

# "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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"...commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." II Tim 2:2



Dear Pastor, Church and Faithful Supporters,

One of the most exciting things to be a part of, after three decades of missionary service, is to see the hand of God upon labour's that he has called into his harvest! The Rock of Ages Ministries continues to grow worldwide as to reach the souls of mankind with the gospel in prisons, schools and military facilities! Not only to see them called of God, but to be trained, taught and equipped for the mission field. May we all continue to pray for labour's according to Matt. 9:38.

# **International Staff Meetings**

With an ever changing world working with Federal and State governments worldwide, it is more important than ever before to stay on the cutting edge of laws and legalities in all nations, so that our families can fulfil the call of God upon their lives through their local churches and the Rock of Ages Ministries. We covet your prayers for Dr. Ellis, Dr. Dunsford, Dr. Vanhorn, Br. Mark Waddington and myself as key decisions have to be made on a regular basis that allows our families the liberty to serve on the foreign field and receive their support on a monthly basis.

# **Rock of Ages National Conference**

Each year in July, our stateside Rock of Ages missionaries, along with some of our oversees missionaries gather together for what I call our Super Bowl meeting of the year, our National Conference! We want to thank Pastor Ronald Guffey and Eleventh Avenue Baptist Church of Dalton Ga. for hosting the Conference! What generosity! What hospitality! What singing! What preaching! What alter calls! A time for us as missionaries to get our batteries charged and be refuelled, refreshed, and ready to continue on in the work of the Lord! As a ministry, we were blessed to see 53,840 professions of faith worldwide in 2017.

#### **Brazil Regional Conference**

August 22 – 26th, we held our Rock of Ages Regional Conference in the city of Serrena, Brazil, four hours northwest Sao Paulo Brazil. We were blessed to have our President, Br. Terry Ellis and his wife, Mrs Peggy, our Vice President, Br. Ricky Dunsford along with my wife Donna on the trip and the Lord used each of them in a wonderful way! We were able to hold our first ladies meeting on that Saturday for our missionary wives along with our board member wives and several other guest! It was such a blessing and encouragement to them as they serve along side their husbands in the ministry! On Sunday night, Br. Dunsford preached, the pastor's daughter come down the isle, religious, but lost and gloriously, trusted Christ as her Saviour along with two young men surrendering their lives to missions.

We continue to work with a Brazilin family, Br. Rod Denardi and his wife, as they make preparation to be in our missionary school in March of 2019 in Cleveland, Tn. to head up our Prison Prevention Program in Brazil.

Our Brazil Director, Br. John Alves, was able to meet with the Secretary of State of Sao Paulo who has been our friend through the years! He requested of John, due to the tension in prison and the pressure on his officers, that we reach out to them and their spiritual needs. A request from the top government official on the behalf of his men!

We were blessed to see 365 professions of faith in July and 113 professions of faith in August in the men and women's prisons.

### St. Lucia, West Indies

Br. Francis Thomas still continues to oversee the Bordelais Prison with our faithful volunteer Br. Frank. We have been blessed to have a new volunteer trained to help in the prison on a regular basis. We have seen 9 professions of faith in the last four months. Please continue to pray that the Lord would allow greater liberty in the prison in the future.

#### **Prayer and Praise**

Donna and I would like to thank you once again for your faithful partnership and financial support! We ask that you would pray for wisdom, direction, safety in travels and for the souls of all mankind to be saved!

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