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Dear Family of God,

PRAISE THE LORD! Praise Him in His sanctuary! Praise Him in His mighty expanse! Praise Him for His mighty deeds! Praise Him for His excellent greatness! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!¹

BLESS THE LORD, O my soul, and forget none of His benefits! Bless the Lord, who pardons all our iniquities, and heals all our diseases! Bless the Lord, who redeems our life from the pit, who crowns us with lovingkindness and compassion! Bless the Lord, who has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities; who has removed our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west! Bless the Lord whose lovingkindness is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children!²

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD for He is good for His steadfast love endures forever! Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!³ That His way may be known on the earth, and His salvation among all nations. Let the peoples praise Him! May God bless us, that all the ends of the earth may fear Him.⁴

The above Scriptures are a reflection of our appreciation for the Lord's constant kindness towards us. For all of us, this has been a year of trial. We have heard reports of many ministries around the globe that have had to seriously curtail their endeavors as the economy slips further into recession. There is great uncertainty

in the land, but God is faithful and His mercies endure forever. There is nothing impossible for Him and He delights to vindicate even the smallest confidence of His children. Our faith is frail and our prayers are oftentimes too infrequent, but our God is both able and willing to do exceedingly above and beyond all that we ask or think. His gracious return far exceeds our investment in prayer. We regret that we are not what we should be, but we praise Him that He is everything that He claims to be.

Because of His faithfulness (not ours), we continue to press on. The uncertainty in this world is not a hindrance to our ministry, but a catalyst. It provides the greatest opportunity to believe our God, and to declare to the world that He is not subject to adverse circumstance. He is a great God and a great King above all gods!⁵ He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth.⁶

The Great Commission is still in affect, and there are still countless multitudes without the knowledge of Christ. We must press on until His Name is Great among all nations, and the knowledge of God covers the earth as the water covers the seas.

Your Brother,

¹Psalm 150:1-2, 6

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“Not called!” did you say? “Not heard the call,” I think you should say. Put your ear down to the Bible, and hear Him bid you go and pull sinners out of the fire of sin. Put your ear down to the burdened, agonized heart of humanity, and listen to its pitiful wail for help. Go stand by the gates of hell, and hear the damned entreat you to go to their father’s house and bid their brothers and sisters and servants and masters not to come there. Then look Christ in the face -- whose mercy you have professed to obey -- and tell Him whether you will join heart and soul and body and circumstances in the march to publish His mercy to the world.

William Booth,

Founder of the Salvation Army

THE WORLD OUR PARISH

“Wherever there is found a man, there is the minister free to preach. The whole world is our parish, we know of no fetter upon our feet, and no gag upon our lips. Though kings should pass laws, the servants of Christ can bear the penalty, but they cannot disobey their Master, though the Emperor should say the gospel should not be preached by any unauthorized denomination in France, as I have heard he has said of late, we care not for him. What cares the Church for a thousand Emperors? Their resolutions are mockery, their laws waste-paper, the Church never was yet vassal to the state, or servile slave to municipalities and powers, and she neither can nor will be. At all the laws of states, she laughs, and utterly defies them, if they come in the way of the law of Christ which says, ‘Teach the gospel to every creature.’ Brethren, I say, the Church has a right anywhere and everywhere - a right, not because she is tolerated; the word is insult; not because the law permits; the law permitting or not permitting, tolerated or untolerated, everywhere beneath the arch of God’s heaven, God’s servants have a right to preach. Oh that they would claim the right, and in every place teach and preach Jesus Christ continually!”

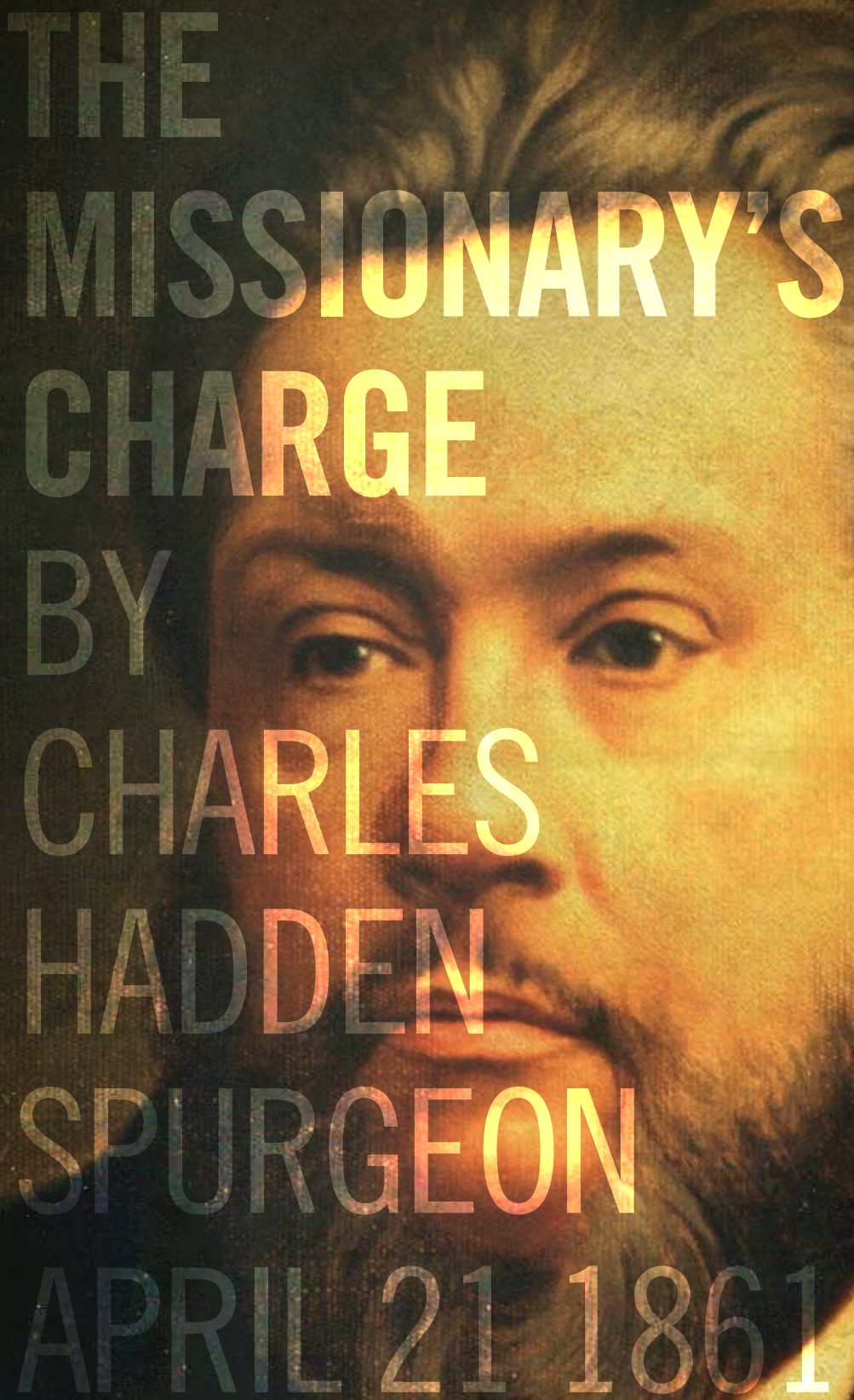
Charles Spurgeon

The Metropolitan Tabernacle Pulpit, Vol.7, p.285-28

“Missionary work is church work. It is not a steady stream of glamorous and exciting events, but a slow and steady perseverance in preaching, teaching, evangelizing, and shepherding. ”

Brad White

HeartCry Missionary Society, South American Director

A close-up, high-contrast portrait of Charles Hadden Spurgeon, showing his face and beard in warm, golden light. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

THE MISSIONARY'S CHARGE BY CHARLES HADDEN SPURGEON APRIL 21 1861

"This is without a doubt the most powerful sermon on missions that I have every read or heard."

Paul David Washer

A SERMON DELIVERED ON SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 21ST, 1861, AT THE METROPOLITAN TABERNACLE, NEWINGTON

“And JESUS came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, go ye, therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.”

Matthew 28:18-19

WHILE I was meditating in private upon this text I felt myself carried away by its power. I was quite unable calmly to consider its terms, or to investigate its argument. The command with which the text concludes repeated itself again, and again, and again in my ears, till I found it impossible to study, for my thoughts were running hither and thither, asking a thousand questions, all of them intended to help me in answering for myself the solemn enquiry, “How am I to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?” The practical lesson seemed to me to overwhelm in my mind the argument of which that lesson is but a conclusion, “Go ye and teach all nations.” My ears seemed to hear it as if Christ were then speaking it to me. I could realize his presence by my side. I thought I could see him lift his pierced hand, and hear him speak, as he was wont to speak, with authority, blended with meekness, “Go ye and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the All-glorious God.” Oh! I would that the Church could hear the Savior addressing these words to her now, for the words of Christ are living words, not having power in them yesterday alone, but today also. The injunctions of the Savior are perpetual in their obligation, they were not binding upon apostles merely, but upon us also, and upon every Christian does this yoke fall, “Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” We are not exempt today from the service of the first followers of the Lamb, our marching orders are the same as theirs, and our Captain requires from us obedience as prompt and perfect as from them. Oh that his message may not fall upon deaf ears, or be heard by stolid souls!

Brethren, the heathen are perishing; shall we let them perish? His name is blasphemed, shall we be quiet and still? The honor of Christ is cast into the dust, and his foes revile his person and resist his throne, shall we his soldiers suffer this, and not find our hands feeling for the hilt of our sword, the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God? Our Lord delayeth his coming; shall we begin to sleep, or to eat, or to be drunken? Shall we not rather gird up the loins of our mind, and cry unto him, “Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly?” The scoffing skeptics of these last days have said that the anticipated conquest of the world for Christ is but a dream, or an ambitious thought, which crossed our leader’s mind, but which never is to be accomplished. It is asserted by some that the superstitions of the heathen are too strong to be battered down by our teachings, and that the strongholds of Satan are utterly impregnable against our attacks. Shall it be so? Shall we be content foolishly to sit still? Nay, rather let us work out the problem, let us prove the promise of God to be true; let us prove the words of Jesus to be words of soberness; let us show the efficacy of his blood and the invincibility of his Spirit, by going in the spirit of faith, teaching all nations, and winning them to the obedience of Christ our Lord.

I do not know how to begin to preach this morning, but still it seems to me, standing here, as if I heard that voice saying, “Go thou, therefore, and teach all nations;” and my soul sometimes pants and longs for the liberty to preach Christ where he was never preached before; not to build upon another man’s foundation, but to go to some untrodden land, some waste where the foot of Christ’s minister was never seen, that there “the solitary place might be glad for us, and the wilderness rejoice and blossom as the rose.” I have made it a solemn question whether I might not testify in China or India the grace of Jesus, and in the sight of God I have answered it. I solemnly feel that my position in England will not permit my leaving the sphere in which I now am, or else tomorrow I would offer myself as a missionary. Oh, do none of you hear the call this morning?

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DIRECTOR UPDATES

In the following, the HeartCry regional directors provide you with a general and current overview of the progress of the Gospel in their respective region.

Africa by Sean Reece

The following is Sean and Shannon Reece's account of their first visit with their families to the Lozi tribe of western Zambia. After years of preparation, they are finally working as full-time missionaries among the people they love.



Two weeks ago, we finished our three week marathon of customs, immigration, internet, and banking. The day after our new bank accounts were finally opened, we loaded our newly registered vehicles and headed for the bush. For two and a half years I had dreamed of the day that I would drive my family up the road to the Lozi village of Ilwendo. Emotions soared within me as we left the paved road and bounced in a cloud of dust for the next fifty kilometers along the Zambezi River.

As we crested the final hill, our trusty Lozi co-laborer Dominic and his entire Bible-study group were waiting to greet us. My emotions soared even higher! What a privilege that we have been entrusted with these precious souls. Our family's reaction to the site of our future home was everything I had hoped. In fact, Joyce and the kids enjoyed camping in the bush so much that they did not want to return to Livingstone.

In our two short days in the bush, we conducted two teaching sessions, each lasting over two hours. For the unconverted, we taught on the errors of their beliefs concerning ancestor worship. For those who showed evidence of conversion, we taught on replacing jealousy and rivalry with humility and servanthood. Each session was followed by an intense question and answer time. We were thrilled to see that Dominic's Bible study group had grown with the young men who are questioning the false religions that dominate the Lozi people.

The Q&A times revealed some of the false teaching with which these poor people are wrestling. The New Apostle cult has flooded Zambia with their damnable heresies. I was shocked to learn that the indulgence system is still alive and well five hundred years after Martin Luther confronted the Catholics. In fact, it is amazing how much the New Apostle cult resembles this Catholic heresy of the 1500's. The incredibly impoverished Lozi are taught to pray, pay money to the church, and be baptized for their dead relatives (especially infants who die) in order to transfer their souls from hell to heaven. New Apostle members are not allowed to read their own Bibles or bring them to worship meetings. Only the "shepherd" is allowed to read the Bible during his teaching, and no one is allowed to question him publicly. You can imagine how shocking it is to the Lozi when we teach directly from the Scriptures, encourage them to bring their Bibles, and gladly respond to their questions! Many are drawn to this startling contrast, but it is not easy for them to walk away from years of bondage to a man-centered religion. Pray that God might reveal to them the glories of His Gospel of grace.

Our families accompanied us to greet Dominic's Bible study group and the village chief. They all rejoiced that God had been faithful to make a way for us to finally live and work among them. At the same time, the chief had an unpleasant surprise for us. He insisted that we come back the next week to meet the royal council concerning the land. Since we also had friends coming from the U.S. who wanted to visit the village, this required that we make three back-to-back trips to the bush in three weeks.

We returned to Livingstone with our families, rested for a couple of days, and then headed back to Ilwendo. The next two days were pretty brutal – driving long hours on horrible roads, waiting and more waiting, meetings and more meetings with the chiefs and the royal council. The worst part was having to behold our ugly pride and selfishness as we unwillingly catered to demand-

ing, presumptuous, and ungrateful villagers who cared nothing for our Bible teaching, but only valued our services as a taxi and ambulance. To top it all off, our visit to the royal council resolved nothing. We must return in a few weeks to meet the senior chief and get his final approval. Afterwards, some delegates from the council must officially mark off our land boundaries. Needless to say, the matter of where we will build and live among the Lozi is nowhere near settled.

There were a few bright spots in the trip. We had “one-on-one” discipleship time with Dominic and his friends, and we were thrilled with the simple faith and humility that the Spirit is forming in our brother Dominic. We learned that the unplanned and inconvenient return to the Lozi officials was not for them, but for Dominic and the hand full of disciples that are with him. Please pray for us as we continue learning to live every moment in submission to our Master’s will.

Asia by Matt Glass

The Lord continues His constant, often quiet work of exalting His Name among the nations. The more and more I am able to travel and visit with believers throughout Asia, the more I am encouraged by what God is doing. The more I spend time with God’s people, the less visible the idols of Hinduism and Buddhism become and the more faint the Muslim call to prayer. It is another proof that, “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” (John 1:5). Because of this, I am greatly encouraged. As a disciple, I am learning to “take heart” because Jesus has “overcome the world” (John 16:33).



Every month I receive reports from all over Asia, such as the following from Asih Pamitran in Indonesia:

“One man named Tatang decided to take Jesus as his Savior on March 26. He is so diligent and many changes have taken place in his life since his conversion. He often gives testimony in our Sunday service. It is so great to watch a person like Tatang. He is just a new believer, but he is brave to tell the Gospel to his friends. Pray for him because next month he will attend catechism so that he can learn more about Jesus.”

Praise God for another soul swept into the Kingdom! However, over and over again we are reminded by Scripture that the goal is not simply the salvation of a soul, but also conformity to Christ. We are commissioned to make disciples and not just to be the Lord’s instruments through which someone comes to saving faith in Christ. This is why Paul the missionary told the Colossians:

“Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me” (1:28-29).

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, and Siberia. Pray that God might enable them not only to be the means through which souls are saved, but also the means through which those souls might advance in grace and Christlike maturity.

In October, pastors from the USA are traveling to India and Bangladesh to teach church planters and pastors. Jim Elliff from Kansas City, Missouri, and John Baker from Carbondale, Illinois, will be teaching on the nature and function of the church. They will be meeting with several church planters and pastors from India and Bangladesh. Pray that the Lord might bless their meetings and that the Holy Spirit might help them to clearly and profoundly communicate God’s truth. Also, Ken Askew from Tharptown, Alabama, will be traveling with me to the northern part of West Bengal, India. We will meet for several days with a small, yet growing fellowship of believers. Most of the teaching will center upon justification, regeneration, and its fruit in the lives of believers.

Australia by Holden Barry



Dr. Nathan Berry and I recently returned home from our trip to South and Western Australia. The Lord graciously exceeded our expectations, and we are praising Him for the wonderful privilege to meet and fellowship with the saints there. We were amazed to hear them tell us of all that the Lord is doing in “the land down under.” There is a small network of people scattered throughout the continent whom the Lord has raised up “for such a time as this” and they are all uniting together for one great purpose – to proclaim the Gospel of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

We spent the majority of our trip in Adelaide, South Australia, where we met with Daniel Kissell to discuss the possibilities of a church plant. Our main objectives were to get better acquainted with him, his family, and the others who sense the call to this work. We also considered and prayed about the many details of planting a church in Australia. It was a joy for us to become better acquainted with these brothers and sisters. Daniel (33 yrs), and his wife, Amanda have five children and one on the way. Daniel senses the call to be an elder, and plans to quit his job in the near future in order to work full-time in church planting. Both he and Amanda are resigned to doing the Lord’s will. They are counting the cost and seeking the Lord concerning all things in their lives.

In the city of Adelaide, we also had the privilege of meeting a group of young men and hearing about their passion for the lost. They are known as the Timothy Fellowship, and they work with Daniel in discipleship and evangelism. These brothers are not just concerned for the lost in Australia, but also for the many lost people among the islands just north of them in Indonesia. One of the great things about Australia is that it is close to Indonesia and it is fairly inexpensive to travel there. Some of the brothers we met are very excited about reaching this needy area with the Gospel and have already spent much of their time training a handful of indigenous men.

Midway through the trip we were able to travel to Perth, Western Australia where we spent two and a half days with Richard Ellery and his family. Richard and his wife Jane are both doctors and have two young children. They work together at the medical clinic that they run from their home. The Lord has clearly set them apart for ministry. They do not charge money for the health care which they provide through the clinic, but simply trust the Lord to provide the funds through donations. Richard and Jane have a desire to be part of a local biblical church and have already begun some of the first stages of planting a church in their community. The Ellery’s conduct a weekly Bible study in their home which we had the privilege of attending during our visit. It was a blessing to be able to worship with the handful of families there in Perth who are very much alone in their desire to be part of a God-glorifying local church.

Both the Ellery’s and the Kissell’s are seeking the Lord concerning the future. These two families plan to meet and correspond more in the upcoming weeks to discuss the possibilities of church planting. It is still unclear at this point whether the Lord would have them come together in the planting of one church or to plant two separate churches in their respective areas. In either case, the Lord is raising up these men along with their families to impact the lost and encourage the saints.

While in Perth, we were able to meet with Pastor Brian from Derby, Western Australia. He and his wife are currently serving at Derby People’s Church among the Aboriginal communities. They and the others from the church (most of which are Aborigine) are laboring to raise up pastors, evangelists, and missionaries to send out among the many communities surrounding the Derby area. It was a blessing to meet this husband and wife team, and to hear about what the Lord is doing through them.

It is not difficult to discern all the many different ways and places in which the Lord is working in the area of Australia. He is doing a mighty work through many different individuals who are in great need of much prayer. Please pray for the Kissell’s and the Ellery’s. Pray that the Lord might give them much wisdom and discernment in their desire to plant a church. Ask the Lord

to continue empowering and equipping the young men who are burdened for Indonesia. Also, remember Pastor Brian, his wife Jane, and the Derby People's Church. Pray that the Lord might continue to raise up more laborers for this ministry, and that He might strengthen and sustain the church of Aborigines to be a light in the midst of much darkness. Our God is great and mighty in all His ways, and it is overwhelming to contemplate all that He is doing in and through the lives of these believers.

E. Europe by Don Currin

Recent election results provoked violent protests in Moldova as the Communist Party retained its power with fifty percent of the vote. Protestors insisted that the elections were fraudulent, including the votes of deceased persons and those who work abroad. One of our HeartCry missionaries in Moldova has requested that we refrain from inquiring via email about the national crisis since any communication has the potential of imperiling the lives and families of our fellow-servants.



Although some residents have been killed and hundreds arrested, the people of Moldova, including our HeartCry missionaries, function under the oversight of a good and merciful God. We take great comfort in knowing that He rides upon all storms and there is no panic in Heaven.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters that they might stand steadfast for the sake of the Gospel. Pray for the safety of their families and the saints whom they have the privilege of serving. Furthermore, please pray for the surrounding countries that Communism will not regain control and that the truth of a conquering Christ will prevail in the government.

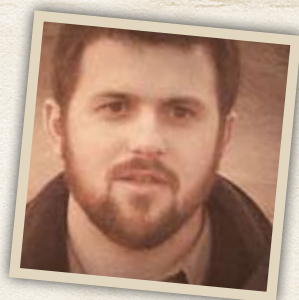
Middle East by Marc Glass

We are continuing to see God's faithfulness in our work in the Middle East. In many ways, this faithfulness is not so much evident through great victories and multitudes coming to the faith, but in God's pruning and defining work in the character of our missionaries.

In Lebanon, Mohammad and his family are relocating their place of residence from Beirut to Tyre, where the church plant is taking place. For the last eight months both Walid and Mohammad have been living in Beirut and driving two hours each day to minister to the people of Tyre. The move will allow us to have a full-time worker in this important city to the south.

Walid and Mohammad have recently passed through some tense moments with the religious Muslims in the Palestinian camp where they are ministering. These men began opposing their evangelistic efforts in the camp and then turned to pressuring the residents of the camp to discontinue any and every interaction with the church. Though Walid and fellow-worker Said have continued visiting other families in the same camp, most of the Palestinians have quit coming to the church on Sunday. In spite of this disappointment, a large number of Shiite children have started attending the church. Though the children are often times unruly, even stealing things from the church, Walid said that it is fine with him. Regardless of what they do, their presence gives him the opportunity to tell them, "Jesus died for sinners like you."

A door has also opened up for Walid and Mohammad to begin traveling to the deep south of Lebanon (Hezbollah territory) to hand out Bibles. They have met both an American Christian family and a few Lebanese Muslim families who have invited them into their homes to study.



A view from *the* FIELD

Asih Pamitran

Indonesia

This report highlights the work of the missionary team “Asih Pamitran” (Fellowship of Love) in Indonesia. The team is not only seeking to plant churches, but also to aid the poor and persecuted Christians in Indonesia. The report was written by Trevor Johnson, an American missionary who first introduced HeartCry to “Asih Pamitran.”

Who would have thought that quilts could be an effective strategy for ministry in a tropical country? Asih Pamitran engages in a variety of business endeavors to not only support the ministry by the work of their hands, but also to provide poor Christians with a means of livelihood, to train Christians in self-support, and to provide an excuse for entering otherwise closed Muslim villages. One queen size quilt provides ten days worth of wages for ten women.

The team’s tent making ministry includes dog breeding, quilt making, fabricating bricks, and raising goats and cattle. They have even learned to make perfume from a special tree that is native to the area. They have also constructed fish ponds to help the poor villagers from Talegong so that they might support themselves after an angry crowd of Muslims burned their homes. This occurred two years ago as a result of several high-profile conversions to Christianity in the area.

Each day of work begins with prayer and singing [except in areas where the public singing of hymns would incite a riot]. Regular Bible studies are also provided and the women are taught to pray over each other’s needs. Key Christian women are also trained in evangelism so that they might show the love of Jesus to others.

The women almost always sew together in a group and spend all day in discussion. Many times, one will find a group of three or four strong Christian ladies sewing together with several Muslim women. The business is open to Muslims so that they might hear about the love of Jesus even as they earn needed money for their families. Although the quilt project is a “humanitarian” ministry, it is primarily an evangelistic tool with the goal of winning souls through the bonds of friendship.



A woman from Palalangon is sewing attentively. She is a Christian and her husband is a poor rice farmer. They barely make ends meet. She pays her son’s tuition with the money she earns from quilt making.



Miguel Carhuapoma

Peru

Brother Miguel is a well-seasoned and respected missionary in the northern Peruvian province of Piura. He is the brother of Javier Carhuapoma.

I greet you, brothers, in the precious name of our good God and Savior. I write to inform you about our missionary work.

This past month we have passed through some very difficult moments, but at the same time we have been able to see how the hand of our God has been at work in a powerful way. Six months ago, the leader of a local gang made a profession of faith and attended our services for several weeks. It seemed that he had genuinely been converted. However, we discovered that he was continuing to live in adultery with the widow of a murderer who had been killed by unknown assailants who attacked him in his home. We confronted the former gang leader about his sin and he became very angry and caused many problems at the church. On the 14th of April, while the brothers were clearing off our church property, the gang leader tried to take possession of part of the property. When the brothers did not allow him to do this, he threatened to kill some of them. From that time on, he did not allow his wife or his children to attend our church and he began to abuse them. We counseled his wife and children, and we asked the Lord to work in the gang leader's life.

Finally, on the 29th of April, some hit-men came to the gang leader's home in order to kill him. In panic, his wife and children called me for help and I rushed over to their home. It was four in the morning and one of the most frightful moments of my life. I remember that when we arrived at the man's house we saw his lifeless body with a knife still sticking out of it.

He had been stabbed twenty-two times and his sidewalk was covered in blood. His four year old daughter continued to cling to him and her bare feet were covered in her father's blood. It was very sad.

His wife, Yovany, who is truly a Christian, gave us the opportunity to speak about Christ during the time between the wake and the funeral. Each night, we saw people make professions of faith. The dead man's parents professed Christ, as did one of his brother-in-laws, one of his sisters, a cousin, and his cousin's wife. In total, thirteen people made professions of faith. There is still a great deal of fear in our little town, but God is using us and is opening doors for us to share the Gospel. Many people who were not open to the Gospel before are now willing to listen.

Our church continues to grow, but we have a great deal of work to do in the area of discipleship and counseling. We are receiving requests from entire families to come to their homes and teach them the Word of God.



Antony

Israel

Antony is the pastor of a Russian-speaking church in Jerusalem. Throughout the week, he and his co-laborers lead evangelistic tours in Jerusalem, and spend long hours witnessing to people in the streets. He travels to Jordan once a month to hand out Bibles and speak to Bedouin Arabs. Pray for Antony, his wife Donna, and their three children.

Every Friday night, we continue to travel to Tel Aviv to give God's Word to the foreign workers. This work is going well. We give out Bibles and a hot meal to those in need. Some of these people are Christian refugees who have fled persecution in their home countries. Here, they live in limbo awaiting their fate since few countries will take them in. Though life is uncertain, they take comfort in small things. Few of us in the West know what it is like to live like this. However, the vast majority of people in the world live in an uncertain, chaotic, violent reality that is full of war and strife.

One of our main challenges with the refugees is finding the Scriptures in their native languages. We just received nearly one thousand Bibles in Amharic (Ethiopia) and eight hundred in Tigrinyan (Eritrea). The people are so happy to receive the Word of God in their own language.

Recently, we were contacted by an Eritrean church of refugees that is meeting in Tel Aviv. They are asking us to help them in teaching and outreach. Eritrea is a Communist country and the believers are under heavy persecution. We want to help train some of the young men to take the Gospel back to their own country. Many believers have already left the country and we need to pray for them that they will return and be a witness for Christ. It is no easy sacrifice in such a place.

We now have four women and a baby living at the house that we are renting for our offices. The women are thankful that they have a place to live. Our aim is to help them to stand on their own feet both spiritually and economically. They have joined our Friday night work in Tel Aviv and are very encouraged. We are expecting a pregnant woman, who was a former prostitute and drug addict, to move in with the others. She will be giving birth in a little over a month.

As I write this letter, I am sitting in an Arabic Bible college in Jordan. When crossing the

border, we were delayed because my bag was full of Bibles. The secret police asked me questions about the Bibles, but then suddenly let us go. We then took a shared taxi to Amman and were able to witness to the driver and a passenger.

We then went to a book shop and met a local pastor who explained to us the situation in Jordan among the leaders of the churches. I will not go into detail, but we need to pray for them. Materialism is as much a curse in the Eastern churches as it is in the West. People are afraid to carry out the Great Commission because of the fear of man and the fear of losing their high standard of living. On the Sunday night that we attended a local church, I gave my testimony. Most of it was translated well, but when I said, "I pray for the Muslims, that they will turn from the darkness of Islam to Christianity," it was translated, "from other religions to Christianity." Many Christians are so afraid of men. This is why our churches are so weak and we have lost the true meaning of the Gospel.

One Muslim came to faith in Jordan and the secret police invited him for an interview. One of the Jordanian pastors advised him to say that he was still a Muslim but now had Jesus in his heart. Some would say that it is wise to avoid trouble, but it does not honor Christ. We can all understand why this man did this. Perhaps even some of you have been in a similar position at times and have done the same. But such a desire to avoid persecution does not honor Christ's name. We can only hope that as we grow in grace and truth that we will be able to accept the consequences that come with being a follower of Christ. When we consider the marvelous truth of the Gospel, it should cause us to shout it from the rooftops and not be silent or vague. Thankfully, God is merciful and His love endures forever. He will forgive us our trespasses.

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Michael Karpovetzki

Israel

Michael is now serving as pastor in Kiriat Gat. He is also training young men in his congregation and working with drug and alcohol addicts. Please pray for Michael, his wife, and their two children.

In our ministry, God has led us in a certain way: He has shown us that our personal testimony and our willingness to build relationships with other people is a great testimony of His love for lost sinners. Over the last several months, God has brought different people into our lives and our home. We have sought to be faithful in using these opportunities to guide people through their problems and preach to them the Gospel. We thank the Lord for the privilege of serving Him in this type of ministry.

At the present time, everyone at our rehabilitation center is doing well. After much work we are beginning to see God's blessing in the men's lives. They seem to have a growing desire to know the Lord and serve Him. Last week a new man by the name Oleg enrolled in our program. He suffered from attacks of delirium, tremors, and epilepsy. I was blessed by the other men's patience in ministering to Oleg. After a few days with us, we realized that he needed to be hospitalized. The following day when we visited him he expressed a desire to come back to the center. Our participation in this man's life caught the interest of the hospital staff and the Lord gave us a new opportunity to evangelize. One nurse said, "It is amazing that there is an organization which is ready to help these kinds of people. Please give us your contact information and we will send them to your center after their hospitalization. In the past, we could only send them out into the street again."

The brothers and sisters in the church in Kiriat Gat are receiving the Word with great joy and value the meetings very much. However, there are several people who have attended our meetings for a couple of years, but are not yet ready to commit their lives to Christ. In this group we had a recent victory when a woman named Lora repented and trusted Christ. Our sister Sara witnessed to Lora for about

ten years before she came to deeply understand and accept the claims of Christ. Over the years, she had read a great deal of Christian literature, but was not converted. When I recently examined her profession, she said: "For many years I thought I was a believer, but I was wrong. However, now I know that I have been converted." Lora cares very much about her walk with the Lord and longs to be baptized.

I would like to end my report with a testimony from our new friend Paata who was also recently converted. He asked me very earnestly to deliver this message to those people who support our ministry. He declared, "I want them all to know what the Lord has done for me!"

"I was born in 1964 in Georgia (part of the former Soviet Union). The name of the place is Mestia, which means 'Genesis'. It is located in a high mountain region about 2,200 meters above sea level. My parents, a Georgian father and a Jewish mother – gave me a good education. After the death of my mother in 2006, I moved to Israel, but it was not as pleasant as I had expected. I met indifference and unfriendliness until I met the family of Michael and Svetlana Karpovetzki. Their kindness toward me changed my opinion about Israel. In them I found warmth, sympathy, friendliness, and sincerity of heart. More than this, I met Jesus Christ. I will always be thankful for this family. I pray that God might bless them. I wish them health and long life."



Brother Sundar preparing to baptize a new believer.



Brother Sundar's church meeting in the open air. Such public meetings are a bold statement of the believers' faith.

Sundar Rao

Hyderabad, India

In our area the people are strongly opposing us so that we might not continue with the construction of our church building. There is a fanatical Hindu group in our area that publicly burned Bibles that my church distributed in the month of January. They want to drive us away from this place, and they are constantly challenging and threatening me. They do not want any Christian work going on in the area where we are laboring to build a church. I know that they are doing the devil's work in order to discourage us so that we will not penetrate further into the devil's kingdom.

I request that you uphold us in prayer so that God would give us boldness to face these obstacles and to stand strong in the preaching of the Gospel. It is God's work and He will accomplish it. As His word says, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Pray for my safety and the safety of my church people. Pray that they might be bold to stand for the cause of Christ and His work. Thank you for all your support and prayers for me.

Antony Simon continued...

Recently, we were giving out Bibles in Petra and met some people who said that they were believers. We told them that if they wanted they could have Bibles to give out to their guide and driver. However, when we told them that it is illegal to hand out Bibles, they said, "We do not want the Bibles." It is so sad that so many Christians have no zeal for the lost and are like the church of Laodocia. We all need a living faith and not an empty religion. People want a religion, but not a relationship or anything that disturbs their own agenda. May we have God's agenda!

The next morning, one of our Christian brothers, Said, was told by a local Christian book shop not to enter anymore because he was an ex-Muslim. The owner was afraid that he would have problems with the secret police. This man is named Issam. Please pray that he will be convicted of his sin and that he will have a fear of God and not of man.

On our way back from Petra, we met three men in the street from Sudan. Two of them came with us to our meeting in Amman. One was a Christian from southern Sudan and the other a Muslim from Darfur. They brought two friends with them and we all ate together at the house of Samuel, an Egyptian pastor. After the meal, we took them to the meeting. They were very thankful and the Muslim was moved by the message. His name is Abu Bukra. Please pray for him.

On the way to the border we passed through a "Christian" village and handed out the remainder of our Bibles. We were invited into the house of a Roman Catholic family and had an opportunity to present the Gospel to them. They asked us to visit them again in the future. We saw the hand of God throughout the trip, guiding us and giving us opportunities. Please pray for our next trip which, Lord willing, will be to Egypt and Ethiopia.

CHARLES SPURGEON

on

EVANGELISM & MISSIONS

“Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter.”

“Lost! Lost! Lost! Better a whole world on fire than a soul lost! Better every star quenched and the skies a wreck than a single soul to be lost!”

“I would sooner bring one sinner to Jesus Christ than unravel all the mysteries of the divine Word, for salvation is the one thing we are to live for.”

“To be a soul winner is the happiest thing in the world. And with every soul you bring to Jesus Christ, you seem to get a new heaven here upon earth.”

“If sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to Hell over our bodies. And if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay. If Hell must be filled, at least let it be filled in the teeth of our exertions, and let not one go there unwarned and unprayed for.”

“Do you want arguments for soul winning? Look up to Heaven, and ask yourself how sinners can ever reach those harps of gold and learn their everlasting song, unless they have someone to tell them of Jesus, who is mighty to save. But the best argument of all is to be found in the wounds of Jesus. You want to honor Him, you desire to put many crowns upon His head, and this you can best do by winning souls for Him. These are the spoils that He covets, these are the trophies for which He fights, these are the jewels that shall be His best adornment.”

The purpose of this edition of HeartCry is not to highlight the preaching and teaching ministry of Mr. Spurgeon. However the preceding article and the following quotes have been so challenging for those of us at HeartCry that we are constrained to publish them for your benefit. Please read through them prayerfully and thoughtfully.

“I remember, when I have preached at different times in the country, and sometimes here, that my whole soul has agonized over men, every nerve of my body has been strained and I could have wept my very being out of my eyes and carried my whole frame away in a flood of tears, if I could but win souls.”

“If there be any one point in which the Christian church ought to keep its fervor at a white heat, it is concerning missions. If there be anything about which we cannot tolerate lukewarmness, it is the matter of sending the gospel to a dying world.”

“If there existed only one man or woman who did not love the Savior, and if that person lived among the wilds of Siberia, and if it were necessary that all the millions of believers on the face of the earth should journey there, and every one of them plead with him to come to Jesus before he could be converted, it would be well worth all the zeal, labor, and expense. If we had to preach to thousands year after year, and never rescued but one soul, that one soul would be full reward for all our labor, for a soul is of countless price.”

CHRIST HAS CALLED US TO BE UNASHED & UNCOMPROMISING

By Marc Glass

Marc Glass is our Missions Coordinator for the Middle East. In the following article, he exhorts us not to compromise the singular claims of Christ as we spread the Gospel throughout the world.

When we study what so-called “missions experts” are saying about missions to the Middle East, we oftentimes get the impression that these men are ashamed of their association with the Church of Jesus Christ. They deceitfully attempt to hide that they are a part of that Bride for whom Christ died, and instead opt for a hyper-contextualized method of evangelism that betrays the very Gospel they should be proclaiming. While it may indeed be necessary to have indigenous churches that reflect the culture in which they exist, to over contextualize is to syncretize, and to syncretize is to cease from being Christian and a follower of Jesus Christ. For this reason, HeartCry’s Mission statement for the Middle East is exactly the same as our mission statement for every other region of the world:

“To glorify God through the preaching of the Gospel and the establishment of biblical Churches.”

Last August, I had a very peculiar experience during my visit to both Israel and Lebanon. On the night of August 7, I walked through the streets of Israel with the son of one of the missionaries with whom we work. He is a soldier in the Israel Defense Forces and he was wearing his uniform because he had just gotten off duty. The next morning, I flew out of Israel and after a short layover in Jordan, I landed in Lebanon that afternoon. That night, as we were returning to Beirut after a trip up into the mountains, we stopped and picked up a young Lebanese man who was waiting on the side of the road for a bus. He was in his early twenties and was dressed in the typical European clothing of which the younger Arab generation is so fond. He sat next to me in the back seat

and we carried on a conversation in broken English. Then he began speaking with the two Arabic-speaking missionaries who were traveling with us. For some reason, maybe just his youthful pride, he began carelessly revealing his identity as a member of the terrorist organization Hizballah. He even showed us his two cell phones, the second one having a picture of Hizballah’s leader on it. At first, the missionaries and I were a bit skeptical of his claims because most people who are a part of Hizballah do not go around broadcasting to strangers and foreigners about their association with the group. For security purposes, it is kept quiet. However, it would not have been an unusual claim. Hizballah has up to 10,000 militia soldiers scattered among the general population who can be ready for combat in a matter of minutes. I lost my skepticism about the man’s claims when he pulled a hand gun out of the back of his pants. He did not reveal it to us in a threatening manner, but he simply held it between his hands together with his cell phones. After speaking to him about Christ, we dropped him off where he wanted to go and headed back to the home of one of our missionaries in Hamra.

It is amazing to think that one night I was walking with an armed Israeli soldier, and the next I was riding with an armed Hizballah terrorist. Both of them are young men, and both of them are bitter enemies. They are both products of the deadly conflict between Israel and Lebanon. The only way they would ever meet would be in war.

I have conveyed this story to several people since that time and they have all asked a similar question: “When you realized that he was from Hizballah, were you scared?” The answer is “no.” It was not because I am courageous or that I felt safe. It was because when I sat in the back seat with this armed man from Hizballah,

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I looked him in the eyes and realized that he was a person exactly like me. Though he was a representative of a terrorist organization, he did not represent that to me. Though he held to a diametrically opposite ideology and world view, that is not what I saw when I looked into his eyes. This young Arab was a person with a soul that was lost and going to hell. He did not need a lesson in politics, history, geography, or philosophy. He did not need a discourse on human rights or social justice. He did not need to drive down to Tyre and be indoctrinated by the U.N. Most of all, he did not need to be told that he would be a “complete” Muslim if he would only ask Jesus into his heart and add Him to his Islamic religious system (This “method” of evangelism is actually endorsed by many of the so-called conservative and evangelical missions experts in the Middle East!). This young man needed the Gospel and needed someone (a biblical church) to tell it to him. Though he possessed an outward form of religion, he was a God-hater. He needed a supernatural change of heart that is only produced by the Holy Spirit working through the proclamation of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I stated at the very beginning that our mission statement is “To glorify God through the preaching of the Gospel and the establishment of biblical churches.” This statement conforms to the teachings of the Apostle Paul who wrote that the manifold wisdom of God is made known through the Church” (Ephesians 3:10). Therefore, it is only the faithful Gospel procla-

mation of God honoring churches that will be able to change the course of this young man, and millions of others, and save them from the bondage of Islam and the torments of hell.

Missions statistics tell us that among the 4,000 people groups that hold to Islam as their religion, approximately 3,400 are considered “unreached.” The only other groups that even compare with this statistic are the 6,000 “tribal” people groups of which approximately 2,100 are unreached, and the 3,300 Hindu people groups, of which 1,800 are still unreached. Please ponder for a moment what you have just read. Throughout the world, there are almost seven times as many tribal people groups that have been reached with the Gospel than there are Muslim groups that have been reached with the Gospel. Though a large number of these Muslims are in Asia proper, the cultural and religious heart of Islam is in the deserts of the Arabian Peninsula.

In the Middle East, we are currently supporting three men in Israel who are working with both Jews and Arabs, and two men in Lebanon who are primarily working with Muslims. In the near future, we are also going to begin working closely with church planting efforts in Turkey, and possibly in Egypt. My great goal, and the calling that the Lord has set before me, is to see solid, biblical churches planted throughout the Middle East, among the great multitude of lost men, women, and children from Morocco to Pakistan. Please pray for us.

A WARNING TO THE CHURCH IN AMERICA

“Brothers, Keep your country from sinful preachers that compromise the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, for they are getting to be many.”

**Your Lebanese brother and co-laborer,
Pastor Walid**

Brother Adjat's Conversion

By Trevor Johnson

Adjat is a member of team Asih Pamitran in West Java, Indonesia. He is laboring as an evangelist while being mentored by Pak Nunu, the team's leader. He will soon begin formal theological training at a local Bible college in West Java. This dear brother faces much ostracism and ridicule from the Muslims in his community. Pray that God might sustain him so that He might continue to faithfully testify of the Gospel in this hostile environment.

Adjat first believed two and a half years ago and has faithfully proclaimed his faith despite family desertion, intimidation, and threats of expulsion. When taken before the local imam (the leader of the mosque), Adjat replied:

"I am not a smart man and you might be able to beat me in an argument with tricky words, but just look at my life now compared to before and tell me if I am now a better man. And if I am a better man now through Jesus Christ, is this the power of God or not?"

This stopped the mouth of the imam, but the loudspeakers of the local mosque continue to slander him to all his neighbors and call him out by name as a deserter of the faith. His wife Ayu, from a devout Muslim family that includes pilgrims to Mecca, prepared to divorce him when Adjat was first converted. Yet, the new sweetness and goodness that resulted from his New Birth gave her pause and pre-

vented her from completing her plans to leave him. She was forced to admit, "I do not know what happened to him, but I know that he is a better man because of it."

Adjat prayed faithfully for his wife's salvation and a year later she was also converted. Now their children, Taqwa and Syiva, have also been granted the privilege of being mocked, failed, and kicked out of their Islamic school for singing Christian hymns throughout the day and even in the mosque! Through your support, Asih Pamitran has enrolled them in a Christian school.

Within six months of Ayu's salvation, her countenance looked ten years younger and she was able to describe how Jesus had given her true rest. However, the burden for their families is strong. Adjat weeps for his parents and prays desperately for their salvation. He asserts that the aim of his life is now to become an evangelist. He desires to reach his family first and then afterwards the rest of the Sundanese people. He will not stop until he dies.

Adjat holds a special place in the heart of the writer of this article. Some of my most rewarding and most heartbreaking ministry experiences have been in connection with him. My most rewarding discipleship experience occurred with Adjat during the time of Idul Adha when Muslims kill a sheep in remembrance of Abraham's readiness to sacrifice his son. As



we were studying the biblical theme of Jesus as the Lamb of God, Adjat was keen to point out that Isaac was the promised seed and not Ishmael, as his imams had told him. Afterwards, he inquired about the sacrifice that God had prepared to die in Isaac's place. In response, I read to Him from Isaiah's prophecy of the Suffering Servant:

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth..."

Adjat's face grew sober as he became aware of the vast weight of sin that every unsaved man bears before an All-Holy God. Then, I directed him to read the declaration of John the Baptist as he saw Jesus approaching. At that moment, Adjat's face quivered and exploded in a tearful smile as he read John's words with a shout, "Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!" Afterwards he sat back quietly for a long time and reflected upon all that he had discovered.

My most heartbreaking ministry experience also occurred in Adjat's presence. Soon after he believed, his pregnant wife Ayu delivered prematurely. His family would not help him

with the bills or even visit. The Asih Pamitran team members were Adjat's only friends during that time. Finally, the baby was too weak and died in spite of our best efforts.

The Sundanese Muslims often recite certain passages from the Koran and believe that such passages have power in themselves. For example, reciting Ayat Kursi or writing it on the walls of one's home is believed to keep away bad spirits. Because of this belief, Adjat (still a young Christian) came weeping and begged to know which verse he should recite to take away the awful pain in his heart. After missionary Pak Nunu prayed with Adjat and comforted him, his Muslim relatives finally presented themselves to wash the little girl's body and bury her in the Muslim way - with Koranic recitations. However, Adjat refused and stated that he wanted to bury his baby as a Christian. He also told his family that reciting the Koran was unneeded since he could pray directly to the living God through Jesus Christ.

Please pray for Adjat, Ayu, Taqwa and Syiva, Pray for Nunu as he continues to train Adjat and gradually use him more and more in the ministry.

You that are free from so great a work as that which is cast upon me - you that have talents as yet undevoted to any special end, and powers of being as yet unconsecrated to any given purpose, and unconfined to any one sphere; do you not hear my Master saying in tones of plaintive sorrow, blended with an authority which is not to be denied, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?" Oh that there were might in some human lip to move the thousands of our Israel to advance at once, unanimously and irresistibly to the world's conquest, like one tremendous tide rising from the depths of the ocean, to sweep over the sands, the bar-

ren sands which are now given up to desolation and death? Oh that once again the voice of thunder could be heard, and the lightning spirit could penetrate each heart, that as one man the entire Church might take the marching orders of her Lord, and go teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of Israel's God! O Lord, if we fail to speak, fail not thou to speak; and if we know not how to bear thy burden, or express thine awful thoughts, yet speak thou with that all-constraining silent voice which well-trained ears can hear, and make thy servants obedient to thee now, for Christ's sake!

This morning we shall first dwell a little while upon the command, and then secondly, we

**Awake, thou Spirit, who of old
Didst fire the watchman of the Church's youth,
Who faced the foe, unshrinking, bold
Who witness'd day and night the eternal truth
Whose voices through the world are ringing still,
And bringing hosts to know and do thy will!
Oh that thy fire were kindled soon,
That swift from land to land its flame might leap!
Lord, give us but this priceless boon
Of faithful servants, fit for thee to reap
The harvest of the soul; look down and view
How great the harvest, yet the laborers few.
Oh haste to help ere we are lost!
Send forth evangelists, in spirit strong,
Arm'd with thy Word, a dauntless host,
Bold to attack the rule of ancient wrong
And let them all the earth for thee reclaim,
To be thy kingdom, and to know thy name."**

shall enlarge upon the argument. There is an argument, as you will perceive, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations."

First, my brethren, and very briefly indeed a few things about the COMMAND. And we must remark, first what a singularly loving one it is. Imagine Mahomet (i.e. Mohammed) on his dying bed saying to his disciples, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth;" what would be his command? "Go ye, therefore, with sharp scimitars, and propound faith in the prophet, or death as the dread alternative; avenge me of the men who threw stones at the prophet, make their houses a dunghill, and cut them in pieces for vengeance is mine, and God's prophet must be avenged of his enemies." But Christ, though far more despised and persecuted of men, and having a real power which that pretended prophet never had, says to his disciples, as he is about to ascend to heaven, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth; go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." It is the voice of love, not of wrath. "Go and teach them the power of my blood to cleanse, the willingness of my arms to embrace, the yearning of my heart to save! Go and teach them. Teach them no more to despise me, no more to think my Father an angry and implacable Deity. Teach them to bow the knee, and kiss the Son, and find peace for all their troubles, and a balm for all their woes in me. Go ye; speak as I have spoken; weep as I have wept; invite as I have invited; exhort, entreat, beseech and pray, as I have done before you. Tell them to come unto me, if they be weary and heavy laden, and I will give them rest; and say unto them, 'I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, but had rather that he should turn unto me and live.'" What a generous and gracious command is that of the text, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Note, too, how exceedingly plain is the command, "Go ye, teach all nations." The Romish Church has misunderstood this. She says, "Go ye, mystify all nations; sound in their ears a language once living, but now dead; take to them the Latin tongue, and let that be sounded with all the harmony of sweet music, and they

will be converted; erect the sumptuous altar; clothe the priest in mystic garments; celebrate mysterious rites; and make the heathen wonder; dazzle them with splendor; amaze them with mystery." But, "Nay," says Christ, "nay, go ye and teach." Why, it is the mother's work with her child; it is the tutor's work with the boy and with the girl - "go ye, and teach." How simple! Illustrate; explain, expound; tell; inform; narrate. Take from them the darkness of ignorance, reveal to them the light of revelation. Teach! Be content to sit down, and tell them the very plainest and most common things. It is not your eloquence that shall convert them; it is not your gaudy language or your polished periods that shall sway their intellects. Go and teach them. Teach them! Why, my hearer, I say again, this is a word which has to do with the rudiments of knowledge. We do not preach to children; we teach them; and we are not so much to preach to nations, that word seems too big and great for the uncivilized and childish people; go ye, and teach them first the very simplicities of the cross of Christ.

And note how he puts it next? Who are to be taught, "Go ye and teach all nations." The Greek has his philosophers, teach him, he is but a child; he is a fool, though he thinketh himself to be wise. There be polite nations which have a literature of their own, far larger and more extensive than the literature of the Christian: teach them nevertheless, they are to be taught and unless they are willing to take the learner's place, and to become as little children, they can in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. Do not debate and argue with them; put not yourself with them upon their level as a combatant concerning certain dogmas; insist upon it that I have sent you - sent you to teach the most erudite and profoundly learned; and when you shall claim it, I am with you always to back your claim, and men shall be willing to sit at your feet to be taught the name of Jesus. I do not know whether all our missionaries have caught the idea of Christ - "Go ye and teach all nations," but many of them have, and these have been honored with many conversions. The more fully they have been simple teachers, not philosophers of the Western philosophy, not eager disputants concerning some English dogma, I say the more plainly they have gone forth as teachers sent from God to teach the

world, the more successful have they been. "Go ye, therefore, and teach." Some may think, perhaps, there is less difficulty in teaching the learned than in teaching the uncivilized and barbarous. There is the same duty to the one as to the other: "Go and teach." "But they brandish the tomahawk." Teach them, and lie down and sleep in their hut, and they shall marvel at your fearlessness and spare your life. "But they feed on the blood of their fellows, they make a bloody feast about the cauldron in which a man's body is the horrible viand." Teach them and they shall empty their war-kettle, and they shall bury their swords, and bow before you, and acknowledge King Jesus. "But they are brutalized, they have scarce a language - a few clicking sounds make up all that they can say." Teach them, and they shall speak the language of Canaan, and sing the songs of heaven. The fact has been proved, brethren, that there are no nations incapable of being taught, nay, that there are no nations incapable afterwards of teaching others. The African slave has perished under the lash, rather than dishonor his Master. The Esquimaux has climbed his barren steeps, and borne his toil, while he has recollected the burden which Jesus bore. The Hindoo has patiently submitted to the loss of all things, because he loved Christ better than all. Feeble Malagasay women have been prepared to suffer and to die, and have taken joyfully suffering for Christ's sake. There has been heroism in every land for Christ; men of every color and of every race have died for him; upon his altar has been found the blood of all kindreds that be upon the face of the earth. Oh! tell me not they cannot be taught. Sirs, they can be taught to die for Christ; and this is more than some of you have learned. They can rehearse the very highest lesson of the Christian religion - that self sacrifice which knows not itself but gives up all for him. At this day there are Karen missionaries preaching among the Karens with as fervid an eloquence as ever was known by Whitfield. There are Chinese teaching in Borneo, Sumatra, and Australia, with as much earnestness as Morison or Milne first taught in China. There are Hindoo evangelists who are not ashamed to have given up the Brahminical thread, and to eat with the Pariah, and to preach with him the riches of Christ. There have been men found of every class and kind, not only able to be taught, but able to become

teachers themselves, and the most mighty teachers too, of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. Well was that command warranted by future facts, when Christ said, "Go ye, teach all nations."

But, brethren, the text says, "baptizing them." They are to be taught, and afterwards they are to be baptized. I know not why it is that we yield to the superstitions of our Christian brethren, so much as to use the word baptize at all. It is not an English, but a Greek word. It has but one meaning, and cannot bear another. Throughout all the classics, without exception, it is not possible to translate it correctly, except with the idea of immersion; and believing this, and knowing this, if the translation is not complete, we will complete it this morning. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, immersing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Now, I think that our Missionary Society, while it may take precedence in matters of time - for it was the first that was ever commenced with the exception of the Moravians - ought also to take precedence in matters of purity, because we can carry out this text in every country, teaching first and baptizing afterwards. We do not understand the philosophy of baptizing, and afterwards teaching. We hold that we must teach first, and then, when men are disciples, we are to baptize them. Not the nations; the Greek does not bear that interpretation, but those who have been disciples we are to baptize into the Sacred Name. We think that our brethren do serious damage to the Gospel by baptizing children. We do not think their error a little one. We know it does not touch a vital point; but we do believe that infant baptism is the prop and pillar of Popery, and it being removed, Popery and Puseyism become at once impossible. You have taken away all idea of a national godliness and a national religion, when you have cut away all liberty to administer Christian ordinances to unconverted persons. We cannot see any evil which would follow, if our brethren would renounce their mistake; but we can see abundant mischief which their mistake has caused, and in all kindness, but with all fidelity, we again enter our solemn protest against their giving baptism to any but disciples, to any but those who are the followers of the Lamb. Throw down

her hedges? Give her supper and her baptism to those that are not Christ's people? Break down her walls? Remove her barricades? God forbid! Except a man be renewed in heart, we dare not allow him to participate in the ordinances which belong to Christ's Church. Oh! It is a disastrous thing to call unconverted children Christians, or to do anything which may weaken their apprehension of the great fact, that until they be converted they have no part or lot in this matter. Brethren, if you differ from me on this point, bear with me, for my conscience will not let me conceal this solemn truth. To you who agree with me I say, while our other friends can do in some things more than we can, - and we rejoice in their efforts, and would heartily bless God that they have shown more activity than ourselves, - yet we ought to be ashamed of ourselves if we are a whit behind. We are a body of Christians who can fairly and purely teach and baptize; we can obey this command of Christ abroad, as well as at home, without running counter to our practice in one place by our practice in the other; we ought to be first and foremost, and if we be not, shame shall cover us for our unfaithfulness. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

I have endeavored to be brief, but I find I have been long, and therefore pass at once to the argument with which the text commences. The ARGUMENT is this: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth, go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." Three things here. Christ had suffered, bled and died; he had now risen from the dead. As the effect of his finished work, he had as mediator received all power in heaven and in earth. There is no allusion here to his inherent power that is not given to him: that is his native right; he has, as God, all power in heaven and in earth. The text relates to him as mediator. As mediator he had not this power once; he was weak, he was despised, he was forsaken even of his God. But now, having finished the work which was given him to do, his Father honors him. He is about to lift him to his right hand, and gives him, as the result of resurrection, all power in heaven and in earth. Three things, then. First, this is the picture of the Church's history, and therefore she should teach all nations. Second-

ly, this is the Church's right. Thirdly, it is the Church's might; and for all these reasons she ought to teach all nations.

First, this is the Church's picture. Christ suffers, bleeds, dies. Do you give up his cause? Do you look upon it as forlorn and desolate? He is nailed to the tree; the world abhors him, fools gaze, and sinners laugh. Do you lay down your weapons and say, it is idle to defend such a man as this? It is all over now, he bows his head upon the cross. "It is finished," saith he; and do your unbelieving hearts say, "Ay, indeed, it is finished; his career is over, his hopes are blighted, his prospects withered?" Ah! Little do you know that his shame was the mother of his future glory; that the stooping was the rising, that the crown of thorns was in fact the fruitful root out of which sprang the eternal crown of glory. He is put into the grave: do you say that there is the grave of all your faith could believe, or your hope could suggest? He rises, brethren, and his resurrection takes effect and fruit from the fact that he died and was buried. Do you not see the picture? We have been sending out heralds of the cross these eighteen hundred years; they have landed upon many a shore to die. Fever has taken off its hundreds, cruel men have slain their scores, from the first day until now, the record of the mission is written in blood. Somewhere or other there always must be martyrs for Christ. It seems as if the Church never could plough a wave without a spray of gore. She is still in Madagascar persecuted, afflicted, tormented, still are her ministers hunted about like partridges upon the mountains, and her blood is dying the shambles of her slayers. Do you give up all hope? Shall we, as we look upon the tombs of our missionaries, say that Christ's cause is dead? Brethren, as you turn over the long roll, and read the names of one after another who sleep in Jesus, shall you say, "Let us close the doors of the mission-house; let us cease our contributions, it is clear the case is hopeless, and the cause can never have success?" Nay, rather, the Church must suffer that she may reign, she must die that she may live, she must be stained with blood, that she may be robed in purple, she must go down into the earth, and seem to be buried and forgotten, that the earth may help the woman, that she may be delivered of the man child. Courage!

Courage! Courage! The past is hopeful, because to the eye it seemeth hopeless, the cause is glorious, because it has been put to shame. Now, now let us gather the fruits of the bloody sowing: let us now reap the harvest of the deep ploughing of agony and suffering which our ancestors have endured.

I think that no true-hearted Christian will ever give up any enterprise which God has laid upon him, because he fears its ultimate success. "Difficult," said Napoleon, "is not a French word." "Doubtful," is not a Christian word. We are sure to succeed; the gospel must conquer. It is possible for heaven and earth to pass away, but it is not possible for God's Word to fail, and therefore it is utterly impossible that any nation, or kindred, or tongue should to the end stand out against the attacks of love, against the invasion of the armies of King Jesus.

Thus, then, you see, a fair argument can be built upon the text. Inasmuch as Christ is to his people a picture of what they are to be, inasmuch as by his suffering all power was given to him in heaven and in earth, so after the sufferings of the Church, the wounds of her martyrs, and the deaths of her confessors, power shall be given to her in heaven and in earth, and she shall reign with Christ over the nations gloriously.

We now take a second view of the argument. This is the Church's right. All power is given to Christ in heaven and in earth. What then? Why this? Kings and princes, potentates and power, are ye aware that your thrones have been given away? Do ye know it, ye crowned heads, that your crowns have been given away from you to one who claims to be King of kings and Lord of lords? Do ye pass degrees forbidding the gospel to be preached? We laugh at you! Ye have no power to prevent it, for all power is given unto Christ in heaven and in earth. Do ye say that the missionary has no right upon your shore? The virgin daughter of Zion shaketh her head at you, and laugheth you to scorn. She has right anywhere and everywhere; she has rights in heaven without limit, and rights in earth without bound, for all power is given to her head in heaven and in earth, and she therefore has a patent, a claim which is not to be disputed, to take to herself all countries and all kingdoms, because the

power above is given unto Christ. What is that man doing on yonder shore? He has landed on an island in the South Seas; he is an intruder, banish him at once! Sirs, mind what you do, for surely ye fight against God. But the man is sent away, he comes back again or if not he, another. A severer edict is passed this time, "Let us slay him, that the inheritance may still be ours." But another comes, and another, and another. Why do you stand up and take counsel together against the Lord, and against his anointed? These men are not intruders, they are ambassadors come to make peace, nay, more. They are delegates from heaven, come to learn the rightful heritage of King Jesus. Ye, in putting them away as intruders, have denied the rights of Christ, but to deny is one thing, and to disprove another. He hath still a right to you, and therefore hath the missionary still a right to come whithersoever he will, preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ. Once or twice in my life I have met with some miserable little ministers, who, when I have gone into a village to preach, have questioned my right to preach in the village, because I ought to have asked them first, or to have consulted them. And can Christian men look on a district as their own dominion, and reckon God's servant as a poacher on their estates, or a brigand in their territories? Is there any place on this earth that belongs to any man so that he can shut out God's ministers? We once for all put our foot upon any claim so ridiculous. Wherever there is found a man, there is the minister free to preach. The whole world is our parish, we know of no fetter upon our feet, and no gag upon our lips. Though kings should pass laws, the servants of Christ can bear the penalty, but they cannot disobey their Master, though the Emperor should say the gospel should not be preached by any unauthorized denomination in France, as I have heard he has said of late, we care not for him. What cares the Church for a thousand Emperors? Their resolutions are mockery, their laws waste-paper, the Church never was yet vassal to the state, or servile slave to municipalities and powers, and she neither can nor will be. At all the laws of states, she laughs, and utterly defies them, if they come in the way of the law of Christ which says, "Teach the gospel to every creature." Brethren, I say, the Church has a right anywhere and everywhere - a right, not

because she is tolerated; the word is insult, not because the law permits, the law permitting or not permitting, tolerated or untolerated, everywhere beneath the arch of God's heaven, God's servants have a right to preach. Oh that they would claim the right, and in every place teach and preach Jesus Christ continually!

But now, lastly, it seems to me that the argument of the text contains the Church's might. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth; go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Ye have power to teach, fear not. Let this be your encouragement; you must succeed, you shall prevail. There never lived another man save Christ, who could say, "All power is given me on earth." Canute puts his throne by the side of the sea, but the waves wet his person, and prove to his flattering courtiers that he is but a man. What power have kings over the lightning, of the rushing winds? Can they control the tides, or bid the moon stand still? Power is not given unto man, even upon earth. Much less could any man say, all power in heaven belonged to him. This is a singular expression; one which only could be used by Christ, and if any other should attempt to use it, it were an imposition, and a blasphemy, but the Lord Jesus Christ can say today, as he said then, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Let us think, then, all power is given to Christ in providence. Over common daily events he has supreme authority. You have launched upon the sea, upon a mission voyage; he rules the waves, and wings the winds; fear not, for tempest is his trembling slave. You have come near the shore, but there are hidden reefs and sunken rocks. Fear not, for all power is given to him in the lowest deep to guide you safely, and to bring you to your desired haven. A band of men meet you upon the shore, brandishing their weapons. You are unarmed, you have nothing but the Word. You shall now prove that "more is he that is with you than all they that be with them." Go, in this your might. All power is given to Christ - power over the wills of men, as well as over the waves of the sea. But political occurrences prevent your landing on a certain country, through treaties, or a want of treaties, there is no room for the missionary in such-and-such an empire, pray,

and the gates shall be opened; plead, and the bars of brass shall be cut in twain. Christ has power over politics. He can make wars, and create peace, with a view to the propagation of his Word. He can change the hearts of princes, and preside in the counsels of senates, he can cause nations that have long been shut up, to be opened to the truth. And, indeed, what a wonderful proof we have had of late, that all power belongs unto Christ, for human skill has been yoked to the chariot of the gospel. How wondrously, my brethren, have the inventions of man of late years progressed! How could we have preached the gospel to all nations - how could we have even known that America existed, if it had not been that the Lord put it into the mind of Columbus to discover the New World! And how wearisome our life, if with the ordinary slow navigation of the ancient times we had to journey among all nations! But now we are carried across the waves so rapidly that distance is annihilated, and time forgotten. Truly God has opened up the world, and brought it to our threshold, if he has not made a smaller world, at least he has made it more convenient and nearer to our hand. And then see how countries, which once could not be reached, have been opened to us. The "Celestial King of China", the rebel prince, invites us to come and preach. He does not merely permit - he invites, he builds places of worship, he is prepared, he says, that his brethren should come and teach him, and teach all his subjects, for they are imperfectly taught in the things of God. And the Imperial Sovereign of China, too, though he does not invite, permits the missionaries to go among his millions. There is perfect liberty for us to preach to four hundred millions of persons who before had never seen the light of Calvary. And there is India, too, given up to our dominion, and the old Company, which always impeded us, rolled up in its shroud and laid in its grave. And there are other lands and other places which once seemed to be environed by impassable mountains, into which we have now a road. Oh, for the will to dash through that road riding upon the white horses of salvation! Oh, for the heart, the spirit, and the soul to avail ourselves of the golden opportunity, and to preach Christ where he has never been preached before! All power, then, we can clearly see, over everything in this world has been given to Christ,

and has been used for the propagation of his truth.

But, brethren, let us recollect that power is given to Christ in heaven as well as on earth. All angels bow before him, and the cherubim and seraphim are ready to obey his high behests (i.e. commands). Power is given to him over the plenitude of the Holy Spirit; he can pour out the mysterious energy in such abundance that nations can be born in a day. He can clothe his ministers with salvation, and make his priests shout aloud for joy. He has power to intercede with God, and he shall presently send out men to preach, presently give the people the mind to hear, and give the hearers the will to obey. We have in the midst of us to-day our Leader. He is not gone from us. If his flesh and blood be absent yet in body as well as spirit he still lives, adorned with the dew and beauty of his youth. As for the Mahomedan (i.e. Muslim), his leader has long ago rotted in his coffin; but ours lives, and because he lives, his truth and his cause live also. We have with us today a Leader whose power is not diminished, whose influence in the highest heavens has suffered no impairing. He is universal Lord. Oh, let our efforts be worthy of the power which he has promised, let our zeal be in some respect akin to his zeal, and let our energy prove that the energy divine has not been withdrawn.

I wish that I could preach this morning, but the more earnestly I feel, the more scant are my words with which to express my emotions. I have prayed to God, and it is a prayer I shall repeat till I die - I have prayed that out of this Church there may go many missionaries. I will never be content with a congregation, or with a Church, or even with ministers, many of whom have already gone out of our midst. We must have missionaries from this Church. God's people everywhere will I trust aid me in training young soldiers for my Master's army. God will send the men, and faith will find the means, and we will ourselves send out our own men to proclaim the name of Jesus. Brethren, it is a singular thing, there are some young men who get the idea into their minds that they would like to go into foreign lands, but these are frequently the most unfit men, and have not the power and ability. Now, I would that the divine call would come to some gifted men.

You who have, perhaps, some wealth of your own, what could be a better object in life than to devote yourself and your substance to the Redeemer's cause? You young men, who have brilliant prospects before you, but who as yet have not the anxieties of a family to maintain, why, would it not be noble thing to surrender your brilliant prospects, that you may become a humble preacher of Christ? The greater the sacrifice, the more honor to yourself and the more acceptable to him. I have questioned my own conscience, and I do not think I could be in the path of duty if I should go abroad to preach the Word, leaving this field of labor; but I think many of my brethren now laboring at home might with the greatest advantage surrender their charges, and leave a land where they would scarce be missed, to go where their presence would be as valuable as the presence of a thousand such as they are here. And oh! I long that we may see young men out of the universities, and students in our grammar schools - that we may see our physicians, advocates, tradesmen, and educated mechanics, when God has touched their hearts, giving up all they have, that they may teach and preach Christ. We want Vanderkists; we want Judsons and Brainerds over again. It will never do to send out to the heathen men who are of no use at home. We cannot send men of third and tenth class abilities; we must send the highest, and best. The bravest men must lead the van. O God, anoint thy servants, we beseech thee; put the fire into their hearts that never can be quenched; make it so hot within their bones that they must die or preach, that they must be down with broken hearts, or else be free to preach where Christ was never heard. Brethren, envy any one among you - I say again with truth, I envy you - if it shall be your lot to go to China, the country so lately opened to us. I would gladly change places with you. I would renounce the partial case of a settlement in this country, and renounce the responsibilities of so large a congregation as this with pleasure, if I might have your honors. I think sometimes that missionaries in the field - if it be right to compare great things with such small ones - might say to you, as our English king did to his soldiers at the battle of Agincourt, changing the word for a moment -

**Ministers in England, now a bed,
Might think themselves accurs'd they were not here,
And hold their manhood's cheap while any speak
Who fought with us upon this glorious day.**

Have we none out of our sixteen hundred members - have we none out of this congregation of six thousand - who can say, "Here am I, send me?" Jesus! Is there not one? Must heathens perish? Must the gods of the heathen hold their thrones? Must thy kingdom fail? Are there none to own thee, none to maintain thy righteous cause? If there be none, let us weep, each one of us, because such a calamity has fallen on us. But if there be any who are willing to give all for Christ, let us who are compelled to stay at home do our best to help them. Let us see to it that they lack nothing, for we cannot send them out without purse or scrip. Let us fill the purse of the men whose hearts God has filled, and take care of them temporally, leaving it for God to preserve them spiritually.

May the Lord, the Divine Master add his blessing to the feeble words that I have uttered, and let me not conclude till I have said, I must teach you too, and this is the teaching of God - "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." Trust him with your soul, and he will save you. For "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned."



Our Statement of Purpose

The chief end of all mission work is the Glory of God. Our greatest concern is that His Name be great among the nations, from the rising to the setting of the sun (Malachi 1:11), and that the Lamb who was slain might receive the full reward for His sufferings (Revelation 7:9-10). We find our great purpose and motivation not in man or his needs, but in God, His commitment to His own glory, and our God-given desire to see Him worshipped in every nation, tribe, people, and language. We find our great confidence not in the Church's ability to fulfill the Great Commission, but in God's unlimited and unhindered power to accomplish all He has decreed.

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One of the great needs among indigenous missionaries and pastors is solid Christian literature. Besides the basic study tools, it is our desire to provide works from such sources as the Puritans, the early Baptists, the preachers of the Great Awakening, Spurgeon, Martyn Lloyd-Jones, etc.

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With prayer and discretion, we provide any number of resources necessary for the indigenous missionary to advance the work: boats, cars, pack mules, generators, computers, construction, etc.

Church Planting

This is our primary ministry. Nothing can do more to advance the Kingdom and nothing is more difficult than planting biblical churches throughout the world. We also support works on university campuses in Eastern Europe, but always in connection with the local church.

Bible Conferences

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