

July 2020 Personal Newsletter

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“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:” 2Peter 1:19

We began opening up our home office the first of June for special meetings. I was able to attend a three-day training session with our Prison Prevention Team and was privileged to be one of the speakers. The men and ladies that serve in the public-school ministry are a great group of missionaries and are truly impacting our nation and the world with the Character Under Construction Curriculum. Brother Jeff Bellamy serves and the Prison Prevention Director and shared new possibilities of outreach that I am excited to see the Lord has opened. I will update more about these opportunities once things are in place.

As many of you know the virus is just reaching its peak in many countries and travel has been limited. Plans were made for trips to Africa and St Lucia but borders were closed and the trips had to be moved to sometime in October or November. Although travel has been limited the work continues. The Prisoner's Bible Student enrolment continues to increase with over 5000 students studying the lessons in five countries. With so many prisoners confined and limited visitation we are continuing to get request for lessons. The lessons are supplied free of charge to the inmate. We supply Bibles, printing cost and postage. Please help us pray for the financial needs of this great ministry.

Continue to pray for our building projects!

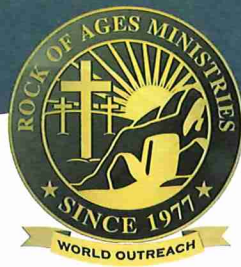
- Brother Mircea Cristian is meeting with a realtor this month to look into the sale of our old three-story office building. The building has served the ministry well the past 25 years but given new technology we can maintain our Bible Institute and ministry needs in a smaller more efficient facility. The old concrete building is need of some repair and the electrical and heating cost is becoming more difficult to maintain. Our desire is to move into a one story more cost-efficient office building.
- Brother John Alves is finalizing paperwork with the engineers and contractors in Brazil. Once everything is translated in English, we are planning to begin the first phase of our new office building. Brazil alone has over 2800 Bible Institute students which requires a large office space and warehousing of material. Please pray the sale of the old office is completed soon so we can move on to the next phase of building.
- Brother Josh Hill has been working with a property owner in Guatemala and the owner has agreed to work with us on a lease to own contract. We will begin using 1/3 of the property to erect a tent for the young church to meet (approx. 40 people). Our goal is to raise \$75,000 over the next year to secure all the property and build both a church building and an office building to house the Prisoner's Bible Institute. Brother Josh is planning on returning to the states for furlough in October. Please pray all things are in place before his departure.

Praise the Lord several churches are holding partial services and I have been privileged to preach in a few again. Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support.

In Christ's Service,

Dr. Ricky Dunsford
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2 Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.



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*“And not that only, but who was **also chosen of the churches to travel with us** with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:” 2Co 8:19*

The word ‘travel’ is only mentioned twice in the King James Bible. It is also mentioned twice in the Greek as the word ‘sunekdēmos’. The idea is a companionship in one’s travel. It takes on more than a brief trip; it implies a journey. The idea is someone that set out on a journey together and has continued faithfully. This May began the 29th year since we made our first trip as a ministry overseas. It didn’t take me long to realize that it would take others to make this journey with us. The above chapter in Corinthians is where the Lord led me to start the Titus Partners Outreach. Many have been with us from the very beginning and several continue to join along the way. Every month thousands of prisoners receive a Bible, lessons from the Prisoner’s Bible Institute and because we can help purchase a motorcycle, give a little gas money and help with the monthly support for our national workers, thousands hear preaching. Now approaching three decades of sharing the gospel tens of thousands have been saved worldwide. **Thank you again for being our travel partner on the journey the Lord has sent us on.**

20,000 Crayons

A few years ago, Brother Jeff Bellamy and the Prison Prevention Team had a burden to use coloring books to reach young people with the gospel. The first coloring book taught salvation, the second about missionaries and the third about forgiveness. We have working to get these coloring books in different languages and used them worldwide. Thousands of copies have already been shipped to the Philippines, St Lucia and Africa and the Lord has used this tool to reach young people worldwide.

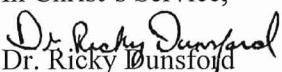
Well it is time again to ship and we need crayons!

These crayons will be used in the opening of the school ministry in Nigeria, West Africa. We are sending a forty-foot shipping container filled with Bibles, New Testaments, gospel tracts, our Scripture coloring books, and the God’s Wisdom – Our Topics books. All this material will supply thirty pastors that have contacted us wanting the public-school ministry for their country. We will be conducting a three-day Pastors Conference where we will be training these pastors and their churches how to reach the schools of their local areas. We will equip the pastors with the Character Under Construction lessons and YES Club International program materials to use in their Sunday schools, youth groups, home devotions and reaching schools in their villages, and cities. Brother Jeff Bellamy

If you would like to take part in the crayon drive, we will need the crayons by September 25th. The crayons can be sent to the Home Office of the Rock of Ages. If you prefer to send funds to help with the purchase mark your gift for the Nigerian Crayons and make checks payable to the Rock of Ages Ministries.

Thank you again for your faithfulness to take the gospel around the world.

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