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July 2018 Newsletter

"And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:" 1 Corinthians 2:4

Recently, in my morning devotion time I realized that one of the dangers of experience was trusting in past accomplishments and developed abilities. Judy and I received a beautiful marble globe of the world and the honor of our peers for thirty years of missionary service at the Rock of Ages National Conference. The first week of August I will enter into my 39th year of preaching and my prayer is my preaching and ministry will not be of man's wisdom but that the Holy Ghost of God leads me and empowers me to the end. Over the past thirty years pastors have allowed me to stand in their pulpits and share our burden and to preach to their dear people. To the saints of God that sat and listened to this preacher and began praying for me and my family and to so many that have given of their substance to be a part of the work God called our family too, Judy and I say again this month, THANK YOU! Together we have been able to say to the world that our preaching was in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

The past couple months have been packed with a full schedule. I have been privileged over the summer to visit a few of our supporting churches that we have not been to in a good many years. It was a great blessing to see folks we have known for years still serving the Lord faithfully. Summer is a busy time working with our staff men and men overseas with preparation for fall meetings. One area of ministry that is growing rapidly with new opportunities daily is the country of Brazil. Not only have several new states opened there to reach prisoners but the public schools are asking for our Character Under Construction Program, in addition a new door has opened to reach military facilities in Brazil. I will be a part of our annual Rock of Ages Brazilian conference again this year the last two weeks of August. Please help me pray the Lord draws several local pastors to the meeting and they will be stirred to support the missionaries and the work in Brazil. Our desire is to see the Lord increase volunteer involvement and to add more students to the Prisoner's Bible Institute.

#### Special Prayer Needs:

- There is a tremendous door of opportunity in South Korea. We are praying the Lord will send a missionary family to help develop the work in the prisons there. I believe the Lord would have me go and survey the prison possibilities and to meet with officials. This will be and extra trip for me of which I had not budgeted for, help me pray the Lord will supply the extra finances to make this trip the first two weeks of November.
- As many of you know a few years ago I had what is known as the fastest growing cataract in my right eye and surgery was required. Well, it is now happened in the left eye and is growing faster than the other. I presently only have about 20% vision and the first opening for surgery is scheduled for October 3rd. Our insurance will cover some of the cost, but we will be out over \$1000 and I have to pay all \$3000 by the second week of September (we have a cash-based system). Pray with us that all goes well during this time.
- With two trips overseas visiting three countries and traveling through several states the remainder of this year I estimate around 40,000 miles flown and driving. Please pray for our safety.

Thanks again for your faithful support and prayers.

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### TITUS PARTNERS JULY 2018

"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:" 2Corinthians 4:3

Webster's 1828 dictionary defines the word 'hid' as to conceal or cover up. The idea is to keep something out of eyesight or to prevent something from being discovered. As an American, I thank the Lord for being born in a place where, though great battles are being fought to squelch the proclaiming of the gospel, it is not hid, nor do we have to hide from the public because of fear of persecution or punishment. Because of freedom to share the gospel in the work place, I was personally led to the Lord. This freedom is not afforded to many worldwide. Many times, we take for granted this freedom we have here in America and often times we forget there are billions around this world in order to protect themselves and others they are driven into hiding. With the primary purpose of Rock of Ages to reach prisoners worldwide it is difficult at times to get free access into the institutions. Over the past 41 years the Rock of Ages has learned that when personal soul winning and open preaching is limited that the printed page is a great tool to spread the gospel. This past year we have seen thousands saved through the material printed and distributed, and through the thousands of lessons sent each week. Just this past year ---- men and women have written and said they accepted the Lord as a result of studying the Rock of Age Discipleship lessons. Thank you again this month for partnering with the foreign outreach of Rock of Ages by being a Titus Partner. Your gifts and faithful support help send the gospel to regions that may be limited to physical contact, yet the printed page can penetrate those areas keeping our gospel from being hid to them that are lost.

Help us pray this month that we may unveil the Gospel to millions:

- 1. 45,000 New Testaments and thousands of Gospel Tracts are on their way now to Papua New Guinea. Pray the remainder of the funds owed come in for this project. Pray customs clear quickly and the distribution of the material go quickly.
- 2. Forty-foot container is on its way to West Africa packed with thousands of pieces of material and Bibles. The material will be distributed to volunteers and national pastors to be used in prisons and public schools. This material will be used in several countries we are presently working in.
- 3. We have begun translating material in the Korea language to be used in the prisons of South Korea. Join us in prayer the Lord will first send a full time missionary to work with the Rock of Ages in South Korea. Pray the opportunity to take the material to North Korea may become a reality in the near future. Pray that the gospel presently hid in North Korea may be unveiled.

Thank you again for faithfully support the worldwide outreach of the Rock of Ages.

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Php 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

I realize it has been longer than usual since our last letter. As I write this letter it is hard to believe in a matter of days half this year will be history. It is sure is a joy knowing Judy and I have the greatest privilege a person could have and that is to first serve such a wonderful LORD and then to be the sent servants of God's children. Thank you again for your faithful prayers and financial gifts that make our service possible.

We have averaged about 5 days per month at home. Again the mercy of our Lord and no doubt the praying of God's people has kept us safe in our travels.

For the past few years, the Foreign Staff of the ministry (of whom I am privileged to serve with) take a week and come to the Rock of Ages Home Office to work around the facility. The Lord has gifted men with different skills and it has proven to be a great blessing. I pull out my old Air Conditioning tools, while the other men bring their carpentry tools and we go to work servicing, repairing and building. It is a tiring week but is always a great blessing to just fellowship and serve together. The following week Dr. Ellis and I take a few days to meet with all the ministry field staff and listen to what is going on in their area of service and how we can be more effective in reaching souls around the world. The conclusion of the week is bringing in prospective future leadership and teaching and challenging them to expand the work.

Judy and I then traveled to Georgia for a graduation service and church service. I would like to publicly give a special thanks to Dr. Gary Stewart and Dr. Clay Pawley and the board of directors of the College of Biblical Studies for the privilege of preaching the graduation commencement for the past few years. Again it was a privilege to see both men and women stand and receive a diploma for diligent work in studying the scripture.

I would also like to take this month and ask that you pray for several needs in our lives and the ministry. Please pray for the following:

- 1. Many changes and challenges are taking place worldwide where working with government facilities are concerned. Our missionaries are facing major changes in their institutions. Considering this, I feel it is important that I personally make a few extra trips overseas. PLEASE PRAY, first for my health. I am doing better physically then I have in years and believe the Lord is giving me grace to travel more. Secondly, with these trips so sudden I had not budgeted for the trips. Please pray for the Lord's provision.
- 2. Recently, Judy was with my daughter in Tampa, FL and they were rear ended in traffic. Judy is struggling with pain in her neck and back. She has begun the medical process; Pray there are no long term problems.

Thank you again for allowing us to be your servants in reaching a lost world with the gospel of our LORD.

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And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan. Genesis 14:14

I thought it interesting that when Abraham had a need to go to war that all he had to do was arm his servants because his servants were already prepared for battle; Abraham had trained them for the battle. The servants were willing and ready to go to war at their masters beckoning, all they needed now was to be equipped. Every month somewhere in the world we are holding seminars and conferences, training men and women on how to maintain a regular ministry in schools and prisons. All these dear servants need now is to be armed. Thanks to your giving we can help our foreign workers with printed material, Bibles, fuel and transportation needs and sometimes basic personal needs. Please continue to pray for our many missionary and volunteers on foreign soil as they faithfully serve.

This month I would like to update everyone on John and Silvana Alves. Brother John was led to Christ under the ministry of the veteran missionary Jimmie Rose. Brother John has served with the ROA in Brazil for over 15 years and now leads the ministry as Director. Under his leadership the work has expanded tremendously with a rapid growth in the Prisoner's Bible Institute, several missionary families now working in prisons and the ongoing outreach of volunteers working throughout the nation. The Lord has blessed the work in Brazil and is using this family in a great way. But not only are there great blessings but there are many adversaries. Please join us in arming this dear family in the battle.

The past few weeks have been overwhelming for all our Brazilian families. With the recent impeachment of their president the economy has taken a major blow. The government raised fuel prices over 53% which led to a trucker's strike. Roads and airports were blocked and millions were lost in perishable commodities. For days our families could not get food or basic needs, on top of this many churches have felt the financial blow and are dropping support of local works which includes many of our Brazilian families and the Rock of Ages office and Prisoner's Bible Institute of over 2000 students. Please let us arm our servants with fervent prayer. Especially pray for the Alves family with health and financial needs.

Thanks again for being a faithful partner with us in reaching a world for Christ.

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"I Chronicles 16:34 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever"

After returning from the Philippines the first week of February we would travel to the home office for meetings with our international staff, from there it was off to Montgomery, AL for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama Campaign. It was then off to Tennessee again for our annual Chaplain's Retreat where it is always a great joy to hear how the Lord is working through our chaplain's department. While at the chaplains retreat we would get the news that two of our missionaries would be called home to be with the Lord. I was privilege to be a part of the funeral services of Missionary Randy Childress. After leaving North Carolina it was back to the home office for Candidate Classes. I always look forward to my time teaching in the school. It is a great joy seeing the Lord send families to the Rock of Ages.

Judy and I want to just take the time again this month to give thanks to the Lord for:

- Twenty-eight days on the road and 4500 miles driven and all without accident or incident
- For all of our friends and faithful supporters-thanks for your faithful prayers
- For the privilege of serving with the Rock of Ages for the past 30 years.
- For the day he visited our family and forever changed our destiny
- For allowing us the privilege of knowing great families that have recently gone on to be with our Lord.

As I write this letter we are on our way to New Hampshire to be with Pastor Peter Chamberland, then off to Rhode Island for a three-day prison revival. After returning from Rhode Island I am home two days then back on the road.

Please pray for the following missionary families. Brother Mike Kelly has been in the hospital for several weeks, Sister Kellie Childress at the home going of her husband Randy, and Brother Leroy Demasellis at the home going of his wife Kim.

Thanks again for your faithful support.

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"Thou art the Lord the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; And foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give it, I say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous:" Nehemiah 9:7-8

Last month I stated I felt the Lord would have me highlight the foreign national families that serve as missionaries with the Rock of Ages. This newsletter will focus on the Cristians'. It was not long after our first trip overseas to the country of Romania that I knew the answer to reaching prisoners would be through partnering and training foreign families. The Lord then led me to start the Titus Partner outreach in order to help financially support national workers and missionaries. Thanks to many of you that have been faithful to pray and give, the Lord has allowed the Rock of Ages see thousands saved and the Word of God spread literally around the world. As I thought on the above verses I felt the phrase "And foundest his heart faithful." best described our Romanian Missionary family Mircea and Ronela Cristian. There is no doubt that after serving with the Rock of Ages for 24 years this family has proven to have a faithful heart towards reaching prisoners with the gospel of our Lord. Please pray for this dear couple as they serve the Lord throughout Romania and Moldova.



Mircea and Ronela Cristian were accepted as missionaries with the Rock of Ages September 1994. They were the first foreign family to join Rock of Ages and have faithfully serve for 24 years. Brother Mircea began working with the Rock of Ages a couple years as a volunteer in his native country of Romania prior to the Lord leading his family into fulltime missionary service. Under Brother Mircea's leadership thousands of inmates have heard the gospel and many have made professions of faith. Brother Mircea was a civil engineer with the Romanian railroad and Sister Ronela had background in chemistry. The Lord would use this great couple as they gave up their careers to serve their Lord. Even though being raised under the hand of communism, both were born into Christian families. Though bibles were limited and churches were censored, the heritage of both families preserved the message of salvation. It is amazing to see how God had been preparing this family. Not long after surrendering to the ministry the family would face a great challenge. Brother Mircea would be in a terrible accident that would leave him unable to walk and with a very serious head injury. The doctors were not sure if he would ever walk again or that he would even come out of a coma. Again the hand of the Lord was on the family. Brother Mircea's legs were crushed but with steel rods placed in his legs he is able to walk and has literally traveled the world sharing his burden to reach Romanian prisoners. Today though often in much pain and discomfort, Brother Mircea continues to labor faithfully.

Please pray for this dear family. Your faithful giving and prayers have resulted in hundreds of Romanian prisoners and prisoners around the world being saved. As with every missionary family the Cristian family is in need of additional financial support. Please pray with us about this need.

Thank you again for your faithfulness of heart.

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"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

This April will mark 30 years that Judy and I have served as missionaries with the Rock of Ages Ministries and if the Lord allows, August of this year will be 38 years since I preached my first message. I preached that message at the Faith Bible Baptist Church in Century, FL, which was the first Baptist church I ever attended. Only weeks after being saved, Judy and I would join Faith Bible Baptist and we remain members there today. It was during a mission conference at our home church the Lord used the above verse to burden Judy and me for missions. We knew as members we had a responsibility to invest in the mission program of our church through prayer and giving. I was contented for a while but there was still that call to 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." I knew then that the Lord had plans for our family to reach a world.

When our Lord makes this declaration there are only eleven disciples present; can you image how overwhelming it must have been to this small group of followers? However, the command was stated and there was a world to reach.

After thirty years, with the privilege of serving with great missionaries, the Rock of Ages has been able to preach on every continent. Though millions have received the gospel through the printed page, and thousands have heard through preaching, there is still much to do and still the command of our Lord to 'GO'. Thank you again for your years of prayers and financial support that have made possible our families call to reach the world.

Please pray fervently that the Lord will continue to bless my health and that he would supply the financial needs to reach out more then every before.

I have been asked to attend a national meeting with our missionaries in Brazil the end of August and we are planning a meeting with volunteers throughout Europe the end of October. Please help me pray for these trips. Pray the Lord will send laborers for the open doors in these countries. Pray the Lord supplied the financial need of these meetings. I will be flying to Boston in April to assist in annual prison revival in Rhode Island.

As I write this letter we have been on the road for 33 days, with over 22,000 miles traveled. I was able to make my first trip back the Philippines in three years due to concerns with my heart issues. Praise the Lord the trip went great. The Lord gave me great health on the trip and safety as we traveled. I was privileged to preach several times on the trip with the Lord giving 37 professions of faith.

Thank you again for your friendship and faithful support.

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# TITUS INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY, 2018

"Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen."

Philemon 1:24-25

In the above verse, the apostle Paul names his fellow laborers. The month of May will mark 27 years since the Rock of Ages expanded the ministry overseas. In 1994 the first foreigners, Mircea and Ronela Cristian would become missionaries with the Rock of Ages and for twenty-four years they have faithfully reached prisoners in the country of Romania. As I thought on the above verse, the Lord moved me to take this year and highlight the foreign national missionaries that serve with the Rock of Ages. This month I would like to share the ministry of Rock of Ages Missionaries Jun and Tess Monderin in the country of the Philippines.



Jun, Betsy, Jamie, Tess

Brother Jun and his then wife Joyce (passed away) began working with the Rock of Ages in 2006. Jun and Joyce worked daily in several male and female jails and weekly in the largest prisons in the country. Hundreds of men and women heard the gospel and many have been saved. Bible studies and discipleship courses were developed in several institutions. Jun and Joyce would be blessed of the Lord with two beautiful young girls, Betsy the oldest and little sister Jamie. Not long after Jamie was born her mother who suffered with severe asthma would suffer in a coma for several months. The Lord would eventually take sister Joyce on to heaven. Brother Jun would now be a single parent to two young girls. Though his entire world had changed, Brother Jun knew that the Lord had called him to the prisoner and he continued to be faithful to the work the Lord had given him. The months that Joyce was in a coma, the Lord sent a dear Christian lady named Sister Tess. She was the nurse that took care of Joyce the entire time she was bed ridden. Today this dear couple now married continues to serve faithfully in reaching literally hundreds of men and women behind bars. Sister Tess feels the Lord would have her use her education to take medical groups into the prison and teach basic health and hygiene needs. Please pray for this faithful missionary family.

Thanks to your faithful giving and praying, our Titus Partner Outreach helps this family with the daily needs of the work. Please pray that the Lord will increase their personal support, as more doors are open to them.

Next month we will highlight and introduce you to another one our fellow laborers.

Thanks again for your faithful prayers and gifts.

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"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"
(Titus 2:13)

In the above verse the word 'looking' is from a Greek word that means 'to wait with expectation'. I still cannot believe how quickly 2017 seemed to pass. I find myself looking more than ever for the glorious return of our Lord.

#### LOOKING BACK

2017 marked 31 years serving with the Rock of Ages as a volunteer for 1 year and a missionary for 30. I turned 60 years old and began to realize there is so much work to do with fewer years ahead to accomplish it all. The Lord gave Judy and me two new grand babies in 2017, a beautiful little girl (Violet) and the cutest little fella (Gavin), of course I am speaking from a Papa point of view.

In 2017, I was personally able to be a part of seeing over 300 souls saved and to serve with a ministry that saw thousands saved around the world. Thanks to your faithful support tens of thousands either heard the gospel preached or a copy of God's Word were given somewhere in the world. Thanks to your prayers, the Lord gave us another great year of travel without a breakdown or accident. Praise the Lord for the his goodness and the faithfulness of each of you

As I write this letter, I am sitting in a mission apartment in Georgia. I will be on the road in meetings for 20 days. I am traveling through six states over 3500 miles from sunny Florida to frigid Cincinnati. Sure need you prayers!!

#### LOOKING AHEAD

This coming year Judy and I are scheduled to be in 15 states and travel over 30,000 miles. In addition to travel here in the states Ricky plans to make a couple trips overseas as well. Please continue to pray for safety and that the Lord will prepare hearts as we travel.

February 19-22 is the Annual Alabama Campaign. Like so many states in America, security is very low do to a lack of officers. We need your prayers, as many as 100 men and women will be walking the prisons distributing gospel material and soul winning. Officers moure not only our safety, but help to move the teams throughout the institution. Pray there is adequate help to reach as many men and women as possible.

I was privilege this past month to take part in the ministries annual Coordinators Meetings. I was able to teach a couple lessons and be one of the preachers in the evening revival services at the Mt Zion Baptist Church in Commerce, GA. It is a great privilege to serve with such great families in the Rock of Ages. I was excited to hear from each man and his area of ministry. Please continue to pray for the Rock of Ages as we move forward to reach more souls than ever this year.

Thank you again for your faithful support for Judy and me. It is a great joy being your missionaries to prisoners around the world.

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"But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you." (2 Corinthians 8:16)

Second Corinthians 8 has no doubt been one of the most used chapters in the Bible to challenge believers in the area of grace giving for the cause of missions. The Apostle Paul is teaching the Corinthians this great principle when he states in the above verse that God put the 'same earnest care' into the heart of Titus. In the Greek the words 'earnest care' means to have an eagerness towards the same business. When the Lord laid on my heart to begin the Titus Partners ministry over 25 years ago it was with the idea of partnering together with those that God had but into their heart the same earnest care of reaching sinners. Thanks to the faithful prayers and gifts of our partners we have again seen great things done for our Lord in 2017 and are excited about what he has for in 2018. Thank you again for partnering with us.

### 2017 Partnership Results

These are only a few highlights of what the Lord has allowed us to accomplish together this past year.

- Three containers were shipped with thousands of Bibles and printed material to Asia and Africa
- We began several new church plant assistance programs in several countries
- We had two new missionary families join the ministry in Brazil
- We have been involved in building and establishing a Christian School in Cambodia for the past three years and we saw the first phase completed last year. Praise the Lord! Kids that would have only know about Buddha now learn about the Lord Jesus
- The foreign field saw over 20,000 souls save thanks to our missionaries and the many national churches and volunteers that work with us on a daily basis
- We were able to see thousands of prisoners grow in the Lord through the Prisoner's Bible Institute material
- The Josh Hill Family moved to the country of Guatemala and have already begun to have several open doors

### **PRAYER FOR 2018**

Please join us in prayer for the following needs and plans in 2018:

- Brother Mircea Cristian was the first foreigner to be accepted as a missionary with the Rock of Ages in 1994. Mircea and his dear wife Ronela have truly impacted the prison system throughout the entire nation of Romania for 24 years. As with many of missionaries the world's economy has affected this family. Brother Mircea is in a great need of raising both personal and ministry support. Please help us pray as we make plans for him and Ronela to come to states and share their need. Pray the Lord will provide funds for airline tickets, an automobile they can use while in the states and a full schedule in churches while in the country.
- The country of Brazil continues to offer more open doors then ever and the prison population is approaching the 700,000 mark. The demand for more Bibles and more bible lessons has overtaken the economic ability to maintain the monthly needs of our office in the country. Please pray the Lord will allow us to present this great need to in churches this year.
- Plans are being made for two Rock of Ages Foreign Conferences this year. Through these conferences we desire to see more national churches get involved in reaching their local schools and prisons and of course be a blessing to our families in the country. The conferences will be held in Brazil and Romania

Thank you again for your faithful support and prayers.

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