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December 2020 Personal Newsletter

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: 2 Peter 1:19

I reminded how our world changed after the 911 attack on our country. Fear gripped the world because air travel connected the world internationally and what happened in America could happen anywhere on the planet. Again, I believe the world has changed and things will for sure never be as they were. Many missionaries returning back to the foreign field have found themselves quarantined for days in hotels and monitored by the government. Many under policed lock downs and only allowed to travel to grocery stores and medical related facilities. Already there is talk of a global medical passport that may not only be required to fly out of the country but may be necessary before traveling to some states here in America. Though this may seem a bit extreme there is no doubt our world has forever been changed again. Praise the Lord we have a more sure word of prophecy. What a comfort for those of us that know Christ as our savior that we know for sure that no matter how dark the place may become there will be a light shining and there is coming the dawning of a new day.

At the close of every year I have taken time to look back and reflex on how the Lord has blessed the ministry.

Evangelism

Zoom, FM transmitters, loud speakers, gospel tracts and Bible studies continue to reach prisoners worldwide. Many of the prisons and public schools have allowed our workers and volunteers to hold special meetings on a regular basis. Praise the Lord we are still seeing men, women and children saved daily.

Energy

One privilege I have as staff member of the ministry is I receive the personal newsletter of our missionaries every month. From setting up sound systems and preaching through the fences, others preparing packages for the officers and staff, some recording on CD's and sending in weekly messages our families continue to share the gospel. One missionary realizing that though not allowed to enter the prison physically nothing was stopping him from going frequently to the prison and sitting in the parking lot and just spend time praying.

Encouragement

As missionaries Judy and I have been encouraged at how faithful our supporters have been. We have received so many text and emails letting us know we are being prayed for and we can say with much thankfulness that our support has not waived. The faithfulness of God's people has been such an encouragement.

Expectation

In some ways though unable to travel overseas and the prisons closed here in America I believe it has been one of my busiest years. I have been working diligently with our foreign men and with ministry staff to have things in place for when doors begin to open again. We are already seeing major changes in prison administrations and expect not only new regulations but new prison staff responsibilities. Anticipation of laws changing will change how we access the institutions and what material can be brought in the institutions. Pray with us for favor as we prepare for 2021.

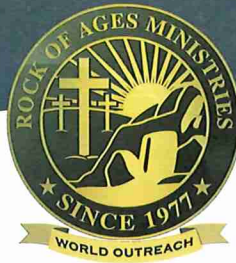
Plans are still in place for our Annual Alabama Campaign in February. Please keep this meeting in your prayers. We have been in contact with the head chaplain for the state and he asked we consider putting together packets for all the officers and staff. We will have teams that can stand outside the institutions at shift change and give the packets. One area of need will be 2000 Rock of Ages Officers New Testaments. Total cost of the New Testaments will be around \$4500. Would you pray about helping with this great need? One case of New Testaments costs \$120.00 and we will need 40 cases. Thank you again for your faithfulness.

Your Missionaries

Ricky and Judy Dunsford

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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*"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:"
Philippines 1:6*

It is hard to believe that in May of next year it has been 30 years since Rock of Ages began its outreach to foreign prisoners. Three decades have passed and looking back it is amazing at how the Lord has used so many faithful partners in a global effort to see sinners saved. Literally, tens of thousands have been saved and many for the first time in their lives received a copy of the Word of God. I was privileged to be one of the four men to make that first trip to Romania and upon returning home the Lord would lead the ministry staff to ask me to become the director of the foreign ministry. It didn't take me long to realize that with over 10 million incarcerated at that time worldwide, and the complexity of language and culture barriers that we would need help. It was at that time the Lord led me to begin the Titus Partner Outreach. My thought was for every person in the pew to be a missionary through helping support a national worker. Today the ministry has offices and personnel worldwide that are daily reaching government institutions. Through the faithfulness of your prayers and gifts, our partners overseas are able to reach their people. Especially, with the world closed to most travel and access to their facilities our partnerships continue to flourish. Thank you for being a faithful partner.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Guatemala

The Hill Family are back in the states on furlough and the Lord has already begun to bless with funds to complete the next phase of the building program. The church continues to meet on the property in a temporary tent facility. The outer walls are almost completed and we are praying that we can begin construction on the permanent building when the family returns. Pray that when the prisons open back up we can begin presenting the Prisoner's Bible Institute Spanish material to the officials for approval.

Brazil

Dr. Ellis led a Zoom call prayer meeting with our missionary families and board of advisor pastors in Brazil. We had a special day of fasting and prayer that our old office facility would sale and that construction of the new facility would begin. I am personally praying we are in the new facility by next May.

Romania

We were able to begin video services in a few of the prisons where equipment could be set up. One area we have been able to help is supplying food and essential needs to several of the inmate's families. A special thanks to those that have given throughout the year for the benevolent needs of so many during these times. Many families overseas depend on daily income to survive and during the pandemic they are in great need. Praise the Lord for our faithful workers and missionaries.

Prison Prevention Program

Praise the Lord the first Zoom test run for training national partners in use of the Character Under Construction Curriculum for public school kids was completed in East Kenya. Praise the Lord! We may not be able board an airplane right now, but thanks to modern technology and more so the gifts of God's people we are training and supplying material to remote areas of the world.

Special thanks to all that helped financially with the container to Nigeria. Pray as plans are being made to host a pastor's conference in February and distribute the materials that were shipped.

Room doesn't allow to share all that is going on worldwide but please keep our missionaries and partners in your prayers.

In Christ's Service,
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