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"The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments." 2Timothy 4:13

In recent days, I have been reminded of how all are affected by the consequences of sin; no one is immune from the plague of sin. However, those of us that are saved realize there is total healing through a blood transfusion. The apostle Paul in the above verse is locked away in a cold prison cell. He is no longer able to stand in a public forum and proclaim the gospel. However, with the help of his faithful partners, he is able to continue his work through the books and the parchments. Thanks to each of you that have both partnered with me and Judy and the Rock of Ages, though unable to physically enter the institutions, we are able to continue the work.

Thanks to faithful gifts we were able to purchase 5,000 masks for the officers and prisoners, distribute over 2500 New Testaments and hundreds of gospel tracts that give a clear presentation of the gospel in the Romanian prisons. Brother Mircea asked the prison personnel how they might be able to give the material to the inmates; the prison department replied that the officers would hand it out. We are praying that more can be distributed throughout the year.

While talking to our missionary family in Guatemala (Josh and Melissa Hill), I learned that several families in his young church needed food. Thanks to a kind gift of one of our supporters, I was able to send \$1500 to help. What a great blessing it was to receive videos of the Guatemalan families thanking the Lord for the kindness of God's people. Please pray as Guatemala is just beginning to see the surge of the virus and all families have been ordered not to leave their homes.

Some prisons have asked if we would send in cd's and cd players of preaching, while others have asked if we can help with masks, Bibles and printed material. Praise the Lord the Prisoner's Bible Institute lessons continue to increase and many have written that through the lessons they have been saved. Praise the Lord that while the prison gates have locked us out we can still send in Bibles and material.

Please continue to pray for Judy and me. I was able to see two cardiologists and Praise the Lord through a regiment of exercise and drinking a lot of water daily (I feel like a water balloon), I am feeling great and have been given the go again to fly. I go back in six months and if I am disciplined enough to stick to the regiment I will not need a pacemaker for several more years. Judy is doing much better as she has been working with pain management from her auto accident. Overall, we have been given a good bill of health and are excited about staying busy for the Lord.

I have been able to preach some on podcast and some have downloaded messages I have preached in the past. I started back traveling this month (of course with care) and will be doing some church meetings. Pray as places start to open that we are sensitive to the needs of others and that the Lord may use us to reach them.

Thank you more than ever for your faithful gifts and much more for your faithful prayers.

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Job 5:9 "Which doeth great things and **unsearchable; marvellous things** without number..."

Archaeologist dig down into the earth looking for answers from the past; Where did man come from? Why are we here? How did we get from where we were to where we are today? Astronomers look up from the earth into the heavens for answers such as; Where did all this come from? Are we the only life form? How does time work? There is an innate desire in man to search for answer for things that they don't understand. With today's technology we can search almost anything through YouTube or Google. Yet, there is still this overwhelming drive to search out the mysteries of the unknown. Job states in chapter five that man's life consist of trouble and implies that there are just somethings we will not understand. We must simply accept them by faith in an all knowing and loving Lord. In the above verse I notice that one concordance defined the words 'marvellous things' as things beyond power. I was reminded that there are some things just unsearchable. Some things are just beyond our power and comprehension. We must simply trust the Lord.

As I reflect on the situation the world is in today I am reminded that in deep poverty the Macedonian church was used of the Lord beyond their power. I am amazed every month at the faithfulness of God's people to give many times beyond their power. I want to again thank all that have partner with us at the Rock of Ages through faithful prayer and giving. When things have seemed impossible we continue to see marvelous things accomplish worldwide.

From the Field

India

Rock of Ages Missionary Mike Vanhorn was able to preach to over 100 preachers in India and the door has opened to hold training classes for the Character Under Construction courses. Who can tell that when the doors open again in the public schools how many young people will hear the gospel. We are preparing to do several Character Under Construction training courses through Zoom media overseas in the near future

Africa

Through training sessions last year in Kenya and Uganda or the Character Under Construction courses we have partnered with several local pastors and have been faithful in teaching and preaching in several schools. In the first quarter of the year, through the lessons over 19,000 students heard and 3303 made a public profession of faith. Pray for our missionaries as they prepare for a trip to Liberia the first of August.

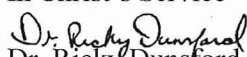
Zambia

Jim and Connie Jeremias have served with the Rock of Ages for several years and many of those years have been in the country of Zambia. Jim has been used of the Lord to develop a prison outreach nationwide. Jim was used to assist in a church plant that today is an indigenous work. Sister Connie had a burden to reach the orphan children and has been used of the Lord to establish an orphanage. Recently, Sister Connie was diagnosed with breast cancer and the family had to leave the field and come home. Please pray for this dear family and the work they leave behind.

Many of the countries we are working are still close to prison and school work and are just beginning to see the surge of the virus. Many of our partners are able to access the prisons and deliver material. We are seeing an increase in those studying through our correspondence courses. Praise the Lord men are still being saved!

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