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That the earth be filled with the knowledge of the glory
of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea... (Habakkuk 2:14)

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The HeartCry Missionary Society is a nonprofit organization functioning under the authority of the First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals, Alabama. Although we recognize the great importance of sending missionaries from the West to unevangelized peoples throughout the world, we believe that we are led of the Lord to support indigenous or native missionaries so that they might evangelize their own peoples. We seek to work with godly men and women of integrity and faith in the unreached world to help them evangelize and plant churches among their own peoples.



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Bill McLeod

Bill McLeod was born in Canada in 1918, and was converted at the age of 22. In the 1960's, he became the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Saskatoon, Canada. In 1971, God blessed the church with a spiritual awakening which spread throughout western Canada and beyond. Since that time, Brother McLeod has labored in an inter-national preaching ministry with the Canadian Revival Fellowship. He and his wife Barbara have 5 children, 19 grandchildren, and 32 great grandchildren. They make their home in Winnipeg, in the providence of Manitoba.

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In 1978, Brother Jennings was appointed a co-pastor of a house church in Kirksville, MO. Since 1983, he has been the pastor of the Highway M Chapel in Sedalia, Missouri, where he resides with his wife Terri and their children. Brother Bob has spoken in many conferences both in the United States and Eastern Europe.

Paul David Washer

Paul Washer was converted while attending the University of Texas. After graduation, he attended Southwestern Theological Seminary and earned a Master's degree in divinity. In 1988, shortly after graduation, Paul traveled to Peru, where he labored as a church planter for nearly 10 years. It was at this time that he founded the HeartCry Missionary Society for the support of Peruvian church planters. In 1998, the Lord began to open doors to duplicate the ministry in other countries. At the present, Paul is a HeartCry staff member and labors with the rest of the team in the support of more than seventy indigenous missionary families in 15 countries. Paul resides in Muscle Shoals, Alabama with his wife Charo and their two sons Ian and Evan.

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Holiday Greetings from All of Us



The Washer Family

Once again, we bring you Holiday Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who left the glories of heaven, robed Himself in flesh, and dwelt among men. As Spurgeon once declared

"Oh wonder of wonders! Manger of Bethlehem, thou hast miracles poured into thee... All the wonders of the universe shrink into nothing, when we come to the mystery of the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Our family is doing well. We are now living in the warmer climate of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and have found a home among the family at First Baptist. The elders, congregation, and staff have been an immeasurable blessing to us.

Charo stays busy managing the home and wrangling our two sons Ian (5 yrs) and Evan (3 yrs). In the last days of October, we received the wonderful news that she is expecting again, and so we look forward to another child in the month of June. We do not quite have a quiver full, and we did get a late start in life, but we are on our way.

Ian is growing every day and eating us out of house and home. He is beginning to understand more about God. The other day, he drew a picture of a man on a cross and used his red crayon for the hands and feet. It is our greatest hope that all our children come to know the One who died that we might have life. This is Ian's and Charo's first year of home schooling, and it is a learning experience for all.

Evan is growing like a little sprout. He is best described as a small package of thunder and lightning. He is our fearless fighter who would rather wrestle his older brother than eat. He can already outrun his old dad, and everyone else for that matter!

To bring this Holiday greeting to a close, we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We have always been and will forever be indebted to you for the kindness and generosity you have shown us in the Lord.

Your brother,
Paul Washer

The Berry Family

This past year, my wife Cyndi and I, along with our two sons Benjamin (17 yrs) and Jacob (14 yrs) joined the HeartCry staff. As a family, we would like to take this opportunity to greet all of you in the Name of the Lord.

In the last six months, our family has been through much change and transition. It would have been impossible for us to "expect" or "think" how God would so greatly intervene in our lives. We arrived in Alabama from Kirksville, Missouri, in August, and we left behind a church family and a medical practice of almost twenty years. Proverbs 19:21 comes to mind every time we consider what God has done in our lives:

"Many plans are in a man's heart, but the counsel of the Lord will stand." - Proverbs 19:21

Cyndi and I have had many "plans" over the years but God's counsel and will stands. He truly is our strong tower. The change has been drastic, but God, in His wonderful providence, has been faithful to make us ready. Although it was extremely difficult to leave behind dear friends and the only home our boys have ever known, the Lord has assured us over and over again that we are in His will. We truly feel part of our new family here at HeartCry and the First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals.

Benjamin has begun his junior year at Covenant Christian School which is a BIG change from home schooling. Cyndi, Jacob, and I began another year of home schooling - I get to do the fun stuff like science and math! At HeartCry, I have undertaken the position of Mission Coordinator, but filling the shoes of Darian Rottman will be impossible!

In spite of all these changes and the new challenges, we also recognize the new opportunities for service. We are trusting in God's sovereign hand in our family and ministry for the upcoming year.

Nathan Berry



The Green Family

It would be an understatement to say that this year has been full of surprises from the Lord. But we do recognize that it has been for our growth and ultimately for our joy that the Lord has brought many changes to almost every area of our life.

If anyone would have walked into the HeartCry offices at the beginning of the year and told us that everyone at HeartCry would have their houses on the market by the end of May, and that we would be living and working in Alabama under the First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals, I would have been the first person to tell them that they were not speaking for God. And yet that is exactly what has happened. Looking back, I can see all the pieces were moved into place to make such a move possible. In His providence, God prepared the way before us (Psalm 16).

Although this year has been full of many unexpected events, Gabriela, Jazmine, and I are on the brink of yet another exciting but difficult journey. In August, it was brought to our attention that our visa had expired. Because of this, we must leave for England in January and make the necessary petitions to renew our visa. Please keep us in your prayers during this season of trial and change. Thank you!

The Green Family – Jonathan, Gabriela, and Jazmine.



The Glass Family

This has been a very full year for us. Our move from Metropolis required a great deal of preparation and packing. Matt and I were the first of the HeartCry staff to move to Muscle Shoals. We moved at the beginning of May in order to get the office set up and functional before the others arrived. Matt left his custodial work at First Baptist of Metropolis and joined the custodial staff at First Baptist Muscle Shoals. He has often been teased that many men are called as a pastor from one church to another, but few are called as janitors to a new church! During our first several months here, we had the blessing of living with various church members, and we never had a need that God did not provide for in abundance. We learned to recognize the simple blessings of a clean place to sleep, taking a shower, and cooking a meal. In August, we bought our first home - one that needed a great deal of work! We have had a lot of help from family members and friends. We now count it a great accomplishment to have a working bathroom, finished floors, and a place to do laundry. We anticipate many more weeks of painting and needed repairs before things are "finished".

On the first of October, Matt began working full-time here at HeartCry. He is now overseeing our mission endeavors in the 10/40 Window and in Africa. We are excited about where this will lead our family. We are now in the same position as the other staff members - dependent on God's provision through HeartCry for all of our needs. We thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. May God continue to use us all for His name to be made great among the nations!

Grace and Peace,
Matthew and Amanda Glass





The Noblit Family

*"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, **wise** men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to **worship** Him.'"*
- Matthew 2:1-2

It was a wonderful day for the family of First Baptist Church Muscle Shoals, Alabama, when God led HeartCry to become a part of our church. First Baptist already had a large involvement in global missions, but HeartCry has brought to us a uniquely strong, spiritually healthy, and biblically sound ministry.

Though First Baptist is a large church, HeartCry did not unite with us to gain financial support. Our church was already committed to other mission opportunities. We put HeartCry in our budget, but it is a relatively small amount, and it is our joy to do so. I am not aware of another ministry that is as God-centered, Christ-honoring, and Bible-saturated. It was truly the hand of providence that brought us together. Though First Baptist and HeartCry traveled different courses over the past twenty-five years, we have come to practically identical doctrinal and methodological convictions. I'm convinced that God is going to lead many other churches and individual Christians to adopt HeartCry Missionary Society as their channel to spread our Lord's name and fame to the ends of the earth!

Pam, my wife of twenty-two years, our three daughters, Katie Leigh, Taylor Beth, and Anna Claire, and I want to sincerely thank you for coming along side HeartCry with your prayers and financial support. This Christmas season may we renew our hearts and minds to be like the wise men who that first Christmas season said, *"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to **worship** Him"* (Matthew 2:2).

It is our passionate purpose to continue to pray, preach, train, send, and go until individuals from all peoples, tongues, tribes, and nations become **wise** and **worship** Him. This is the spirit of Christmas! May the true Christmas spirit consume us all this holiday season.

Merry worship,
Pastor Jeff Noblit



Chad Haygood

It is with great joy that I greet you this holiday season in the name of our Captain and King, Jesus Christ. After returning from Peru just over a year ago, I joined the staff at First Baptist Church of Muscle Shoals to work in missions. Soon thereafter, the HeartCry staff felt God leading them to relocate their ministry to First Baptist. Knowing them to be men and women of great faith and godly character, their relocation has been a tremendous blessing for me. It has been a great privilege to interact and spend time with each of them. I have grown tremendously simply by working with them in the office.

God has also used HeartCry to grow our missions efforts here at First Baptist. I now have the blessing of working alongside Brother Paul in overseeing and encouraging our missionaries in Peru. I look forward with great anticipation to what God has before us.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. Your encouragement is a great blessing to us. I want to say with the Apostle Paul, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5).

I hope that you and your family have a wonderful holiday season and that you are richly blessed with every spiritual blessing.

In Jesus' name,
Chad Haygood



HEARTCRY STATUS REPORT

By God's grace and through your faithful prayers and generous giving, HeartCry is working in fourteen countries on four continents around the world. It is our passion to go much farther than where we are. For we long to see the day when a banner for Christ is raised in every nation and people group on the earth. The following is a brief status report and summary of our vision for each major area where we work.

UNITED STATES OFFICE

This has been an exciting year for HeartCry. We began the year with three U.S. staff members but have since grown to six full-time members. Each addition has been necessary so that HeartCry might grow with proper integrity and accountability. It is especially encouraging that two of the three new staff members are supported by our home church and other means. We also rejoice that all of our office space and utilities are provided free of charge by our new home church. God has provided the much needed staff and facilities without compromising our conviction to send every dollar possible to the field. With the growth of staff, our number one priority in 2007 is to visit every church and individual group or organization that so graciously supports this ministry. We are constantly aware and humbled by the fact that this ministry exists because of the gracious giving of others. Please contact us if you or your church desire a visit from us.

WEB SITE

Jon Green continues to work on the website (www.heartermissonary.com) and other media presentations for HeartCry. In the near future, we hope to have a special page on our website entitled, "Opportunities for Giving." This page will display information about special and specific needs from around the globe that have been validated by our directors and our main office. The creation of this page is the result of countless requests from supporters who desire to be more informed about specific needs for which they might pray and to which they might give.

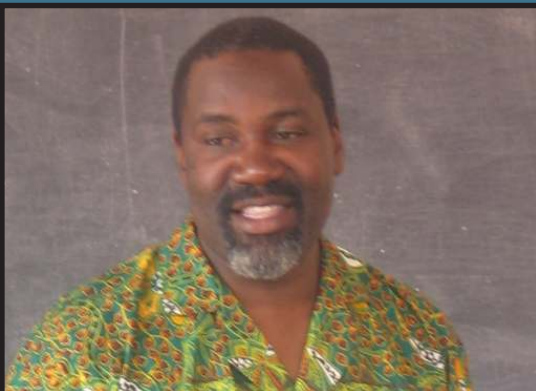
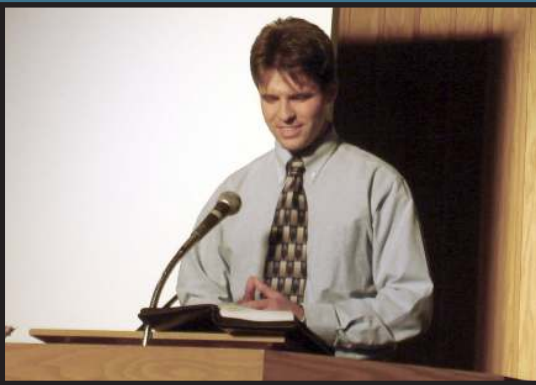
PREACHING MINISTRY

Paul Washer has spent the last few months of this year on the road. From Kentucky to Phoenix and Detroit to Chattanooga, he has preached to local churches, Bible conventions, missions conferences, and university gatherings in several states of the Union and abroad. In the upcoming year, Paul's speaking schedule in the U.S. will be curtailed in order to concentrate his efforts on the development and implementation of a theological training program for missionaries. He will also be preaching in several missionary training conferences in Eastern Europe and Asia.

PERU

In January, Chad Haygood will be returning to Peru. He will lead a team of pastors/teachers in training conferences in Lima and in the northern coastal town of Sullana. The main theme of both conferences will be hermeneutics and expository preaching. He will also be meeting with Peruvian leaders to discuss how we might continue to develop our theological training by extension program. Finally, Brother Chad will visit the works of Mario Salinas and Tomas Urbina among the Aguaruna Tribe, and the works of Martin and Gladys Marin in the jungles of San Martin.





EASTERN EUROPE

On his return to Eastern Europe, HeartCry director Sorin Prodan was extremely pleased with the unity and progress of our church planting teams. In 2005, we decided against the traditional approach of sending out one missionary or missionary family to work alone in favor of the more biblical model of sending out teams to work together and support one another under the difficult trials of church planting. We hope to have all our Eastern European missionaries working in teams by the end of 2007.

SIBERIA

We are excited to report that in December, HeartCry's Ukrainian Director Ion Gireada will be traveling to Nizhnevartovsk, Siberia, to meet with missionary Vladimir Radzihovski and the other indigenous missionaries in his fellowship. This will be a landmark event for HeartCry, and we ask for your prayers. We are also excited that we have found a way to communicate with this remote area by phone and internet. Praise the Lord for His common grace that enables men to develop technology.

ISRAEL

Antony Simon and Leonid Banchik have survived another two months of turmoil in Israel. Antony is still in danger of losing his visa because of his open evangelistic activities, while Leonid always works under the threat of another outbreak of persecution. We are planning to send Jon Green to Israel in February to make a full report on the field. Please pray for protection and for the approval of Antony's visa. Read more about Antony's and Leonid's works in this edition of HeartCry.

AFRICA

The work in Zambia continues to prosper under the direction of Conrad Mbewe and the elders of Kabwata Baptist Church. Through the diligence of HeartCry staffer Matt Glass, the communication between us has improved, and we hope to include more articles on Zambia in the upcoming magazines. As we have said many times before, we count it our great privilege to work with the church in Zambia and have a small part in the advances that are being made. Please pray for an open door to the Losi people of western Zambia. They are in desperate need of the Gospel.

THE 10/40 WINDOW

In this edition of HeartCry, we have included many exciting reports from the missionaries we sponsor in the 10/40 Window. Through the combined efforts of Matt Glass and Nathan Berry, the lines of communication between our U.S. office and this remote area have been greatly improved. In March of this new year, we have plans to travel to India to visit the headquarters of the Grace Himalayan Mission and then to visit the works at the Indo-Burmese Border, the Indo-China Border, in Nepal, and elsewhere in India. We believe that this area will become a priority for us. We are especially interested in developing a training program and providing sound theological material for our missionaries. Please continue to pray that the Lord might open every door and provide every resource needed to advance.

THEOLOGICAL TRAINING BY EXTENSION

After hundreds of years of missionary activity and countless dollars spent, it is surprising how little sound theological material is available to the churches outside the West. It is imperative that we realize that missions is primarily a theological endeavor. It is not about sending missionaries, but about sending biblical truth through missionaries. This becomes even more evident when we realize that the first churches established in a new area will have great influence over those that will follow. Also, it must be kept in mind that both television and the internet make the spread of heresy and false doctrine more rapid than ever. Our great burden is to begin to develop a curriculum in English and then translated it into some of the major languages such as Spanish, Chinese, Russian, etc. Please pray that God will lead us with wisdom and that He will also guide us to sound material already available. We have no desire to reinvent the wheel.



For this special holiday edition of HeartCry, we have chosen to meditate upon the glories of God in the incarnation of the Son of God. In the following pages are found several excerpts from the sermons of Charles Spurgeon regarding the greatest event in history - the advent of the Son of God to redeem a fallen people. We hope and pray that you might be encouraged and edified as you read.

Free Grace

by Charles Spurgeon¹

Before we can ever get a right idea of the love of Jesus, we must understand his previous glory in its height of majesty, and his incarnation upon the earth in all its depths of shame. Now, who can tell us the majesty of Christ? When he was enthroned in the highest heavens he was very God of very God; by him were the heavens made, and all the hosts thereof, by his power he hanged the earth upon nothing; his own almighty arm upheld the spheres; the pillars of the heavens rested upon him; the praises of angels, archangels, cherubim and seraphim, perpetually surrounded him; the full chorus of the Hallelujahs of the universe unceasingly flowed to the foot of his throne: he reigned supreme above all his creatures, God over all, blessed for ever. Who can tell his height, then? And yet this must be attained before we can measure the length of that mighty stoop which he took when he came to earth to redeem our souls. And who, on the other hand, can tell how low he descended? To be a man was something, but to be a man of sorrows was far more; to bleed, and die, and suffer, these were much for him who was the Son of God; but to suffer as he did - such unparalleled agony - to endure, as he did, a death of shame and a death of desertion of his God, this is a lower depth of condescending love which the most inspired mind must utterly fail to fathom. And yet must we first understand infinite height, and then, infinite depth; we must measure, in fact, the whole infinite that is between heaven and hell, before we can understand the love of Jesus Christ.

The Condescension of Christ

by Charles Spurgeon²

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich." (NASB)

II Corinthians 8:9

Jesus was rich in possessions. Lift up thine eye believer, and for a moment review the riches of my Lord Jesus, before

he condescended to become poor for thee. Behold him, sitting upon his throne and declaring his own all sufficiency. "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee, for the cattle on a thousand hills are mine. Mine are the hidden treasures of gold; mine are the pearls that the diver cannot reach, mine every precious thing that earth hath seen." The Lord Jesus might have said, "I can stretch my scepter from the east even to the west, and all is mine, the whole of this world, and yon worlds that glitter in far off space, all are mine. The illimitable expanse of unmeasured space, filled as it is with worlds that I have made all this is mine. Fly upward, and thou canst not reach the summit of the hill of my dominions; dive downwards, and thou canst not enter into the innermost depths of my sway. From the highest throne in glory to the lowest pit of hell, all, all is mine without exception. I can put the broad arrow of my kingdom upon everything that I have made.

But he had besides that which makes men richer still. We have heard of kings in olden times who were fabulously rich, and when their riches were summed up we read in the old romances, "And this man was possessed of the philosopher's stone, whereby he turned all things into gold." Surely all the treasures that he had before were as nothing compared with this precious stone that brought up the rear. Now, whatever might be the wealth of Christ in things created, he had the power of creation, and therein, lay his boundless wealth. If he had pleased he could have spoken worlds into existence; he had but to lift his finger, and a new universe as boundless as the present would have leaped into existence. At the will of his mind, millions of angels would have stood before him, legions of bright spirits would have flashed into being. He spake, and it was done, he commanded and it stood fast. He who said "Light, be," and light was had power to say to all things, "Be," and they should be. Herein, then, lay his riches; this creating power was one of the brightest jewels of his crown.

We call men rich, too, who have honor, and though men have never so much wealth, yet if they be in disgrace and shame, they must not reckon themselves amongst the rich. But our Lord Jesus had honor, honor such as none but a divine being could receive. When he sat upon his throne, before he relinquished the glorious mantle of his sovereignty to become a man, all earth was filled with his glory. He could look both beneath and all around him, and the inscription "Glory be unto God," was written over all space, day and night the smoking incense of praise ascended before him from golden viols held by spirits who bowed in reverence; the harps of myriads of cherubim and seraphim continually thrilled with his praise, and the voices of all those mighty hosts were ever eloquent in adoration. It may be, that on set days the princes from the far off realms, the kings, the mighty ones of his boundless realms, came to the court of Christ, and brought each his annual revenue. Oh, who can tell but that in the vast eternity at certain grand eras, the great bell was rung, and all the mighty hosts that were created gathered together in solemn review before his throne. Who can tell the high holiday that was kept in the court of heaven when these bright spirits bowed before his throne in joy and gladness, and, all united, raised their voices in shouts and hallelujahs such as mortal ear hath never heard. Oh, can ye tell the depths of the rivers of praise that flowed hard by the city of God? Can ye imagine to yourselves the sweetness of that harmony that perpetually poured into the ear of Jesus, Messiah, King, Eternal, equal with God his Father? No; at the thought of the glory of his kingdom, and the riches and majesty of his power our souls are spent within us, our words fail, we cannot

utter the title of his glories.

Nor was he poor in any other sense. He that hath wealth on earth, and honor too, is poor if he hath not love. I would rather be the pauper, dependent upon charity, and have love, than I would be the prince, despised and hated, whose death is looked for as a boon. Without love, man is poor - give him all the diamonds and pearls, and gold that mortal hath conceived. But Jesus was not poor in love. When he came to earth, he did not come to get our love because his soul was solitary. Oh no, his Father had a full delight in him from all eternity. The heart of Jehovah, the first person of the Sacred Trinity, was divinely, immutably linked to him, he was beloved of the Father and of the Holy Spirit; the three persons took a sacred complacency and delight in each other. And besides that, how was he loved by those bright spirits who had not fallen. I cannot tell what countless orders and creatures there are created who still stand fast in obedience to God. It is not possible for us to know whether there are, or not, as many races of created beings as we know there are created men on earth. We cannot tell but that in the boundless regions of space, there are worlds inhabited by beings infinitely superior to us: but certain it is, there were the holy angels, and they loved our Savior; they stood day and night with wings outstretched, waiting for his commands, hearkening to the voice of his word, and when he bade them fly, there was love in their countenance, and joy in their hearts. They loved to serve him, and it is not all fiction that when there was war in heaven, and when God cast out the devil and his legions, then the elect angels showed their love to him, being valiant in fight and strong in power. He wanted not our love to make him happy, he was rich enough in love without us.

Now, though a spirit from the upper world should come to tell you of the riches of Jesus he could not do it. Gabriel, in thy flights thou hast mounted higher than my imagination dares to follow thee, but thou hast never gained the summit of the throne of God. Jesus, who is he that could look upon the brow of thy Majesty, who is he that could comprehend the strength of the arm of thy might? Thou art God, thou art infinite, and we poor finite things, are lost in thee. The insect of an hour cannot comprehend thyself. We bow before thee, we adore thee; thou art God over all, blessed for ever. But as for the comprehension of thy boundless riches, as for being able to tell thy treasures, or to reckon up thy wealth, that were impossible. All we know is, that the wealth of God, that the treasures of the infinite, that the riches of eternity, were all thine own: thou wast rich beyond all thought.

His Name - Wonderful

by Charles Spurgeon ³

"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Consider, again, the incarnation of Christ, and you will rightly say, that his name deserveth to be called "Wonderful." Oh! what is that I see? Oh! world of wonders, what is that I see? The Eternal of ages, whose hair is white like wool, as white as snow, becomes an infant. Can it be? Ye angels, are ye not astonished? He becomes an infant, hangs at a virgin's breast, draws his nourish-

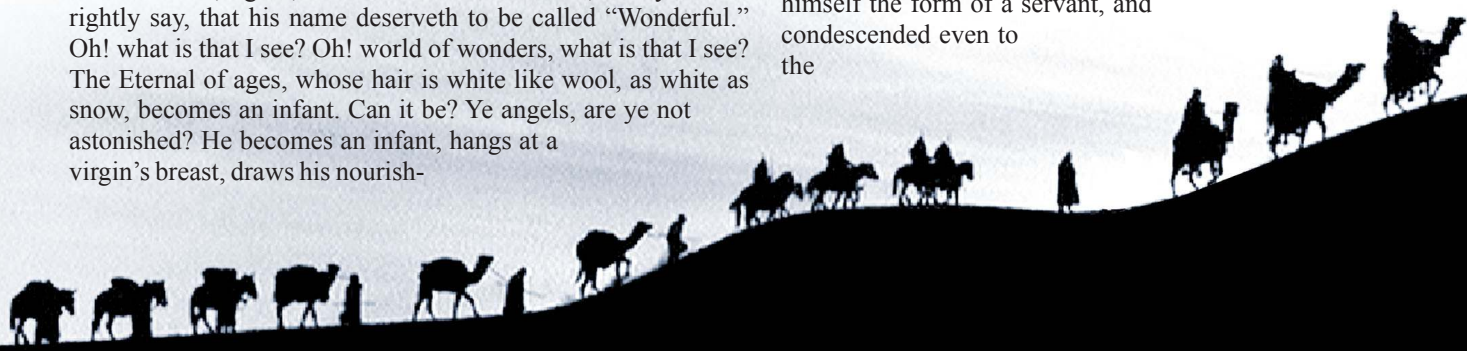
ment from the breast of woman. Oh wonder of wonders! Manger of Bethlehem, thou hast miracles poured into thee. This is a sight that surpasses all others. Talk ye of the sun, moon, and stars; consider ye the heavens, the work of God's fingers, the moon and the stars that he hath ordained; but all the wonders of the universe shrink into nothing, when we come to the mystery of the incarnation of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a marvellous thing when Joshua bade the sun to stand still, but more marvellous when God seemed to stand still, and no longer to move forward, but rather, like the sun upon the dial of Ahaz, did go back ten degrees, and veil his splendor in a cloud. There have been sights matchless and wonderful, at which we might look for years, and yet turn away and say, "I cannot understand this; here is a deep into which I dare not dive; my thoughts are drowned; this is a steep without a summit; I cannot climb it; it is high, I cannot attain it!" But all these things are as nothing, compared with the incarnation of the Son of God. I do believe that the very angels have never wondered but once and that has been incessantly ever since they first beheld it. They never cease to tell the astonishing story, and to tell it with increasing astonishment too, that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary, and became a man. Is he not rightly called Wonderful? Infinite, and an infant; eternal, and yet born of a woman; Almighty, and yet hanging on a woman's breast; supporting the universe, and yet needing to be carried in a mother's arms; king of angels, and yet the reputed son of Joseph; heir of all things and yet the carpenter's despised son. Wonderful art thou O Jesus, and that shall be thy name for ever.

No Room for Christ in the Inn

by Charles Spurgeon ⁴

Down through the ages, many have pondered why God would send His only Begotten Son to be born in a manger. In the following sermon, Spurgeon sets forth three possible reasons:

I think it was intended thus to show forth his humiliation. He came, according to prophecy, to be "despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;" he was to be "without form or comeliness," "a root out of a dry ground." Would it have been fitting that the man who was to die naked on the cross should be robed in purple at his birth? Would it not have been inappropriate that the Redeemer who was to be buried in a borrowed tomb should be born anywhere but in the humblest shed, and housed anywhere but in the most ignoble manner? The manger and the cross standing at the two extremities of the Savior's earthly life seem most fit and congruous the one to the other. He is to wear through life a peasant's garb; he is to associate with fishermen; the lowly are to be his disciples; the cold mountains are often to be his only bed; he is to say, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head;" nothing, therefore, could be more fitting than that in his season of humiliation, when he laid aside all his glory, and took upon himself the form of a servant, and condescended even to the



meanest estate, he should be laid in a manger.

By being in a manger he was declared to be the king of the poor. They, doubtless, were at once able to recognize his relationship to them, from the position in which they found him. I believe it excited feelings of the tenderest brotherly kindness in the minds of the shepherds, when the angel said - "This shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the child wrapped in swaddling-clothes and lying in a manger." In the eyes of the poor, imperial robes excite no affection, a man in their own garb attracts their confidence. With what pertinacity will workmen cleave to a leader of their own order, believing in him because he knows their toils, sympathizes in their sorrows, and feels an interest in all their concerns. Great commanders have readily won the hearts of their soldiers by sharing their hardships and roughing it as if they belonged to the ranks. The King of Men who was born in Bethlehem, was not exempted in his infancy from the common calamities of the poor, nay, his lot was even worse than theirs. I think I hear the shepherds comment on the manger-birth, "Ah!" said one to his fellow, "then he will not be like Herod the tyrant; he will remember the manger and feel for the poor; poor helpless infant, I feel a love for him even now, what miserable accommodation this cold world yields its Savior; it is not a Caesar that is born today; he will never trample down our fields with his armies, or slaughter our flocks for his courtiers, he will be the poor man's friend, the people's monarch; according to the words of our shepherd-king, he shall judge the poor of the people; he shall save the children of the needy." Surely the shepherds, and such as they - the poor of the earth, perceived at once that here was the plebeian king; noble in descent, but still as the Lord hath called him, "one chosen out of the people." Great Prince of Peace! The manger was thy royal cradle! Therein wast thou presented to all nations as Prince of our race, before whose presence there is neither barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free; but thou art Lord of all. Kings, your gold and silver would have been lavished on him if ye had known the Lord of Glory, but inasmuch as ye knew him not he was declared with demonstration to be a leader and a witness to the people. The things which are not, under him shall bring to nought the things that are, and the things that are despised which God hath chosen, shall under his leadership break in pieces the might, and pride, and majesty of human grandeur.

Further, in thus being laid in a manger, he did, as it were, give an invitation to the most humble to come to him. We might tremble to approach a throne, but we cannot fear to approach a manger. Had we seen the Master at first riding in state through the streets of Jerusalem with garments laid in the way, and the palm-branches strewed, and the people crying, "Hosanna!" we might have thought, though even the thought would have been wrong, that he was not approachable. Even there, riding upon a colt the foal of an ass, he was so meek and lowly, that the young children clustered about him with their boyish "Hosanna!" Never could there be a being more approachable than Christ. No rough guards pushed poor petitioners away; no array of officious friends were allowed to keep off the importunate widow or the man who clamored that his son might be made whole; the hem of his garment was always trailing where sick folk could reach it, and he himself had a hand always ready to touch the disease, an ear to catch the faintest accents of misery, a soul going forth everywhere in rays of mercy, even as the light of the sun streams on every side beyond that orb itself. By being laid in a manger he proved himself a priest taken from

among men, one who has suffered like his brethren, and therefore can be touched with a feeling of our infirmities. Of him it was said "He doth eat and drink with publicans and sinners;" "this man receiveth sinners and eateth with them." Even as an infant, by being laid in a manger, he was set forth as the sinner's friend. Come to him, ye that are weary and heavy-laden! Come to him, ye that are broken in spirit, ye who are bowed down in soul! Come to him, ye that despise yourselves and are despised of others! Come to him, publican and harlot! Come to him, thief and drunkard! In the manger there he lies, unguarded from your touch and unshielded from your gaze. Bow the knee, and kiss the Son of God; accept him as your Savior, for he puts himself into that manger that you may approach him. The throne of Solomon might awe you, but the manger of the Son of David must invite you.

You Shall Call His Name Jesus

*by Charles Spurgeon*⁵

"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Matthew 1:21

How grandly does the title befit him now that he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them! If in the arms of the Virgin he is the Savior, what is he on the throne of God? If wrapped in swaddling bands he is Jesus, what is he now that the heavens have received him? If in the workshop of Nazareth, and sitting in the temple among the doctors, he was the child Jesus, the Savior, what is he now that his infancy and childhood are over, and he is exalted far above all principalities and powers? If he was Jesus when on the cross, presenting himself as an offering for his people, what is he now that he hath by one sacrifice perfected for ever them that are set apart? What is he now that he sits at the right hand of God, expecting till his enemies are made his footstool...?

Why do men write about the life of Christ who know nothing about his main business and object? Why do some preach about Christ who do not know the very essence and heart of him? Think of knowing Milton, but not as a poet, and Bacon, but not as a philosopher! There is no knowing our Lord, if he be not known as a Savior; for he is that or nothing. Those who fall short of his salvation do not even know his name; how, then, should they know his person? His name is not called Jesus because he is our exemplar, though indeed he is perfection itself, and we long to tread in his footsteps; but his name is called Jesus because he has come to save that which is lost. He is Christ, too, or the anointed, but then he is Christ Jesus; that is to say, it is as a Savior that he is anointed. He is nothing if he be not a Savior. He is anointed to this very end. His very name is a sham if he does not save his people from their sins.

Footnotes:

¹ The New Park Street Pulpit, Vol.5, p.69.

² Ibid, Vol.3, p.349-351.

³ Ibid, Vol.4, p.395-396.

⁴ The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Vol.8, p.698-699.

⁵ Ibid, Vol.24, p.522, 526.

In the Fullness of Time

by Paul Washer

The coming of the Son of God into the world of men is, beyond all doubt, the most significant event in the history of mankind and stands at the very center of biblical Christianity. He did not come at random, but according to the absolute sovereign decree of God. This truth is especially revealed in Galatians 4:4-5:

"But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."
(NASB)

It would take the writing of several books to even outline the truths found in the simple phrase, "the fullness of time", but we will seek to set down a few of them in the following. Robert Raymond writes,

"When the time had fully come,' that is to say, at God's appointed time - when the Jewish diaspora had spread throughout the Romans Empire and the Old Testament had been translated into Greek, opening the eyes of the Greek world to it theological power and beauty, when the *pax Romana* (i.e., Roman peace) extended over most of the known world with great roads and the Greek language linking the empire of the Caesars and making travel and commerce possible on a scale formerly impossible, when Greek philosophical thought had atrophied into skepticism, offering no hope in human wisdom to improve the ancient world (I Corinthians 1:19-21), when the so-called civilized world as a result had sunk so low morally (Romans 1:21-32) that even pagans were crying out for relief from the rampant immorality all around them - in keeping with the Old Testament promises, prophecies, sacrifices, and other types and ordinances, all foreshadowing Christ to come, God sent His Son, 'born of a woman, born under the law'"¹

It is important to note that the phrase "fullness of time" not only proves that Christ came at the time prepared by God's providence, but that He also came at the time predicted by the Old Testament Scripture. In the following we will see that if Jesus is not the Christ, then the Scriptures have not and cannot ever be fulfilled. Consider the following remarkable truths:

* According to Genesis 49:10, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh [a reference to the Messiah as ancient Jewish writings acknowledge] comes." This prophecy promised that a descendant of Judah would reign until the coming of the Messiah. In 70 A.D. the city of Jerusalem was destroyed, the political domin-

ion and authority of the Jews was taken away, and the nation was scattered. For nearly two thousand years there has been no ruler from the tribe of Judah. If Jesus is not the Christ, then God's promise in Genesis 49:10 has not and cannot ever be fulfilled.

* According to Daniel 9:24-27, the city of Jerusalem was to be rebuilt seven weeks of years [i.e. forty-nine years] after the end of the captivity; and the Messiah would appear sixty-two weeks of years [i.e. four hundred and thirty-four years] after the rebuilding of Jerusalem. This prophecy coincides perfectly with the life of Jesus. If Jesus is not the Christ, then God's promise in Daniel 9:24-27 has failed, for the time is now long passed, and there is no longer any possibility for fulfillment.

* Both Malachi 3:1-3 and Haggai 2:6-7 teach that the Messiah was to come while the second temple was still standing. The second temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. If Jesus is not the Christ, then the prophecy has failed and cannot be fulfilled.

* According to Isaiah 11:1, the Messiah was to come at a time when the house of David would be in low estate and held in contempt, as a tree that has been cut off to its very roots: "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." Jesus appeared at such a time.

* The Messiah was to be a son or descendent of David (Jeremiah 23:5-6). All genealogical evidence was destroyed during the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. It would now be impossible to prove the genealogy of any proposed messiah.

* According to Daniel 9:27, the Messiah would confirm the New Covenant and put an end to the sacrificial system under the Old Covenant. The sacrificial system ended with the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 70 A.D. If Jesus is not the Christ, then the Old Testament sacrificial system has ended without the coming of the Messiah, and God's promise has failed.

* According to the prophets, the Messiah's coming was to be marked by the ingathering of the nations or Gentiles (Genesis 17:5; 49:10; Psalm 2:8; 22:27, 30; Isaiah 2:2-3; 11:10; 42:1-6; 49:6; 60:3). For nearly two thousand years (since the death and resurrection of Jesus), a countless multitude of Gentiles from every nation have identified themselves with the God of Israel and Israel's Scriptures. This has no parallel in prior history.

All these things are only a brief summary of what the Christian knows to be true. The prophecies of Scripture have been fulfilled and the Messiah has come to Jew first, and also to the Gentile. That Messiah is Jesus of Nazareth.

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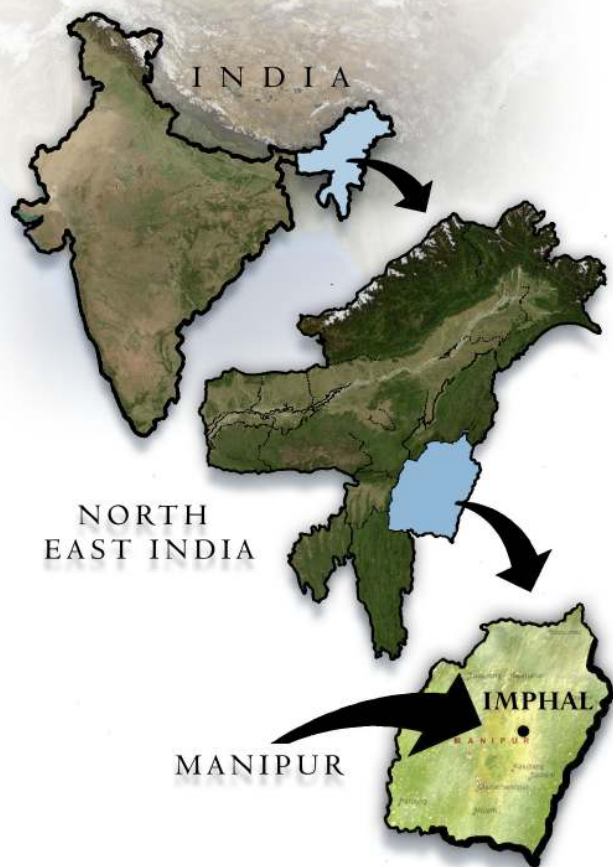
¹ A New Systematic Theology of the Christian Faith, p.545.

Partial view of the Grace Himalayan Mission and RAA campus.



A Word from the East

For the past few years, it has been our privilege to work with James and Kolmuni Dhale and the many other missionaries affiliated with the Grace Himalayan Mission (GHM) of Imphal, India. The following pages contain the year end reports from several of the missionaries who are supported through the combined efforts of GHM and the HeartCry Missionary Society. These missionaries work in some of the most remote, dangerous, and needy areas of the world - Tibet, Nepal, Myanmar, Indo-China, etc.



Greetings from James Dhale

Dear Supporters of the Grace Himalayan Mission, we are always reminded that God has not ceased to work among us. His love for the Church is evident in many ways. We have also seen His love manifested through the obedience and commitment of the believers who support His laborers and His work. We thank God for your willingness and diligence in seeing His purposes fulfilled. We also realize that so many of you give selflessly even though you yourselves are in need. Our prayer is that God Himself might meet your every need, and even more ... that He would bless you abundantly in your service to Him. Like the Apostle Paul, we can say ... "We can do all things through Him who strengthens us. Nevertheless, you have done well to share with us in our affliction" (Philippians 4:13-14). We give thanks to God for you. We do not deserve such grace, such provision ... May God bless each of you.

In Him,
James Dhale

A Brief Summary from the Grace Himalayan Mission, 2006

The following is a brief year end summary of the missionaries and ministries supported by the HeartCry Missionary Society. Each report is a tes-

Joseph has a heavy heart for missions. Our ten-year plan for reaching out to the nearest Himalayan kingdoms was prepared and designed by him. He is indeed willing to leave at any time for any mission field where the Lord might send him.

Joseph also has a great interest in income-generating projects (i.e., self-reliance projects) for the support of missions in Asia. At his initiative, a small poultry and pig farm has been set up at the GHM/RAA campus. All the proceeds from this project are being given to GHM for its work in Asia. Please pray for Joseph, his family and his ministry.



*Left: Dwarika
church, planted
by Ritesh*

*Ranah &
Joseph
Kennedy.*

*Right:
M. Lovingson's
missionary
training center
Senapati,
Manipur.*

timony to why we count it a privilege to work with and support indigenous church planting movements in the 10/40 Window and around the world. The reports were written by James Dhale.

Dr. Joseph Kennedy

God uses our brother Joseph in many different ways. Apart from his assignment to work alongside brother Ritesh Ranah in shepherding our newly established church of Nepali Hindu converts at Dwarikah, he is also actively involved in church leadership training, missionary training, and Bible translation (into his native dialect). He also supervises the GHM missionaries and their works by making regular visits to each field. His wide exposure to the mission field has opened his eyes to see the great need of the people. When he returns from such trips, he brings back reports - starving parents of ten children who are unable to go to school; helpless parents of three paralytic children who have no hope of recovery; dying churches whose doors have been literally locked while members debate over the position of pastorship in the church; thousands and thousands of unreached people with no one to preach the Gospel to them.

Mika Yinyo

Brother Mika is our missionary on the Indo-Tibetan border. He has earned our respect through his willingness to brave the terrible living conditions of the Tibetan mountain range - 12,000 ft. above sea-level. He is also undaunted by the trials and obstacles he must face. He is frequently cut off from a proper food supply for weeks and even months due to heavy snows. He must brave rigid opposition from the staunch and dominant Buddhists (In the late 1970's, severe state-wide persecutions were organized against Christians). He must endure isolation from his own people and from other Christians because of the distance and the lack of communication. He pays a high price to live and minister in a border town.

Since Mika is working in a completely new mission field, his first attempt has been to make friendships with the local people in the Monpa tribe. They are Tibetan Buddhists, and the establishment of relationships has not been an easy task. In the last few years, his painful efforts to win the hearts of this people group have finally reaped a reward. By God's grace, he has broken through and now has a handful of friends and acquaintances who attend his newly established

house church. He goes door to door everyday, building relationships, and evangelizing those who will listen.

Most members of the Monpa tribe still live in a very primitive way. During my visit there, I saw young boys walking in the markets with swords strapped around their waists. Please pray for Mika's protection. His life is always at risk because of the constant possibility of persecution, especially if the work becomes successful and visible. Please continue to pray for the house fellowship at Tawang, and please pray also for the need of another co-laborer to work with Mika.

churches: the Leichik Baptist Church and the Minda Baptist Church. The Lord has also provided for the construction of a church building in Leichik. God willing, it will be completed in the early months of 2007. There are fifteen other unreached Buddhist villages in and around Leichik and Minda. Samuel and his team are relentlessly working without a break to reach out to these unreached Buddhists. The Minda Baptist Church has a total of thirty baptized members. Their prayer is to see two new churches established in the next three years. Right now, there is a wide open door for the Gospel in



Halla Milli

Brother Halla is still working on the Indo-China border. In fact, he is one of the most sincere and hard-working missionaries in our mission. He hardly speaks, but he works silently and very effectively among his own people, the Mising tribe in Assam (North-East India). His monthly report indicates that he has at least 20-30 new contacts every week. The Mising tribe has a population of one million people with less than 300 believers. The tribe belongs to a primitive animist people group. Their settlements are always on river banks where they have easy access to water and fertile lowlands for growing their crops, but they are constantly faced with the wrath of natural calamities, such as seasonal floods which wash away their crops. It is heartening to hear that the tribe is becoming more and more responsive to the Gospel and that a third church was inaugurated in October, 2006. Praise God!

Samuel Phairong

Brother Samuel is laboring among the Buddhists in Myanmar (Burma) with three native Burmese missionaries. The names of the three missionaries are Monthuk, Tamung, and Mary (There is a need for a woman missionary to work among the women). The missionary team has already established two

Myanmar. Please pray that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into this harvest.

M. Lovingson

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 5:14).

Brother Lovingson has been laboring among the Hindus for nine years. He belongs to a Naga tribe of North-East India, but both he and his family are fluent in the Hindi language. Lovingson is a mighty prayer warrior. The Lord has used him greatly in preaching and also in praying for the sick. Bold and courageous, he has the burden and determination to go to places where the Name of Christ has never been mentioned.

Apart from his pioneer mission work among the Hindus, Lovingson also runs a missionary training center at Senapati in Manipur. He has sixteen missionary students. There is no source of income whatsoever to pay the teachers or to feed the poor missionary candidates. However, they demonstrate a real practical life of living by faith, and they lack nothing that they need to complete their day. We continue to count it a privilege and a joy to share in Lovingson's ministry. Please pray for him.

Left: Children attending the Royal Ambassadors Academy.

Right: M. Lovingson (in the green shirt) praying for the sick.

Ritesh Ranah

Brother Ritesh possesses Nepalese citizenship and was working there as our missionary. Because of the uprising of the Maoist movement, he was forced to leave Nepal and return to Manipur. While here, we took advantage of the opportunity and enrolled him in seminary to complete his Masters of Divinity. Ritesh will be graduating in March of 2007, and Lord willing, he will be going back to his former mission field in Nepal. Please pray for Ritesh and his field. He has a heart and a burden for his people in Nepal. We are also praying to appoint one more missionary to work with him in this difficult field. Please pray!

Field Expansion - Lord willing, GHM is praying about expanding its mission into other neighboring states and countries in 2007. Please pray that the Lord will give us committed missionaries for these new fields.

Royal Ambassador's Academy - The school will end its academic session on November 30, 2006. A total of 180 students (kindergarten - grade 10) were enrolled. We have about 100 residential students in the school dormitories. The others commute from nearby villages. There has never been a day without Bible study, morning and evening devotions, prayer-time, counseling, or Bible classes. Our goal is to provide an academic education guided by and based on the Word of God. The



Left: Other News

James Dhale baptising an 84-year-old Hindu convert in the river.

Baptisms - There is evidence that the Lord has saved nineteen souls through the ministry of Trinity Baptist Church, located on the Grace Himalayan campus. Among them are two Hindu converts saved through the ministries of our missionaries Biramani and Niloni.

Church Planting - Grace Himalayan Mission had the joy of establishing three new churches in the last ten months of its outreach work. Two of them are at Singjamei in Imphal and the third is among the Mising tribe in Assam.

Right: Church construction still in progress.

Church Building Construction - Grace Himalayan Mission is presently constructing three new church buildings: the Leichik Baptist Church (Myanmar), the Meitram Baptist Church (Imphal), and the Dwarika Baptist Church (Nepali village on the outskirts of Imphal). The support for these needs came through HeartCry and another individual. We are also working on the completion of a permanent church building for Trinity Baptist Church.

students come from various communities and backgrounds. Many are from non-Christian families, some are orphans, and some come from broken homes. The Lord has worked mightily among these young souls. Our prayer is that they will one day become His missionaries! Already, we have seen a keen interest in some students to commit to the Lord's work. Pray for the students.

"O our God... We do not know what to do but our eyes are on You"
- II Chronicles 20:12

In Him,
James Dhale

Persecution

In the 10/40 Window

The following is a brief account of some of the persecution experienced on the field by the missionaries of the Grace Himalayan Mission of South Asia. Each account has been personally verified by James Dhale and Dr. Joseph Kennedy.

Lamlongei Baptist Church

The Lamlongei Baptist Church was established in 2002 as a ministry of the Grace Himalayan Mission. Allen Chiru, Joykumar Singh, and Sanathoi were the pioneer members. In a short period of two years, the membership of this church grew to 45 believers - all from a Hindu background. Because of the fast conversion that swept across the entire community, a danger alarm was sounded by the Hindu religious leaders and persecution began.

Within a few weeks, the church witnessed a sudden sharp decline in membership. Because of the chaos and misunderstanding that prevailed in the region, the missionaries decided to show the Jesus Film* in order to gather a crowd and pass on the message of God's love and forgiveness. The strong crowd of over 800 Hindus, including elderly people and small children, watched the film and then heard the message which was later preached. Many of them melted under God's love, and some literally beat their hearts because Jesus was crucified on the cross for them. Many people professed Christ and the local authorities concluded that the only way to stop the further expansion of Christianity was to excommunicate all the church members from the community and keep them confined in their respective homes. Apart from being treated as outcasts, the Christians were also deprived of their rights to enjoy the local government facilities. In response, the Grace Himalayan Mission and the local church provided for the needs of the persecuted believers.

Not long after these events, the ring leader of the community who spearheaded the persecution against the believers was struck down and killed by a bolt of lightning. Please pray for the rest of the community leaders that the Lord might show His mercy to them.

** Although the Jesus Film was used in this circumstance by GHM, the HeartCry Missionary Society does not endorse the film. We do not believe that the Lord Jesus Christ can or should be portrayed by a human actor; neither do we believe that a film is an adequate substitute for the preaching of the Gospel.*

Phaknung Baptist Church

The Phaknung Baptist Church is a former ministry of the Grace Himalayan Mission which is now fully autonomous and self-supporting. In the late 1990's, a severe persecution broke out against the church to the extent that even believing children were dragged out of the worship service. The local people and their authorities also refused to let the church build a meeting house on the community property. The church

building that was finally constructed was pulled down and burned twice. It was finally agreed that the church could build a meeting house, but only according to the length, breadth, and height dictated by the local Hindu leaders. More than half of the previous church members are still missing.

Meitram Baptist Church

At this time there is no organized persecution against the church, but many of the local Hindu people are very hostile to the Gospel. They have labeled Christianity as a western religion and propagate that the believers are paid to become Christians. They say that Jesus was not the Son of God, but rather a fatherless man.

We met a man a few months ago that is a perfect example of the common hostility toward Jesus. When we tried to present the Gospel to him, he told us not to even mention the name of Jesus to him. His hatred was so great that he declared, "I hate Jesus, and if I see Him, I will kick Him." Please pray for this man. He is a carpenter by profession, but he recently fell from the top of a building and broke his leg. He is now crippled and without a job. It is truly hard to kick against the goads (Acts 26:14). Please pray for his salvation while he still lives.

Mika Yinyo and Tawang on the Indo-Tibetan Border

The town of Tawang is in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, in North East India. In the late 1970's, the Christians suffered severe persecution throughout the entire state, and almost all the church buildings were destroyed. Believers were treated with cruel hatred by the dominant Buddhists, and the freedom of religion bill (which bans all forms of conversion) was nearly passed in the Indian Parliament. Divine intervention thwarted the bill, but the results of the inhuman treatment poured out on the Christians was visible everywhere. Not a single church building was left standing, and the believers were scattered like sheep without a shepherd.

Grace Himalayan missionary Mika Yinyo is laboring relentlessly to encourage the hiding believers to come forward and reorganize the church. He has already collected a sizeable number of believers, and is on his way to



reestablishing the church. Along with this good news, there are rumors of persecution on the horizon. The present District Administrator, who is a Christian, is being transferred to another post. If the new administrator is hostile toward Christianity, things may change for the worse. At the moment, the rapid regathering of the believers is so outstanding that it poses as a real threat to the dominant Buddhists. Please pray for Mika and the other believers who are with him. The future of the church and the plight of the believers in the border town of Tawang is very uncertain.

Myanmar (Burma) Field

Grace Himalayan missionary Samuel Phairong is working with three of his Burmese co-workers in six different villages in Northwest Myanmar. The Lord has helped him in the past four years to establish two Baptist churches among the Buddhist converts. Myanmar is a highly restricted area and the greatest care is necessary to work among the people. Tamung is the native leader in that area and is presently the pastor of Liechik Baptist Church. He has already served more than one year in prison for preaching the Gospel. The term could have been extended to seven years, but God graciously intervened. His able leadership and the far-reaching influence of his ministry does not go unnoticed by the present hostile government. In spite of the continued risk, we thank God who has delivered him from the clutches of the evil one and has enabled him to return to his pioneer mission field with more zeal and enthusiasm.

Evangelist Martyred

Our martyred brother's name and field of labor are not given in this report in order to protect his wife and children.

Our brother S _____ died a martyr last year in his mission field in the state of U _____ P _____, India. He and family worked among the radical Hindu fundamentalists. Humanly speaking, it is extremely dangerous to work in such territories, but he and his entire family took the plunge, and witnessed the mighty works of God wrought through them. Even though the time was too short for them to organize a visible church, the Lord used them mightily to convert many Hindus.

During their stay on the mission field, their neighbors showed them hospitality, and there was no sense of any danger. But one fateful evening when Simon and his wife were witnessing to a neighborhood family everything changed. Simon's wife returned home early to attend to her domestic chores, but he decided to stay for tea. Although he thought the tea tasted strange, he did not want to be impolite and finished the drink. As the poison began to have an effect upon him, his only prayer was to reach home and find his family. By God's grace he made it home and fell on the verandah where the family was accustomed to sleep because of the intense heat. All the efforts to revive his life proved futile.

S _____'s wife and children are now with us on the Grace Himalayan campus. She ministers as a Bible teacher and evangelist to women. Our Royal Ambassadors Academy gave full scholarships to her three children. Please pray for them.



A canal off Inlay Lake in Myanmar. The boats belong to the local fishermen. They remind us of the countless multitudes whose lives are empty and adrift without Christ.

A Word From Israel

News from Antony Simon

Shalom from Jerusalem,

Another year is speeding toward its end, and we continue to give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and mercy to us. We have seen amazing things accomplished and give praise to the living God. Thank you for your prayers and support. We really appreciate your care and concern for us in support and in prayer. By God's grace we have expanded our work, and by God's grace we will continue to do so in the upcoming year.



New Horizons

We bought a four-wheel drive vehicle in July and have begun to take people into the desert through our evangelistic tours. This vehicle is a blessing. All the staff make fun of my driving. They say that when I preach the people go to sleep, but when I drive the jeep, the people pray.

The desert is so rich with Gospel illustrations and visual aids which explain the truths of the Bible. The shepherds and the sheep, the wells and water, caves and camels bring the Scriptures to life. It was in this desert that Jesus, John the Baptist, and the Patriarchs walked. Even the wild deer that wander here tell the Gospel story. We are looking forward to seeing the desert after the first rains come and it blossoms like a rose.

We continue to travel to Jordan every month for two days and have had many opportunities to present the Gospel to Arabs. We have been visiting this area for over a year and a half and have come to know a few people very well. We have also had some marvelous opportunities to share our faith. On our last journey we went to Mount Nebo - the place where Moses was shown the promised land by God - and we saw a glorious sunset. As we drove down the mountain, we met some Bedouin who invited us to eat with them. By the fire, over food, on Mount Nebo, under the stars, we discussed life's greatest questions,

the Gospel story, God and man, etc. We even managed to leave with them some evangelistic CDs in Arabic. They were warmly received. We have greatly enjoyed the opportunities we have had to share the Gospel in Jordan. The believers who have journeyed with us have been both greatly encouraged and challenged. This month will be our last trip to Jordan, but we hope to resume the journeys again in the spring.

One day, it would be wonderful to begin an international meeting for both Arabs and Jews, even here in Jerusalem. It would be the greatest privilege to go verse by verse through the Bible and let God's Word speak to us. Both Jews and Arabs need the Gospel, and in both groups there are people who are searching for the truth.



Summer Outreach

We had an exceptionally good Gospel campaign in the summer. We went into hospitals and met wounded soldiers. We even visited a tent city with Israeli refugees from the north of Israel. It was an unusual time, the Israeli-Hizbullah war had just ended, tensions were very high, and people who would normally not be interested in spiritual things were especially open. We had opportunities that one does not normally have, and there was genuine good will and appreciation wherever we went. We even went to the Israeli-Lebanese border and ministered to soldiers who had just come from the front line. Even though they knew that we were believers, we were welcomed. We hoped that while we encouraged them and shared the Gospel with them, that they would examine life's eternal questions. We are planning to have two campaigns next year during the first ten days of April and then another in September.

Continuing Projects

We continue with our regular long-term outreach projects, such as the distribution of DVDs, Bibles, and other literature. Most of the time this involves the tedious work of handing out leaflets, putting up advertisements, distributing invitations, and stuffing mailbox after mailbox. It is a great blessing to us when volunteers come to help us from other countries. Although they may not speak the language or understand Hebrew, this is something that they can do that will have a great impact. Such activi-

ties always lead to invitations for us to send more information, or to even return to the home for personal discussion.

The weekly tours continue to go well. We currently offer three to five tours a week on Fridays and Saturdays. The main aim of these tours is to reach people with the Gospel. We take our guests to the very places found in the Bible and show them what the Bible actually teaches as opposed to the traditions of men. Our tours are known as "Christian" tours, and many come simply because they are curious. We meet so many different people from all over the world. We also have a tour on Friday morning to the old city of Jaffa. The tour is led by Leonid Banchik. Leonid also leads special tours to Jerusalem, as well as a number of weekly Bible studies in various places which are all going well. Please remember Leonid in your prayers.

Recently, we were approached by a woman who is not a believer who asked us to help her visit wounded soldiers. Her name is Irina. Please pray that God will open the door so that we might present the Gospel to her, and so that we might be able to use these opportunities to present the Gospel to the soldiers and their families.

The Congregation

The congregation in Jerusalem is growing, and we have been blessed with good fellowship. There have been both difficulties and blessings. We value your prayers as we seek ways to improve and become what God wants us to be. Please pray for the new members, especially for the families and young men. We need people who are willing to take up the mantle of service.

The meetings are also going well in Kiryat Gat, but we have still not found a leader to take over the work. It is not ideal to serve in two places, but until God raises up a leader, we will continue to serve as best we can. Please continue to pray with us for wisdom and grace as we seek to encourage the saints He has entrusted to us.

We are hoping that a brother named Michael, a longtime friend, might be able to join us in this ministry. For several years he has worked with a large mission in Israel, but for conscience sake he has recently decided to leave. He has been deeply involved in evangelism and church life and has great experience in training people in the local church. He is an able teacher and preacher who speaks both Russian and Hebrew fluently. He would be a great asset to our ministry. We would value your prayers as he seeks guidance in searching out the support he needs.

On a personal note, I have yet to have a new word from the Ministry of Interior regarding the renewal of my visa, and I value your continued prayers for this matter. My family is well and we are trusting the Lord for our future. We send a special thank you to all our brothers and sisters for your prayers, your continued support, your concern, and trust. We thank Him for all that we are able to accomplish. It is a privilege that we hold dear.

His Every Blessing,
Antony and Dona Simon

Photo: Leonid conducts a tour of Jerusalem which gives him the opportunity to share the Gospel with many Jewish and non-Jewish tourists.

News from Leonid Banchik

Dear brothers and sisters! Greetings to you from Israel!

The war is over, and times are hard for Israel. Our people are trying to forget what happened and turn away from the frightening memories. For this reason there are more people coming to our evangelistic tours, and I have decided to start additional tours in Jerusalem. One of them is to the Davidson Archeological Gardens near the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. This route allows me to tell people about the sacrificial system in the Temple and the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus. Near the mount, we visit a first century market with ancient ruins from the time of Jesus. It becomes clear why the Lord threw out the money changers and all those that bought and sold. Their tables were supposed to be at the market, but they were selling on the Holy Mountain and in the House of the Lord. They turned it into a “den of thieves”.

I think the most interesting part of the tour is the steps that lead to the Temple. Each step was purposely made a different size so that people would not run or advance too quickly. It taught them to come to the Lord in humility and not to rush indifferently. It was probably at this place that Jesus told His disciples about the future of the Temple.

“And as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples saith unto Him, ‘Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!’ And Jesus answering said unto him, ‘Seest thou these great buildings? There shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down’” (Mark 13:1-2).

When on the last tour I read these words, people began to ask many questions: Why was the Temple destroyed? Why was it not restored during the last 2000 years? When would it be rebuilt? As a result of these questions, we began an important and useful discussion. Everyone was involved, and no one was indifferent. After the tour, we asked the people to leave us their addresses so we could visit them again.

With great joy, I minister in the works in Jerusalem and Tel-Aviv. I preach and lead Bible studies and do



the tours in Jerusalem and Jaffa. I have recently finished writing a book, *Around Jerusalem with the Bible*, and I hope that it will be published before the end of this year. Please pray for this. The book would be a useful tool on our tours. Through this book people can come to know the great truth of Jesus Christ.

Pray for the peace of Israel and Jerusalem. Thank you for your prayers. May the Lord bless you!

Sincerely,
Your brother in the Lord,
Leonid Banchik.



THE HEARTCRY MISSIONARY SOCIETY



The HeartCry Missionary Society publishes a bimonthly magazine free of charge to all who request it. The primary purpose of our magazine is to share something of the great work that God is doing in the world through indigenous missions. In our publication, we share more than mission statistics, but provide personal testimonies and reports from the field that let the reader see something of the heart of the missionaries and the struggles they endure for the sake of the Name. We do all this with the goal of encouraging believers in the West to turn away from the vanities of this world, follow hard after Christ, and give themselves to the fulfillment of the Great Commission in the world. Remember: We are called to either go down in the well, or hold the rope for those who go down!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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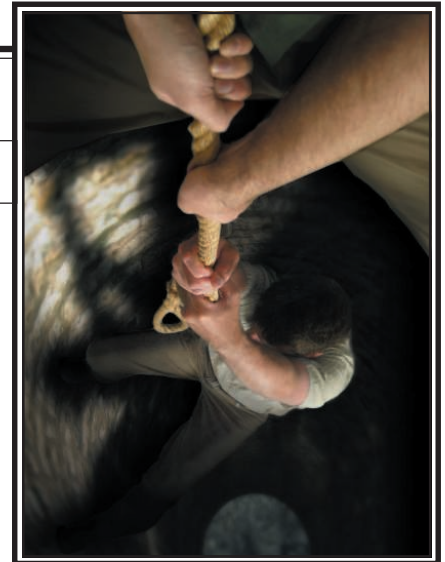


COME OVER... AND HELP US

The harvest is truly plentiful and the laborers are few. At this moment, there are countless works throughout the world that could be expanded if only Christians would turn from the vanities of this world and give themselves to the will of God in making the Gospel known to every man, woman, and child under heaven. The Great Commission can be divided into two distinct, but interrelated ministries. You are either called to go down into the well (i.e. go as a missionary) or hold the rope for those who go down (i.e. support missionaries). Either way, there will be scars on your hands. Those who do not go are called to support those who do with the same dedication and sacrifice. Where are your scars? What has it cost you to fulfill the Great Commission?

ACTS 16:9

As a Christian, you have been called to participate fully and sacrificially in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) in either going to the unreached or supporting those who go. However, it may not be God's will for you to do so through this ministry. Please seek the Lord in prayer and in the study of the Scriptures before sending financial support. Please do not send financial support to this ministry if you are not being faithful in giving to your local church.





HOW TO GIVE

There are many needs on the mission field and many ways to give to the HeartCry Missionary Society. If you are first faithful in giving to your own local congregation, and if the Lord is leading you to join with us, we would ask you to prayerfully consider giving your gift to one of the following possibilities:

★ General Fund:

This is the backbone of HeartCry. It provides for the support of the indigenous missionaries, the U.S. staff, and the general operational expenses of our mission.

★ Pastoral Library Fund:

This fund is used to provide basic theological libraries to indigenous missionaries. The libraries usually include a Study Bible, concordance, Bible dictionary, Systematic Theology, and one volume commentary.

★ Special Needs:

For many years, supporters of this ministry have asked us to make known to them any special needs that might arise on the mission field. In order to avoid any possibility of producing or manipulating our fellow believers, we have been very reluctant in the past to share these needs even when asked. Through much prayer, and the wise counsel of our board and longtime supporters, we have decided to share, with great discretion, certain valid needs that are communicated to us from the mission field. In the near future, these needs will be presented on our web page www.heartcrymissionary.com under the menu title: "Opportunities for Giving".

WHERE TO GIVE

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