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"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" Ecc 3:1

After 30 years of serving in a ministry that requires a lot of scheduling, traveling and speaking, whether it is teaching and training new missionaries or preaching in churches and prisons; finding more time is always a challenge. I learned that if long term goals are to be met and our health is a consideration in this, that yearly planning is a must. This is a challenge for most of us because long term schedules must include the things we really would rather put on the back burner. I would rather be on my way to a prison to preach or landing in a foreign country preparing for a time with our missionaries. The summer months are the time I scheduled to much needed home and auto maintenance and repairs. Of course, it is not without a lot of traveling. Summer is a time for camp meetings, visiting our supporting churches and seeing family and not to mention the daily ministry responsibility that keeps us answering emails and phone calls. With all this said, where has the time gone? It is already July and I feel I need another month just to catch up on things. As I think on these things I realize though overwhelming at times, I still love the ministry the Lord has placed me in. The joy of seeing souls saved never gets old. The many friends and acquaintances we have made over the years and the overwhelming blessings of the Lord make the afflictions just seem light. Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support. The remainder of the year will give little time to catchup on things. Beginning the third week of July through the end of the year our schedule has us home a total of only five weeks.

Judy and I would like to ask that you pray with us concerning several personal needs:

- 1. When you receive this newsletter our brother-in-law, Cal Thompson will have had heart surgery. Please pray for his quick and full recovery and for grace for the family.
- 2. A very faithful serving family in our home church, Bill and Angie Hughen are going through a major trial at this time. Sister Angie is battling cancer and none of the treatments working. Sister Angie is the daughter of our Rock of Ages missionary family Ray and Shelia Davis. Please join us in prayer that the Lord might send a miraculous healing.
- The Rock of Ages National Conference July 29-August 1. Pray the Lord will challenge us all to press on in the work he has called us to.
- 4. Ricky will be traveling to Pittsburg, PA the end of August for a conference, from there to Romania the first of September. Pray for safety good health and souls saved.
- 5. Ricky will be in the Philippines the first of October. Pray again for safety, health and souls saved.
- 6. We are scheduled in several church and prisons meeting as well as teaching classes the remainder of the year. Pray the Lord will give wisdom and power.
- 7. We usually don't ask but Judy and I have been hit with tremendous medical and dental bills. Please pray with us to get these paid. We are looking at \$15,000 when all is done.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

In Christ's Service,

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June –July 2019 Titus, International "Men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Act 15:26

Dear Faithful Partners,

The word 'hazard' came into use in English around 1520 AD as a word of chance. It meant to have something at stake in a game or venture. Webster defines it as 'to put at risk or danger'. The idea is to commit oneself to something with full understanding of the risk involved. The passage in Acts 15 is not speaking of one individual but those who have joined together in partnership. Every month our missionaries travel thousands of miles, enter prisons and other areas that are not the safest environments. Just living in some countries is a daily struggle. Through prayer, encouragement and investment in the lives of others we all have a stake in the work of the Lord. Thank you again this month for your faithful partnership in reaching sinners worldwide. The past couple months have been full of great blessings and fruitfulness for our families abroad as well as trials.

Kenya Uganda Trip

After several months of waiting for the container to arrive, the team was able to unload the material in Kenya and distribute it throughout prisons, churches and schools. The Prison Prevention team conducted 16 training sessions; teaching the need of reaching school age kids character. We now have 7 fulltime partners working in 21in prison and 14 schools. With over 3682 preached too, over 700 made professions of faith. Even among such great blessings our missionaries face hazards. The team was on its way to Uganda when they received notice of an outbreak of emboli in Congo that had spilled over into Uganda with a few that had died. The team was warned in time and elected to stay in Kenya. Please pray as plans are being made to return to Uganda and help train volunteers to reach prisoners throughout their nation.

Brazil

The ministry in Brazil is growing tremendously. With over 2000 students studying the Prisoner's Bible

Institute and several more signing up, New missionary families are inquiring about becoming a missionary with the ministry and the public-school ministry developing nationwide; the Lord truly is blessing the work. Rarely a day goes by that our missionaries don't see a soul saved in churches, prisons or schools. The blessings do not go without hazard. Recently, while working at the office in Brazil; just a couple doors down there was a shooting that took a person's life. In the past couple years, the area where the office is located has become a very dangerous place. We have been vandalized and broken into leading us to install security systems. Everyday our office staff go to work under possible threat. Help us pray as we have put the facility on the market and hope to relocate this year.

Ukraine

After great struggles in the Ukraine and ever-changing administrations and the stress of Russian attacks the doors to the prisons are wide open again and Brother Alex and his team of volunteers are preaching and seeing men and women prisoners come to know the Lord. Please pray for the families in the Ukraine. Everyday bank accounts are hacked and daily threats of a Russian take over stress the work.

In the 26 countries where the Rock of Ages is working the Lord blesses with changed lives. However, though there is a great door opened it is not without adversaries. Thanks to your prayer and financial support, we are reaching a world together for the glory of our Lord.

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