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**ROCK of AGES
MINISTRIES**

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

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Dear Pastor, Church & Praying friends,

"Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar... the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness." Luke 3:1&2



God willing, by March 25th 2019, the Lord will have graced us with 15 years serving Him as missionaries with Rock of Ages Ministries. All thanks, glory & honor to God! As I read this Scripture, I found myself praying the word of God to reach further into the wilderness of the Nepali prisons, a Hindu nation needing the saving grace of Jesus Christ... for the word of God to reach further into the wilderness of Indian prisons, in need of the Saviour. I'll get back to this thought at the end of this last letter of 2018.

INDIA... Christmas Service sees 250+ inmates come out to hear the Gospel! Thank you for praying! The final number that the prison warden asked us to provide some food for was 250 prisoners, more than we thought. The men had asked if they were just to meet with those that normally attend services, but the warden said, "No. I want you to meet and speak to the Hindu inmates also." WHAT A TESTIMONY TO GOD MAKING A WAY! Over 250 prisoners heard the Gospel that day! I want to make a special mention to a Sunday School group of college students who gave sacrificially to meet the extra need financially to make this happen! God bless you and I thank the Lord for you all! The warden sent this message, *"On behalf of jail prisoners, big, big thanks to Rock of Ages Ministry for sponsoring the Merry Christmas Meal at Sajiwa Jail."* You all have a part in this blessing and we thank the Lord for how He has opened the door of the Gospel to this prison! Let us pray for increase in 2019!

NEPAL... No new laborer as yet, but the work continues. I thank God for Pastor Mardi who continues faithfully to reach prisons in the eastern region. Please continue to pray for him, and for another man to be willing to go and work with him. He does still have occasional help, but needs someone for the weekly work.

ON HOME SOIL... At a prison revival in Bland, Virginia, on the last night a young man gave his life to Christ. He had a story to tell. After services he told me, *"I just got saved!"* He said he had been reading the Bible for 3 months. I told him, "Great!" Then he said, *"No, you don't understand. I started reading determined to prove that book wrong, determined to show it is not true. But the more I read, the more I realized I could find nothing wrong with it!"* I seem to remember Pilate saying, "I find no fault in this man." Just as Pilate found no fault in the Word of God made flesh, so it was that this man could find no fault in the Word of God once more!

PERSONAL TESTIMONY... After a sermon at our home church with the challenge that "Christmas is not about us," we got a text message on the 23rd from a Romanian couple wanting to meet with us on Christmas day! Thank God for the preparation of His Word in our hearts! We met, had a blessed time together and are due to meet again at their home for New Year's Eve, along with another couple that want to meet with us, the wife is Romanian and husband American. As far as we know, these folks do not know the Lord as personal Saviour. Please pray with us as we all begin to get to know each other.

COMING UP IN 2019... In January Lord willing, I will be at the annual Prison Coordinator's Meeting, as we seek God for ways forward in the prison systems of America, followed by a few days at the ROA office. Next is a week's prison meeting in Pearl, MS, then February will see the annual Alabama Prison Campaign. During all this time, there are three projects to be worked on, finalizing prison curriculum, putting details together for April's Missions School in Brazil, and working on training curriculum for the foreign field.

PRAYER SEASON FOR 2019... As we approach 2019, I would like to ask for continued and constant prayer for the work in Nepal & India. Though both works are young and both nations hard to reach, I am burdened to see growth in these two areas of ministry. Please join me in praying without ceasing for these two countries!

Brother Mark Waddington & family

Praise:

- The desire in this generation to do something for God!
- 3 professing Jesus as Lord & Saviour in prison!
- How God is working through Pastor Thanga in India!

Prayer Requests:

- Young people who made commitments at conference
- Those who have professed Christ at prison, in LA & India!
- India: Opportunity to talk with prisoners after services

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