tremendous blessing to us throughout the years as well as some new additions from the congregation in Muscle Shoals. While at the same time, we will joyfully submit to the pastoral care and wisdom of the elders and congregation at the First Baptist of Muscle Shoals.

An Unusual Gathering

God seems to be doing a very unusual work at the First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals. They have passed through many storms throughout the years because of their stand for the truth, but the fruit of their suffering is becoming evident. God is bringing to the church many young men and women who have been called into the ministry, as well as raising up many more from the congregation itself. Although many of these young people are attending or have already graduated from Bible college or seminary, they desire to be mentored by elder minis-

ters in the context of a local church that seeks to live out the truth it has come to believe and proclaim.

I truly believe that there is a real reformation and revival occurring in the United States among young men and women who have rediscovered the ancient paths of the Christian faith and are fearless to follow them no matter where they might lead. By God's grace, they are able to see through the "vanity fair" of much of contemporary Christianity, and they long for God, biblical truth, and true piety. It would be an unspeakable travesty to miss this unprecedented opportunity to be of some service to this mighty generation that the Lord is raising up.

My desire is to spend more of my life mentoring these young men and women who will one day take my place. My prayer is that they might far surpass me in their walk with God and their usefulness to His Kingdom. If nothing else, I feel that I could benefit them by warning them to avoid the mistakes that I have made throughout the years.

A Shared Vision

I believe that God desires to do the mightiest of things through the weakest of people. And if weakness is a qualification for Kingdom work, then Kingdom work is the one thing for which I qualify. There is no such thing as a great man or woman of God, but there is a great and merciful God who is faithful to lead and empower the weakest of us.

I once read an older saint who wrote, "I desire to spend the rest of my life doing only what God can do!" As I read his words, they seemed to burn themselves into my heart and have left an indelible mark. We should spend our days seeking only to do what is absolutely impossible unless God graciously and magnificently intervenes.

There are countless unreached people groups in the world and countless needs among the converted, but none of this is a daunting task for the Lord. He can convert a nation in a day. He can empower the weakest servant to conquer a thousand, and the small-

est group of like-minded believers to conquer tens of thousands.

"For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."

II Chronicles 16:9

The elders and congregation of Muscles Shoals share HeartCry's wild and dangerous vision to pour out our lives and waste them upon Christ! In our many discussions, I have seen a fire in the elders and staff that rekindles my own. I pray that we will be like iron sharpening iron, and that we will spur one another on to take on greater and greater challenges in Christ's Name. Oh, that God would grant us the grace to impact the world with the truth of the Gospel and the full counsel of God's Word!

To Leave a Legacy

At the moment, HeartCry is made up of three full-time staff members. For all practical purposes, if we perished tomorrow, HeartCry would perish with us. If this ministry is to go beyond us; if it is to continue on long after we have gone home to be with the Lord; if it is to continue in the truth upon which it was founded; it must be under the care and direction of a local New Testament body of believers who are committed to studying and obeying God's Word. Let us die and return to the dust! Let our names die with us! Let Christ be glorified in our brief and fleeting lives! Let this be our legacy!

Please Pray

Above all things, we desire your prayers. We are not unaware that there will be many trials and great difficulties ahead, but we are also confident that the God who has called us will overcome them all. It is a great leap of faith for us to make this move, but we have the great conviction that it is necessary if we are to be in the very center of God's will.

Your brother,
Paul David Washer



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Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry entrusted to us.

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It is our hope and prayer that God might grant you the grace to follow hard after Him and His beloved Son Jesus Christ.

*Sincerely,
The HeartCry Staff*

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If you have been blessed by the HeartCry magazine, then you should know that not even one edition would have ever been possible if it were not for the kindness and generosity of King's Publishers Inc. of Mayfield, Kentucky. For years, brother Mel and the staff have printed the HeartCry Magazine at a fraction of what it would have cost with any other printer.

At times throughout the years, we have been asked how we could use "mission money" to produce such an "expensive" publication. It has always been our joy to share that our magazine costs much less than a black and white edition printed on cheap paper because of a printer who seeks first the Kingdom and the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Although this small expression of thanks is long overdue, it is put forth with sincerity and genuine gratitude. We send a heartfelt thank you to King's Publishers from the HeartCry staff, all our missionaries throughout the world, and all the readers who have been blessed by your work.

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; as it is written, 'HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.' Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

II Corinthians 9:8-12 (NASB)



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Darian Rottmann follows God's Will

In December, longtime co-worker Darian Rottmann resigned from the HeartCry Missionary Society. In January, he was employed with the Lochhead Manufacturing Company. Darian faithfully ministered with us during the most formative years of HeartCry and we would not be where we are today if it had not been for his sacrificial service. He was such an integral part of HeartCry and loved by so many of you that we thought it appropriate to have him share a word of farewell:

As many of you already know, God has led me away from the work at HeartCry. Since the moment God's will became clear to me, I have desired to share with you what God has done and give Him all glory and praise for His perfect plan. Last August, while Paul and I were participating in a Bible conference in Zambia, God did a great work in my life. In a response to a student's question, the South African pastor Ronald Kawafungue began to explain why some people leave the ministry and the mission field. As he spoke, God seemed to apply every word to my own life. I quickly scribbled down the following thoughts:

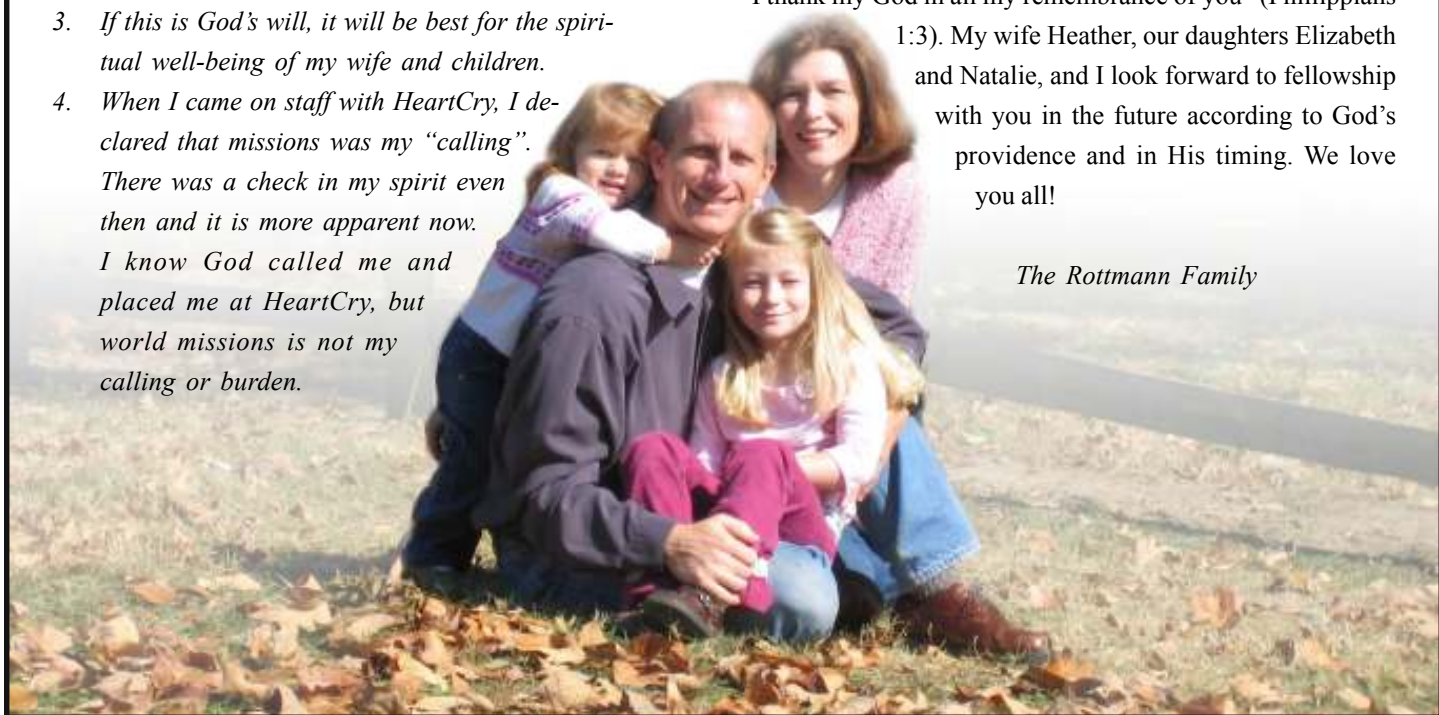
1. *It is just like God to send a man to a foreign country in order to change the direction of his life and then send him back home.*
2. *Leaving HeartCry is the last thing I "want" to do, but I have peace before God with the thought of it.*
3. *If this is God's will, it will be best for the spiritual well-being of my wife and children.*
4. *When I came on staff with HeartCry, I declared that missions was my "calling". There was a check in my spirit even then and it is more apparent now. I know God called me and placed me at HeartCry, but world missions is not my calling or burden.*

5. *I would rather be selling pots and pans in the will of God than working at the mission in disobedience.*
6. *It will take far more faith for me to leave HeartCry than it did to come to HeartCry*
7. *To some men it will appear that I am taking my hand off the plow. Too often my flesh cares too much about what men think rather than what God desires.*
8. *Am I willing to humble myself and go where I know God is now leading me?*

As I continued to pray, God granted me the peace and assurance that He was leading me according to His design. During last fall, Paul and I talked and prayed together several times. In the first days of December, the decision was made that it was God's will for me to move on. In January, God providentially opened up a door for me to work with the Lochhead Manufacturing Company. I am thankful for the time I spent at HeartCry, the things I learned, and especially the wonderful people that I met along the way. I am equally thankful that God has opened up a new door of employment for me and given me a "new assignment." The only thing that matters is being in the very center of God's will!

I want to conclude by giving thanks to God for all of you. Many of you are like family to me - my brothers and sisters in Christ. I am so thankful to God for the different places and people around the world that have become so important to me. I am thankful for the opportunity that I have had to fellowship with so many Christ-like men and learn from their lives and teachings. I now know what Paul is saying when he writes, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you" (Phillippians 1:3). My wife Heather, our daughters Elizabeth and Natalie, and I look forward to fellowship with you in the future according to God's providence and in His timing. We love you all!

The Rottmann Family



THAT HIS NAME BE GREAT AMONG THE NATIONS

HEARTCRY NEWS

The Things You Make Possible

Muslim Persecution in Nigeria

Pastor Solomon Owolabi is an indigenous missionary/pastor working in the countries of Nigeria, Ghana, and Benin. HeartCry sponsors three missionaries under the care of brother Owolabi. The following is a firsthand report regarding the persecution of Nigerian Christians as a result of the cartoons of Mohammed recently published in a Danish newspaper.



Greetings to all of you in our dear, loving, Redeemer's Name. We do trust that this prayer letter will find each one of you enjoying the best of health and abounding in the grace and love for our soon coming King, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are also doing fine, and the strong hand of God is keeping and protecting us as we seek to serve Him in our country. Great and wonderful things are happening in our church as a result of your fervent prayers for our ministry. God is certainly answering your prayers on our behalf.

I have noticed that trials often follow closely after great triumphs. It seems to me that as soon as one experiences great spiritual victories, then the evil one steps in to frustrate and rob us of the joy of our spiritual victory.

We are graciously enjoying the goodness and the blessing of our God while the Muslims strike. It is so difficult to believe that Is-

lamic fundamentalists in Nigeria would flood our streets, protesting against cartoons published several weeks ago by a Danish newspaper simply because they portrayed Mohammed in a manner that was considered sacrilegious. At the end of the protesting, we have almost 142 Nigerians killed (mostly Christian) and 35 churches burned down. It is hard to comprehend how a cartoon published in far away Europe (2500 miles away) could warrant such a devastating toll. A Christian family of seven was reportedly burnt alive, and a Catholic priest was skinned alive. Did any of these people draw the cartoon?

With all these heartbreaking events happening around us, the Church that Christ built is still marching on and flourishing. Even the gates of hell will not prevail against it!

A Call to Prayer

In light of the persecution in Nigeria, we ask you to pray for brother Dauda Freeman, his wife Phoebe, and their three children. They are planting a church among the Mwaghavul people in Mangu, located in the Plateau State of Nigeria. The work is located in a strategic area that for all practical purposes would be closed to any missionary from the west. In the last report, we learned that many people are being converted and the church has about 70 in attendance. Missionary Freeman and his family are under the direction of Solomon Owolabi and have been sponsored by the HeartCry Missionary Society for the last few years. Please devote yourselves to prayer on their behalf, keeping alert for

them with an attitude of thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2). Please pray for the following:

- * Protection from the Muslim fanatics.
- * That God will open up to them a door for the Word, so that they may speak forth the mystery of Christ (Colossians 4:3).
- * That they may clearly and boldly proclaim the Gospel without shame or fear (Colossians 4:4).
- * That their children might not be afraid, but trust in the Lord and learn to follow in the footsteps of their parents.

Read Brother Dauda's testimony on page twenty-one.





Christian Book Table at the Jaffa Gate

Antony Simon and his team recently set up a Christian book table at the Jaffa Gate entrance to the Old City (Jerusalem). Their primary purpose was to spread the Gospel through the distribution of Bibles and literature. When the table was shut down, they simply adopted a different method which allows them to hand out a sizeable amount of literature, as well as giving them many opportunities to testify to their faith. Antony Simon states, "This may be a short window of opportunity, but as long as it is open we shall continue as we are able. We have already received a call from an Ethiopian Jewish woman in response to the Gospel of John that we handed out. She invited us to come and explain the Gospel to her more clearly. We recently visited her and discovered that the Lord was already working in her life. She says that she believes and has been reading the New Testament in Amharic. Please pray for her. Her husband has left her with three young children.

A Vision of a Wedding to Come

Robert and Simona Dinca are two of our dear friends in Romania. Throughout the years their fellowship and hospitality have been a great blessing to all the believers that have passed their way. The following is an account of the recent death of Robert's grandmother. She was a believer in Christ and a servant of God: Recently, my grandmother Alexandrina passed away from this life. She was 82 years old and suffered from cancer. During her last days she was not able to breathe on her own, but the day before her death she was able to sing six different hymns with her pastor, her

*family, and some of the believers from her church. Her face was radiant and there was no shadow of pain. She seemed to be another person. Then all at once, she told everyone that she was seeing a group of young people coming toward her. Then she said that they were coming to take her to a great wedding. Those around my grandmother's bed asked her if she knew the bride and she exclaimed, "I am the bride!" After this, she blushed and felt embarrassed at being an 82 year old bride. After she regained her composure, she declared, "We must prepare a meal with soup and *sarmale* (a customary Romanian dish) for all these people!" The next day, my grandmother went home to be with the Lord.*

It was a great encouragement for all of us to see that the Lord was so good to her in spite of all her suffering. We know for sure that the Lord fulfilled His promises to her and now she is at the table with the Lamb of God. She was able to see in that final vision that she is one of those who are invited to participate in the wedding supper of the Lamb. The day of the funeral, it was very cold and snowing, but for nearly two hours the cemetery was filled with neighbors, family, and believers from the church. They praised the God of their dear sister who spent the greater part of her life praising Him and faithfully witnessing about His grace.

Missionary Witness Stops Abortion in Serbia

Zoran Milovanovic is a HeartCry sponsored missionary in the country of Serbia. In this most recent report, he shares with us how God used his witness for Christ to prevent the abortion of a beautiful baby boy. The following is Zoran's account: A wonderful thing happened last month! Our dear sister in Christ, Maria, from the city of Deliblato gave birth to a beautiful baby boy weighing slightly more than seven pounds. A few days after they came home from the hospital, my wife and I, and a few sisters from the church went to congratulate the family. We were a little apprehensive about the visit because the husband Viorel had been very upset with our church. Months before we had stood with Maria in opposition to her husband's angry demands to abort the child. I am convinced that the Holy Spirit was with us during the visit and gave us power to answer all his questions with faith and love. When we left, he kissed us (a Serbian custom of friendship). Please pray specifically for Viorel to personally experience God's Grace in salvation.



Zoran and Liliana
Milovanovic

New Saturday Tours Open in Israel

Antony Simon and the team in Israel have begun evangelistic tours on Saturday in addition to their regular Friday tours. They are hoping to place a new advertisement in the national newspaper. Antony Simon states, "As with all our tours our ultimate aim is to share the Gospel in a non-coercive and friendly manner. We hope and pray that the people will be challenged."



Children Stand Alone for Christ

Nicu Vulpe, his wife Daniela, and daughter Alexia are HeartCry missionaries to the Romanian city of Pucioasa. The following is a wonderful account of several children from their mission work who made a stand for Christ in spite of persecution.

In the following paragraphs, I would like to share with you an experience from Magura, a mission point of our church. Have you ever asked yourselves how old one must be in order to testify in front of the church? In the past week, God encouraged us in a wonderful way through the testimony of a group of children from Magura who shared with us. These children first came to our church through our Vacation Bible School in September, 2005. Afterwards, they continued to come to church and witness to others in spite of the discouragement they received from their school friends and other villagers. Even the professor of religion at the village school tried to intimidate the chil-

dren by threatening them and offending them in front of the entire class.

Because of this, I set up a meeting with the professor in order to defend the children and their right to religious freedom. The professor would not even listen to me, but God opened the door for me to speak with the school principal who was impressed by our interest in the children. She not only approved of what we were doing, but she invited me to help the school and the children with different projects. Since Christmas was near, she invited me to teach Christmas choruses in the school. Through this open door, I made contact with many other children from the village, their parents, and grandparents. The Lord gave me many new relationships in the village. Praise Him!

In February, I decided to go to the school and give every child a Christian book entitled, "Andy, The Lion Cub". We managed to distribute the books to the children in the fifth, sixth and seventh grades. One of the teachers from the fifth grade was very opposed to us. She collected all the books and threw them in the furnace. She then spoke very badly about our ministry and prohibited the children from associating with us. One of the girls from that class is a member of our church. Although she was under great pressure, she refused to give up her book to the furnace. Her name is Luminita (little light) and she is a great testimony for Christ to her other class mates. After the teacher burnt the books in her own class, she went to the other classes and demanded their books, but most of the children refused to give up their books. A few of the children in these classes come to our church and they convinced their school mates not to give up their books to be burned.

Georgiana is one of the girls from our church, and she is a leader among the other students. She stood politely, and yet firmly against the teacher and told her that what

she was doing was very wrong. The next day, the professor of religion took as many children as possible to the Orthodox church to confess. She threatened to give everyone of them the lowest grade if they ever attended our Baptist Church. Again, Georgiana intervened and encouraged her Christian school-mates to stand firm. One of the smaller children, Ioana, was so intimidated that she almost gave up, but Georgiana strengthened her and said: "Will you deny this ministry God has given us because of a bad grade?" The next day, Georgiana and other students went to the principal who promised to solve the problem even if it meant sanctioning the teachers who had taken the books and burned them.

When the children came to the church last Saturday, they were very glad that they had resisted the persecution and that they had acted exactly like Daniel's three friends: Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. Our children had been studying the book of Daniel. When I saw that the Lord had strengthened their faith, I invited them to testify in the church. Because of their stand for the Gospel, the churches in Magura and Pucioasa were strengthened. The Lord deserves all the Glory for these things!

"At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, 'I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.'"

Luke 10:21

WHAT THEN SHALL I DO WITH JESUS?



by Charles Leiter

It is perhaps appropriate that the words of the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, spoken so shortly before the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth, should serve as a title for this tract nearly two thousand years later (Matthew 27:22). The situation faced by Pilate and that faced by every one of us is, after all, much the same: What shall we do with this troublesome person named Jesus? For us, as for Pilate, there is no escape from the dilemma; we cannot avoid making a decision of some sort.

Pilate felt uneasy about Jesus. It was obvious that the religious leaders had delivered Him up out of envy, and that He had committed no crimes worthy of death. Also, there was a mysterious aura about this Man who conducted Himself with such calmness and authority, who made no answer to the false charges leveled against Him, and who spoke of a “kingdom not of this world”. And, on top of all this, Pilate’s wife had received a distinct premonition to the effect that he should have nothing to do with Jesus. Yet, despite his inward sense of the injustice and wrongness of it all, Pilate soon succumbed to the pressures of the mob and delivered up the holiest of all men to the shameful death of the cross (Matthew 27:11-26; Luke 23:20; John 18:33-38). It is our hope that some who read these lines will turn from following in the steps of Pilate and acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and God.

The Four Alternatives

We must point out, first of all, that to be “just neutral” toward Jesus Christ is impossible. Jesus Himself made this very clear. “He who is not with Me is *against* Me; and he who does not gather with Me *scatters*” (Matthew 12:30). Either we will be among those who love and follow Jesus or among those who hate and seek to destroy Him; there is no middle ground. The situation has often been summed up by Christian apologists in terms of four options. On the one side, we acknowledge Jesus as the Truth. On the other side, we refuse to acknowledge His claims and thus automatically affirm (though perhaps without realizing it) that we believe Him to be either a **liar**, a **lunatic**, or a **legend**.

The reasons for this should be clear: Jesus of Nazareth made claims for Himself that are absolutely unparalleled among the religious leaders of the world. He claimed the power to forgive sins and the right to receive worship from His fellow men. He demanded absolute devotion to Himself and promised men divine gifts such as peace and life. He claimed to be the unique Son of God and said that He would come in power and great glory at the end of the world to judge all men. He taught His own sinlessness and moral perfection. He put forward His teachings as absolutely authoritative, saying that even His very words were directly from God. He claimed to be the Light and Savior of the whole world... Thus, when we reject the truth of Jesus’ words, we are left with few alternatives as to His true nature. A man who

claimed to be all that Jesus claimed to be and yet was not, *must* have been a deliberate deceiver, a psychotic, or a myth—all other possibilities are, at most, only combinations of these three. Yet, when we consider the life of Jesus Christ, each of these “possibilities” proves to be so *impossible* there would be no need to refute them if it were not for the hardness of men’s hearts.



LIAR - Jesus claimed to be God, but knew He was not.

For any who have read the gospel account of Jesus’ words and deeds with real moral understanding, the mere suggestion that He was a liar is clearly absurd and requires no refutation. The integrity of Christ is beyond question. Even the Irish historian Lecky recognized that “the character of Jesus has not only been the highest pattern of virtue, but the strongest incentive to its practice, and has exerted so deep an influence, that it may be truly said, that the simple record of three short years of active life has done more to regenerate and to soften mankind, than all the disquisitions of philosophers and than all the exhortations of moralists.” The ethical teachings of Jesus were lofty beyond compare and His own character a paragon of moral excellence. He hated and denounced hypocrisy in others and was transparently sincere and guileless Himself. He spoke of the devil as “the father of lies” (John 8:43-45), but declared that He Himself had come into the world to “bear witness to the truth” (John 18:36-37). “If it were not so, *I would have told you*,” He assured His disciples (John 14:1-2).

Surely there is no room here for the idea that Jesus based His whole life and teachings upon “a colossal lie as to His real nature” (Montgomery). The novels, films, and record albums which have come forth in recent years portraying Jesus in a twisted fashion tell us nothing about the real Christ of history, but they do tell us a great deal about the terrible moral sickness of our own generation. All who thus fly in the face of moral sanity and choose to conjure up their own perverted version of the historical Jesus, border perilously near to the “unpardonable sin” of which He spoke. Even in His day, there were those who felt the pressure of God’s Spirit upon them, knew that they were in the presence of Goodness Incarnate, and yet chose to attribute everything to the devil (Mark 3:22-30).

LUNATIC - Jesus believed Himself to be God, but in reality He was not.



There are many in our day who manifest delusions of grandeur, thinking themselves to be God—or Napoleon. They are rightly classed as insane, deranged, and unbalanced. Yet Jesus made claims for Himself that are no less extravagant than those made by many who are at this moment patients in psychiatric wards. As J.W. Montgomery put it, “I know that you would immediately summon the men in the white coats if I seriously made the claims for myself that Jesus did.” Nevertheless, the “possibility” that Jesus was deluded is quite easily disposed of. It is so transparently foolish that there is no need

to make a defense against it (John 10:20-21!). "Is such an intellect—clear as the sky, bracing as the mountain air, sharp and penetrating as a sword, thoroughly healthy and vigorous, always ready and always self-possessed—liable to a radical and most serious delusion concerning his own character and mission? Preposterous imagination!" (Schaff) The possibility that Jesus was deluded about Himself is immediately ruled out once we understand His parables, observe His perfect life, get a feel for His composure and balance under pressure, or listen to the answers He gives when under interrogation. *If only we were as sane as Jesus!* C.S. Lewis said it well: "The discrepancy between the depth and sanity and (let me add) *shrewdness* of His moral teaching and the rampant megalomania (a psychological state characterized by delusions of grandeur) which must lie behind His theological teaching unless He is indeed God, has never been satisfactorily got over."

LEGEND - Jesus never really claimed to be God; the words attributed to Him were actually invented by others.



This final "possibility" that Jesus is nothing more than a legend is held in a somewhat foggy fashion by multitudes of unbelieving college students, but it has nothing more to commend it than the previous two. Once again, those who have gazed with comprehension upon the person portrayed in the gospel records know that He is entirely beyond the scope of human invention. "A character so original, so complete, so uniformly consistent, so perfect, so human and yet so high above all human greatness, can be neither a fraud nor a fiction. The poet, as has been well said, would in this case be greater than the hero. It would take more than a Jesus to invent a Jesus" (Schaff). In the words of Gresham Machen, "The Jesus of the Gospels is certainly not the product of invention or of myth; He is rooted too deep in historical conditions; *He towers too high above those who by any possibility could have produced Him.*" (Emphasis ours.) There are absolutely no grounds for suggesting that the historical Jesus is nothing more than the cardboard fabrication of a group of feverish religious fanatics!

Furthermore, the idea that enthusiastic followers of Jesus in the second and third centuries began to trump up His greatness and put words in His mouth that He would have been shocked to hear, cannot stand in the light of historical investigation. The evidence that the biographies of Christ were written *within the lifetime of His contemporaries* is now so strong that even the late William F. Albright was brought to the opinion that "every book of the New Testament was written by a baptized Jew between the forties and the eighties of the first century A.D. (Very probably sometime between about 50 and 75 A.D.)." Until his death in 1971, Dr. Albright was considered to be easily the foremost of American biblical archaeologists. It is significant that he came to these conclusions in spite of his somewhat "liberal" view of the Bible.

Think of it! It was during the lifetime of hundreds of those who had seen and heard Him that the earliest biographies of Jesus were written (Jesus was crucified about A.D. 30.). For a mere myth about Christ, in the form of the gospel, manufactured out of thin air and having no relation to reality, to have gained the accep-

tance of the early Christians when so many eyewitnesses were still among them, is incredible.

If the followers of Jesus had falsely elevated Him to the status of Messiah against His own wishes, then we would expect their fabricated Jesus to look like the political and military "Messiah" that people were expecting to appear. The opposite is in fact true. To quote Montgomery again, "Historically it can be proven beyond question that on every important point Jesus' conception of himself as Messiah differed radically from the conceptions held by all parties among the Jews." In short, "the people of that day wanted a kingly Messiah, not a suffering Servant; they wanted a human political deliverer, not a divine spiritual Savior." (Pinnock)

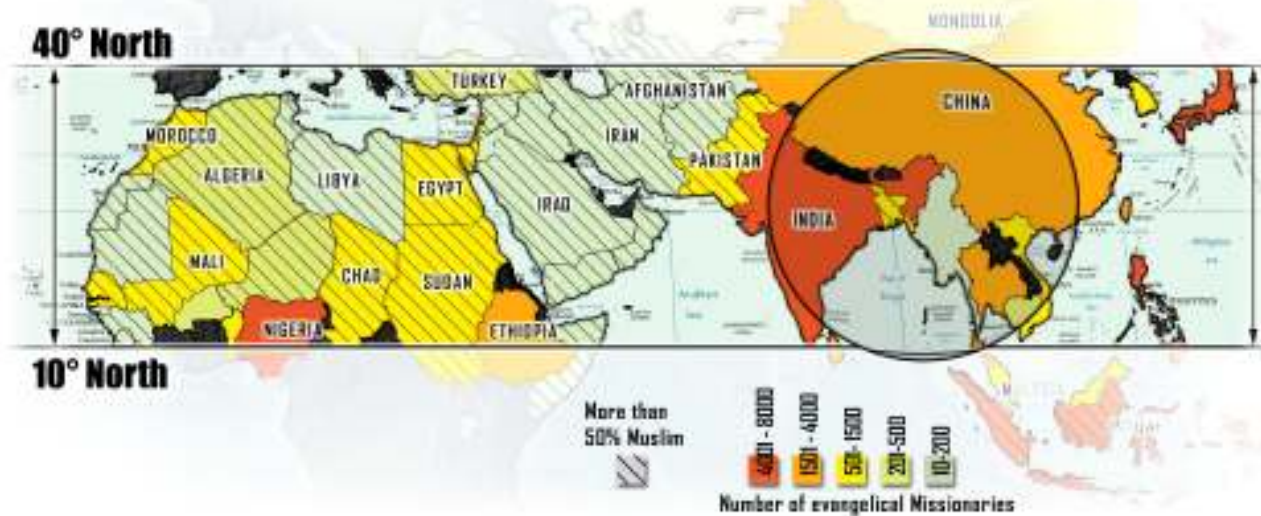
For the original apostles to have perpetrated the hoax and deified Jesus is likewise impossible. The transformation of a simple moralistic Jesus into a divine Christ is a task of which they were psychologically, morally, and religiously incapable. Each of them had been schooled in centuries of Jewish monotheism and was *very* slow to see and accept Jesus' true significance. And, in any case, "they would hardly have been prepared to die for something they themselves had cooked up most deceitfully!" (Pinnock)

With the starkness and bankruptcy of these "alternatives" in mind, let us turn again to the words of Pilate. "*What then shall I do with Jesus?*" This question is one of unfathomable importance; according to the Lord Jesus Christ, to answer it wrongly is to perish *forever*. "Unless you believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins" (John 8:24). Moreover, *no one* can escape giving an answer of some sort to it. To make no decision *for* Jesus Christ is to already decide *against* Him. To refuse to acknowledge the truth of His claims is to automatically heap upon Him the greatest of insults. A truce with Jesus is not possible.

Christians are often asked what it would take for them to give up their faith. We may well direct the question to our unbelieving friends. "What would it take for you to give up your unbelief?" In one sense, we do not seek to get men to believe in Christ, we only seek to get them to *quit disbelieving!*—To stop suppressing that which they know to be true and to turn from the dry and broken cistern of human autonomy to the fountain of living waters. "Let the one who is thirsty come" (Jeremiah 2:13; Revelation 22:17).

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THE MISSION FIELD OF *Grace Himalayan Mission*



THE 10/40 WINDOW
EVANGELICAL MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

○ Grace Himalayan Mission



- 6 Nations around the Great Himalayas within the 10/40 Window.
- 3 Billion people, nearly half of the world population, are living in this region.
- The Christian population is *only* 3% of the total population.
- The nations in the region are either extremely or *highly* restricted to the Gospel.



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"I have but one candle of life to burn and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light - John K. Falconer

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रमजमते तिवउ लेप Letters from Asia



Letters from Asia



In this article is published the recent correspondence from brother James Dhale, the founder and director of the Grace Himalayan Mission (GHM). The broken correspondence and the poor photography reveal the remoteness of the work. The Grace Himalayan headquarters are located in a very rural area near Imphal City, India. The missionaries who are sent out through GHM work in some of the most remote and restricted areas of the 10/40 window. We at HeartCry consider it a privilege and a tremendous responsibility to work with such Christ-like and impassioned laborers. We hope that you might be able to sense the humility and dedication of this work through what is written.

Last Report from 2005

We take this opportunity to greet you all through this humble personal letter before the end of the year. We thought of writing a long newsletter, but time is running out and we decided to quickly dispatch this letter to highlight some of the things that the Lord has done for us.

All of the Grace Himalayan missionaries are terribly busy in their respective fields. As the works rapidly progresses, the need also increases year by year. Thank you for your sincere prayer and relentless efforts to reach out to the unreached millions around the world. When I see the needs of the world, I can hardly sleep. The question that always troubles me is:-

Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"

Isaiah 6:8

When I think of our human limitations, I am helpless and speechless. The only thing I can do is to turn to God for the filling of His Spirit's power. Often we think of the help you have given us, and we give thanks to God as we struggle along. Each step we take is a step of challenge and opportunity.

Our missionaries bring their monthly reports to us the third Saturday of every month. On the same day, we also distribute the support that is sent from you. The men are always very regular, punctual, and hard working. One of the latest and the most encour-





Attentive Muslims in one of our fellowships

aging bits of news is that a fellowship of Nepali Hindu converts has been established at Dwarika. This new fellowship is the work of HeartCry missionaries Joseph Kennedy and Ritesh Ranah. They visit the fellowship every Sunday for worship and they are preparing for an open air evangelistic crusade on December 24, 2005. The people are very open to the Gospel, but since these Nepalis are all daily wage earners, many of them are compelled to work on Sunday. Because of this, the family members take turns attending the church on Sundays. They are very poor and must work constantly in order meet their physical needs.

HeartCry sponsored Miko Yinyo, our missionary at the Tibetan border, is very isolated. He is working with the Monpa tribesmen. They are all Buddhists and are very hostile to Christianity. He recently wrote to me about how very difficult it is to penetrate this people group and how it would be good to use education and health (medical missions) to reach the people. Please pray for him. He will not be able to come home for Christmas because of all the snow that blocks the roads. We hope to visit him again in March of the upcoming year.

Kindly remember in prayer Lamlongei Baptist

Ranah and his Nepali converts



Church. It is one of the persecuted churches of our mission. This little flock has stood so firm for such a long time that Satan has started to loosen his grip over them. Some of the village leaders who were most active in spearheading the campaign against the church have actually started attending. Joykumar, the pastor, is a mighty man of faith. He is also assisting our missionary Sanathoi in establishing a new church at Tera-Urok (a Hindu community).

Our missionary Halla Milli, who is working among the Mising tribe at the Indo-China border, has witnessed a great harvest of souls in 2005. The Mising tribe has a population of over one million people, but there are less than 2000 converts among them.



Minda House Fellowship (Burma)

They belong to a Tibetan-Burman people group, and many of them still live in primitive conditions. Halla wrote me recently that the Lord has saved more than thirty souls through his ministry in only the past few months. Halla belongs to the Mising tribe and has unlimited opportunity to reach out to his own tribesmen. Please continue to pray for him.

You will be glad to know that the Grace Himalayan Mission is on its way to train and send out more missionaries in 2006. The countries we pray to reach are Bhutan and Bangladesh. We need your prayer and encouragement. May God bless!

New Year Report of 2006

I pray a very happy new year to all of my dear brothers and sisters in Christ. We continue to give thanks to you for your tearful prayers and relentless efforts to save the dying souls in this part of the world. Sometimes we feel guilty of not doing enough as you rightly expected us to do. We only pray that the Almighty God will move wonderfully in our midst to achieve the goal that has been set for us. We are nothing but His empty vessels. We only pray for the filling of His Spirit. When we see the results and the response of the people, we want to do so much more, but when we think of our limitations, we are sorely



Minda House Fellowship (Burma)

discouraged. Please pray for the Lord's blessing, strength, and provision.

Our prayer and burden is to send more missionaries to Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, etc. Since these are highly restricted areas with great dangers, loneliness, and risks of life, we need to send forth teams of at least two or three missionaries. Kindly pray for us. We are in dire need for extra allowances for traveling, house rent, relief, emergencies, etc. As the works progress, the need also increases. Please continue to pray for us. There is an urgent call for us to explore more fields in mainland India as well, and we have very dedicated laborers who are willing to go.

Thank you for highlighting our humble mission in your HeartCry Magazine. We do not really deserve it. Thank you for your burden and prayer for the lost people in this part of the world. I hope to hear from you. PLEASE CONSIDER THAT I AM WRITING THIS LETTER ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN SOUTH ASIA.

February Report

Dearest brother Paul... It was my joy and blessing to talk to you over the phone yesterday. Believe it or not, the state where we live is going through a severe punishment from the Central Government because it has a huge power (electricity) debt that it

Leichik Baptist Church (Burma)



has not paid. The electricity is cut off for the whole state except for some vital government offices and officers. It is for this reason that our communication has been so delayed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

I am glad to know that you received the previous newsletter that we sent to you by registered post. Dr. Joseph Kennedy is preparing a more detailed newsletter. Hopefully it will be reaching you by February at the latest. We are still waiting for more reports to come from the different fields where we work. Please pray.

I have enclosed a brief highlight of our mission strategy for the next ten years. I have sent it for your prayer and consideration. Kindly go through the manual and do let us hear from you. Please continue to pray for us. God willing, all the Grace Himalayan missionaries will be coming together here at the Royal Ambassadors Campus for a time of intensive training.

Further plans for expanding the Grace Himalayan



Trinity Baptist Church

Mission to other parts of the region like Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal are underway. We will let you know the details in our next letter. We need your prayers and involvement for its implementation. I am sure that the Lord will open a door for you to visit our mission fields and see the needs. There is unlimited scope for its expansion. We started our ministry in 1983 with \$100, but the Lord has been so faithful and real to us. Our humble beginning received the Lord's favor, and He opened the heart of the HeartCry Missionary Society family to help us. Now we have the Grace Himalayan Mission. Our God is the God of this Universe, and the end of the earth is the limit of our vision. GHM owes our existence to God through HeartCry. Glory be to God!

At the moment, we lift our hands in prayer to the Lord that He might provide the increase of monthly support for our HeartCry missionaries from \$100 to \$150 per month (*This need has been met -HCry*). This will cover their travel allowances, health insurance,



Hindu converts (Baptized) under the ministry of Lovingson

benevolence, and other emergencies. The necessity arises because all the missionaries have families with school-age children. Moreover, the missionaries need extra funds for traveling from place to place on a daily basis. Since most of them are in very remote areas, it takes days to come and go back to their bases. The gathering of firewood is another problem for our missionaries who are on the Tibet and China borders. These places are covered by snow most of the year and they need to hire vehicles to collect firewood for their yearly stock.

Moreover, our missionary in Myanmar needs to construct a new church building at Leichik. Photographs and other information were sent to you earlier. He also needs to complete the infrastructure of the Mt. Carmel School at the Indo-Myanmar border. It is a project of GHM. The school was opened in 2003 to reach Buddhist children. We are not allowed to open a Christian school in communist Myanmar. The need for the final stage is \$3000. We have been praying for these two needs for the last three years.

One of the greatest problems we face today is constructing a humble shed for worship for our new churches. Newly planted churches meet in individual's homes, but they always insist on having a separate place of worship. When our church members invite others to come and join their worship services, their natural question is: "Where is your building?" The simplest church in a community must have a small pulpit, a few benches, and a box to keep their files, registers, etc. We have not been able to do this effectively so far.

Moreover, I need to visit all the fields on a regular basis. It was the normal custom of the Apostle Paul. Several of the believers face persecution from various quarters. Since all the churches we planted are among Hindu, Buddhist, and Animist converts, they sometimes depend on us for their daily survival.

Hence any extra gifts will be a great help. Another great need that we presently have is a good vehicle to visit all the fields in South Asia. Taxis are available, but to rent a taxi for two years is almost equal to buying a new one. The Grace Himalayan Mission needs a good diesel jeep for its mission. I have been praying and longing to visit Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal for the last three years, but it is nearly impossible without a vehicle. Please pray brother.

I have been praying and sending letter after letter to our supporting churches. But they seem to forget about sharing our shame, pain, and suffering. Our letters get no acknowledgment. We sometimes wonder if the letters are stolen or lost along the way. We sometimes wonder if our supporters even have time to take a quick glance at the pages we write with tears from a heavy heart.

We hope that the Lord will surely open the hearts of His people. It will be for God's glory. We will keep in touch with you on a more regular basis. We are thankful to God that HeartCry has decided to be involved in our ministry in an even greater way. Glory be to God.

Meitram Baptist Church



The Grace Himalayan Mission



The HeartCry Missionary Society works in partnership with the Grace Himalayan Mission, which was established in 1999 to launch an evangelistic campaign to one of the world's most strategic mission fields in and around the Himalayan mountain regions. These regions are located in an area often referred to as the 10/40 Window. Within this "window" dwell 3.2 billion people, 95% of which are the least evangelized in the world. It is estimated that approximately half of the world's population live in this Window and have never heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Ironically, this is the same area of latitude that covers much of the United States. The 10/40 Window is the heartland of 706 million followers of Islam, 153 million Buddhists, and 717 million Hindus. Sikhism, Animism, and Theism are other religions that exist in the Window. Approximately 80% of the world's poorest people, both physically and spiritually, inhabit this large region and yet, only 8% to 10% of the world's missionary force is deployed within the 10/40 window. All the Himalayan region countries are closed to foreign missionaries that preach the Gospel. The need is great and the possibilities are unlimited as we minister "By God's grace and for His glory" only. Please pray that our Father in Heaven might send more laborers to His harvest.

Meet Our Newest Missionaries

The HeartCry Missionary Society counts it a privilege to work alongside the Grace Himalayan Mission and other indigenous missions like it throughout the world. It is our goal to partner with such works and complement them so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ might advance throughout the world. We are deeply grateful to all of you who have made all these things possible through your prayers and generous giving.



Halla Dhir Milli

Indo-China Border

Halathor is our missionary working among the Mising Tribe in Arunachal Pradesh on the China border. The state is claimed by both China and India and there has been violence on both sides to guard their claim. Christianity did not arrive in this area until 1998. There are only about 2000 Christians in this population of one million.



Mika Yinyo

Indo-Tibetan Border

During the late 1970's, religious persecution completely destroyed all religious edifices except the Buddhist structures in Tibet. Believers were not only scattered, but some are untraceable. It is the vision of Mika Yinyo, one of our new missionaries working at the Indo-Tibetan border, to regather them, bring them out of hiding, and brave any fresh onslaught with prayer and fasting.

Shalom from Jerusalem!

The Ministry of Antony Simon

It is a privilege for HeartCry to partner with brother Antony Simon in his great desire to see Israel turn to Christ. The following are excerpts from his latest correspondence with us.

This last year has been difficult for us in some ways, and yet, through the difficulties, we have learned to trust more in our God.

The work is going well and growing. We have made many changes this year and are in the process of making many more. We are about to transfer our work in Kiriat Gat to the Grace and Truth Congregation in Rishon Lezion. Their new building will only be 20 minutes from Kiriat Gat. We have been praying about this for a few years now and feel very much that this is the right direction. We want to concentrate more on the work in Jerusalem, and it is very hard to work in two places at the same time. It will be very sad to say good-bye, but after more than ten years, we feel it is time. With a good established local congregation moving nearby, they will be in good hands, and will be well looked after.

The congregation in Jerusalem is doing well and even growing. In 2004, we introduced a church constitution and have had regular members meetings since. It has been such a blessing to see the members participate in the life of the church and solve problems, but we are still in need of people who can share the burden of ministry. The congregation has faced some sad events. A dear brother left under questionable circumstances. But good can always come out of a bad situation when God is at work - and He is.

We hope to expand our ministry in Jerusalem with more evangelistic tours on Saturday morning. We will also start our service an hour and a half earlier in order to give us more time for fellowship within the congregation.

An opportunity has arisen to purchase a small shop in the centre of Jerusalem that can be used for outreach. At the present, it is a second hand book shop and the owner is an 85 year old believer. Her children want her to return to the US, but it is difficult for



her to let go. As of yet, she is still undecided, but when she leaves she has offered us the first option of buying the property from her. We will need help to buy the building and make the necessary improvements. At the moment, the building is not in very good condition and needs much work to be done to it. This door is open for us and we think it is a wonderful opportunity. We leave what remains to be done in the Lord's hands.

This year, we visited the ancient stone city of Petra in Jordan several times. Our purpose was to spend time with the members of our congregation and to get to know them better. We also hoped to be able to share our faith with the local people - Bedouins and Muslims - and distribute the Word of God in Arabic. In our last visit, we were investigated by the Jordanian Internal Security. Apparently, a taxi driver, to whom we had given a New Testament, had complained about us. We used the opportunity to present our Gospel literature to the security personnel, and as a result, others asked literature from us. There is a great openness to receive the Word of God. In many people we met, we found a great openness and real interest in talking about the Bible. In the words of one local man, "We are empty."

Because of this, we have decided to begin a ministry of distributing literature to feed these hungry souls. We plan to resume our tours early next year.

In Jerusalem, our Friday tours are going very well. At the moment, we have several tours, one to the Old City of Jerusalem and the other to Mount Zion and the surrounding area. We also have regular tours to the Garden Tomb and the Holy Sepulcher. It's such a blessing to be able to present the Gospel to so many unbelievers, especially when the majority has never heard the Gospel before.

In the summer, we had a few special tours to the City of David and Hezekiah's Tunnel. God willing, next year we will have these tours on a regular basis. Leonid Banchik leads the tours to the Old City of Jaffa every Friday and also leads Bible studies in several places. On Saturdays, we hope to add several additional tours because Saturday (the Jewish Sabbath) is a day of rest and most people do not work. Most shops are closed and there is no public trans-

portation. Unless one is an observant Jew, Saturday is the only non-workday in Israel, and it is used as a day of rest and recreation. Every Saturday, one can find many Israelis of all backgrounds exploring the countryside and eating out. Time and curiosity are a good mix for the Gospel.

During the week, we set aside three evenings to visit people, and it is going very well. We are invited into many homes and have many opportunities to present the Gospel with a great deal of lively discussion. Recently, we have had many good visits and excellent conversations. One woman we visited was into Kabala and Mysticism. She had concluded that Jesus was a great person and was willing to listen. She even allowed us to pray for her. We left some books and a DVD with her, and after a few days she called to say that she had been watching the DVD every day. She was also showing it to her curious friends. I told her that if she liked, she could gather her friends together and I would come and answer any questions they might have.

Many Israelis are truly searching and there are many philosophies out there offering the wrong answers. Downtown Jerusalem has a center that promotes the



teachings of L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of the Church of Scientology. This center is one of three in the country. My wife was recently handed a flyer from two young attractive Israelis inviting her to their seminars. There is a sea of error out there. We have met Moonies, Jehovah's Witnesses, and all sorts of weird groups, not too mention many pseudo "Christian" groups.

In August, we will be hosting two groups, each coming to participate in ten days of outreach. We will be singing and witnessing on the streets and handing out literature, as well as doing a little sight seeing. At the end of each visit we will also take a short trip to Petra in Jordan, exploring that ancient stone city, and sharing our faith with our Arab neighbors.

The youth camp this year went very well and we hope to do the same next year. For some of the children, this is the only time

for us recently has been the opportunity of working with drug addicts. We have hopes that there will one day be a center here in Israel. We are currently working with a Spanish organization that has works in over 50 countries and specializes in drug and alcohol addictions.

We were also recently able to help a woman whose husband had left her with two young children. When she came to us she had no home, no job, and lived in a shelter. The shelter helped her with accommodation, but would not allow her to go out to find work. This left her in a difficult situation - no work, no money, no permanent accommodations, and no future prospects. A friend contacted us and asked if we could help her. She now has a job, an apartment, and has found a good school for one of her sons. She says that we have given her hope, but we hope that she will see that all of this

they have a real vacation. Having fun while trying to instill godly values in our youth is something every congregation should consider a great duty. Please keep our youth in your prayers. Many of them are immigrants. Couple this with all the added tensions of normal Israeli life and being a part of a minority religion, and things can become very complicated.

Another opening

is God's blessing through us!

On a personal note, my family is well. Joshua recently celebrated his seventeenth birthday. He has yet another year of schooling before he begins his three-year mandatory national service. Rachel is now fourteen and Yoel has just turned thirteen. All are doing well and I would appreciate your prayers for them. They, unlike my wife and I, have grown up in the faith. Our earnest hope is that throughout their journey they will grow strong in the knowledge and love of their Savior. They are at an age when they will face constant challenges about their faith and will have to answer many questions.

The year 2005 has been full and sometimes difficult. Bad circumstances and good, difficulties and problems, sadness and joy, are all part of living this life, but God is faithful through it all. We live life abundantly and can count each day a joy no matter what may come. For the coming year, please pray that the Lord will grant us wisdom and enable us to walk in a manner worthy of His name.

Our warmest greetings to all our brothers and sisters. We thank you for your interest, prayers, love, and support. We continue to thank God for all His blessings.

Sincerely,

Antony and Dona Simon, and family



Leonid Banchik

.... reaching the lost
in Jaffa, Israel



HeartCry has been sponsoring Leonid Banchik for the last few years in Israel. God is using him in church planting, discipleship, evangelistic tours, and music. He works in close association with brother Antony Simon.

Since the first of January, our church is offering evangelical tours to the Old City of Jerusalem, not only on Fridays, but also on Saturdays. I lead the tours to the city walls around Jerusalem, to a citadel of Herod, and to the biblical Bethesda where Jesus cured the paralyzed man. For a time, we set up a book table near Jaffa Gate and distributed Bibles and other Christian literature, but the Jerusalem municipality has now prohibited us from doing so. Please pray that we might have the opportunity to do the book table again. It was very effective.

We recently had a great event in our congregation in Jaffa. A forty year old man named Edward came to repentance and faith in Christ. He had been on drugs for 20 years and had made numerous frail attempts to free himself. He even went to a Christian rehabilitation center in Spain, but finally gave up and returned to Israel. Please pray that the Lord will strengthen Edward. We believe that his faith in Christ will cure him forever.

I ask you to also to pray for a man named Gennadiy. He repented in the church in Jerusalem and now wants to be baptized. He calls me often and asks questions about the Bible. God willing he will be baptized this coming spring.

We are praying and desiring to begin an outreach in nearby Bat-Yam and other neighboring towns. We ask for God's blessing on this ministry and pray that He will protect His servants. We hope that men will listen to the Gospel and the Scriptures. Some will hear the Gospel for the first time in their lives. We pray that they might see Christ and find peace with God.

We have recently prepared an evangelical website in three languages - Russian, Hebrew and English. On our site, we provide Christian literature, poetry, and videos. I have written some articles for the site. May all these things abound to the glory of God!

Thank you for your support and prayers for us here in Israel. May the Lord bless you!

Your brother,
Leonid Banchik





From Islam to Christ

Brother Dauda is a church planter among his own people, the Mwaghavul, in Plateau State, Nigeria. He works in coordination with brother Solomon Owolabi and is sponsored by the HeartCry Missionary Society.

I was a Moslem by birth and Islam was my beloved religion. In the town where I lived there were some churches and Christians who always preached the Gospel of Christ to us, but I hated Christianity and the Gospel. Because of my hatred, I hardened my heart whenever they preached to me.

One day a preacher came to our house preaching the Gospel of Salvation. Usually, I tried to avoid him and run away from the Gospel, but that day I decided to stay and

listen to him. That night, after he had finished and left the house, I could not sleep. I was very disturbed for many days. I could hear a voice speaking to me in my heart that told me that I would die if I did not receive Christ. I was so burdened that I lost weight and began to look very skinny. My father could not bear what was happening to me and asked me what was wrong. I refused to tell him because I was afraid.

As my desire to know the Gospel grew, I lost interest in the Islam way of worship (*i.e.* Sallah), but I still taught Arabic to my younger brothers and sisters. I was afraid that there would be great consequences from my parents if I did not teach them. As the days passed, I developed a great interest in becoming a Christian, but I wanted to remain under cover. I did not want to be exposed to others.

After I resolved to be a Christian, my heart became even more burdened and I completely lost interest in the Islam way of worship. I decided to get closer to Christians and do things in common with them, but without disclosing to them my true motives. My burden increased and so I decided that I would openly proclaim my Christianity. I was afraid, but I was also comforted from the heart through a voice that told me that the Lord was in control. That inward message strengthened me and so I began to openly attend a nearby church. My parents were so annoyed with me that they did four things: (1) They refused to give me food. I had to eat with neighbors and anyone else who would have me. (2) They gave me work to do on Sundays at the very time that they knew I needed to go to the worship service. (3) My mother tried to poison my food, but the Lord delivered me. (4) They did not even try to prevent a group of Muslims from killing me, and so I had to escape.

After this fiery trial, I went to pastor John Longtong and explained to him everything that was happening to me as a result of my going to church. The pastor then shared with me the Gospel and led me to Christ. On August 1, 1990, I believed in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. Not much time afterward, I was baptized.



Sound Words about Missions

"People who do not know Christ ask why in the world we waste our lives as missionaries. They forget that they, too, are expending their lives on something, and when the bubble has burst, they will have nothing of eternal significance to show for the years they have wasted." - *Nate Saint, Martyred Missionary to Ecuador*

"The Spirit of Christ is the Spirit of missions, and the nearer we get to Him, the more intensely missionary we become." - *Henry Martyn, Missionary to Muslims in Persia and India*

"380 million people still do not have the first verse of Scripture." - *Wycliffe Bible Translators*

"Cannot the love of Christ carry the missionary where the slave trade carries the trader?" - *David Livingstone*

"God does not want men who are distinguished, but men whom the world cannot extinguish." - *Unknown*

"O, that I might be a flaming fire in His service; Here I am, Lord, send me; send me to the ends of the earth; send me from all that is called earthly comfort; send me even to death itself if it be but in Thy service and to promote Thy kingdom." - *David Brainerd*

"Untold millions are still untold." - *Unknown*

"Missions is the automatic outflow and overflow of love for Christ." - *Unknown*

"Part of a soldier's duty is to fill gaps; one must be as willing to be nothing as to be something." - *Amy Carmichael*

"The Great Commission is not an option to be considered, but a command to be obeyed." - *J. Hudson Taylor*

"There are no closed countries if you do not expect to come back." - *Larry Poston*

"Give me a hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a bit whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth." - *John Wesley*

"O, that I had a thousand lives and a thousand bodies! All of them should be devoted to no other employment, but to preach Christ to these degraded, despised, yet beloved mortals - *Robert Moffat, Pioneer Missionary*

"I have but one candle of life to burn and I would rather burn it out in a land filled with darkness than in a land flooded with light" - *John K. Falconer*

"I care not where or how I live, or what hardships I go through, so that I could gain souls for Christ." - *David Brainerd*

"In the vast plain to the north I have sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been." - *Robert Moffat*

"Within six months, you will probably hear that one of us is dead. When the news comes, do not be cast down; instead, send someone else immediately to take the vacant place" - *Alexander MacKay (How prophetic were his words? Within 3 months, one of their party of eight was dead; within a year, 5 had died; at the end of 2 years, MacKay was the only survivor. In the face of overwhelming odds, he struggled on for 12 years until he also died from the fever.)*

"If God calls you to be a missionary, don't stoop to be a king." - *Jordan Groom*

Pray for Your Missionaries

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.
Colossians 4:2-4

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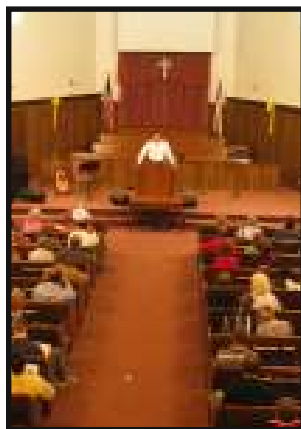
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Paul Washer's Preaching Ministry

Paul Washer will be accepting fewer speaking engagements throughout 2006. There are two primary factors for this decision: First, our move to the First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals and the added responsibilities of that transition. Second, the growth of HeartCry, conferences outside the United States, and our desire to visit supporting churches. If you would like to discuss the possibility of having brother Washer at your church, please do not hesitate to contact the HeartCry office.

Attention All HeartCry Supporters

Please contact us if you would like for us to visit your church in order to speak about missions. We count it as much a privilege to visit a house church of five as we do an auditorium of 5000. Also, please do not hesitate to contact us if you are a supporting church or individual that would like more information regarding our work and use of the donations you give. This is your ministry as much as ours and we are accountable to the Lord and you. Contact information:

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We will not solicit churches or individuals for donations under any circumstance, but we will visit churches and other Christian gatherings (mission conferences, etc.) upon their request. Our presentation to any church or conference will always be in conformity to the requests of the leadership. Most often we are asked to make an oral presentation, with or without media, and to set up an information table. In our presentation, we will share our purpose, convictions, methodology, and present work.

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