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February-March 2021 Personal Newsletter

**“The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.” Psalm 121:8**

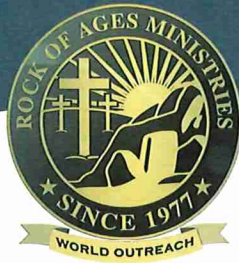
Judy and I will begin our 34th year as missionary with the Rock of Ages in April and May will mark the 30th year since we made our first trip to the foreign field. Needless to say, we have packed many suitcases and traveled millions of miles. Recently, while traveling to a meeting, we spent at least 5 hours in stopped traffic. After a year of shut down, I would have never thought I would thank the Lord for traffic. It is so good to see people moving again. While sitting in traffic I begin to thank the Lord for all the years he has allowed us to travel safely and how we could say, “The LORD truly has preserved our going out and our coming in...”. Thanks to the many friends that have partnered with us over the years. We have been able to travel the world over sharing the glorious message that Jesus Saves. Thank you to all that have shared this journey with us and we look forward to going forward together until we all one-day stand before HIM.

February was again busy with meetings and preparation for our annual Alabama Campaign. With trips to the home office to pick up a trailer load of material and then off to Montgomery, AL to unload and begin separating things for distribution. This year our target was to give all the staff and officers of the prisons a Package of Appreciation. We had a special note pad and ink pen designed, several gospel tracts, a promise book to find scripture in times of need, a Rock of Ages Officers Edition New Testament and a little something sweet. We gave out approximately 1500 bags. I want to thank all that helped with the cost of the material, only heaven will reveal what the results will be. This year was a bit different with no access into the prisons. However, we were asked to hold services outside of the fence and we were told that only a few would probably come out to the fence. The first day the men were all set up to preach and there was a fire drill. Over 200 men were marched out to the fence and while the drill was being carried out, the men were able to preach for the next 40 minutes to the largest crowd ever in that institution in the 12 years we have held this meeting. The next day the ladies that had attended the meeting were able to go to the lady's institution where again very few were expected to come out to the fence. Well, again there was a scheduled fire drill and they estimated 250 ladies were marched out to the fence. The men preached and the ladies were able to counsel through the fence. Praise the Lord for the 49 saved in this meeting. Several of the team covered the city passing out backpacks to the homeless population in Montgomery and a team went daily to the inner city community where we held a daily revival service with many young people receiving a New Testament and gospel literature. Thanks again to all that made this week a success.

March again was a very busy month with 3 weeks on the road in church meetings and staff meetings at the home office. With the vaccine being administered overseas we are beginning to see countries open up their travel restrictions. However, it appears personal visits with prisoners is still several months away. We met as a staff working on new methods to reach prisoners and to work with our missionaries and foreign partners. I must be honest at 63 years of age I am not thrilled about ministry being done through electronic technology. However, I realize that it is going to be the way of the future in many countries and preparation must be made to stay up with the times. In countries like Romania we actually had more prisoners attend Zoom services than we have had in several years. In addition, we are holding training seminars with church volunteers through Zoom meetings where they are able to reach prisons and public schools in their countries. Rock of Ages missionary Brother Mircea Cristian shared with me this month that he believes through working with local churches throughout Europe we may be able train volunteers to set up Zoom meetings in prisons where access has been denied in the past. I am personally praying this is not the new normal for ministry and that we will again be able to walk the prisons and share the gospel one on one. Until that day we are working to share the gospel with incarcerated men and women, and to teach our prison prevention program in public schools worldwide. Help us pray for the financial needs to place necessary equipment in the prisons. Thank you again for your faithfulness to pray and give.

In Christ's Service,  
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*Titus/International February-March 2021*

*“And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever”. Daniel 12:3*

We began 2021 with great expectations and the Lord again has honored the faithfulness of our missionaries and workers on foreign soil. Even with new variants of corona viruses, some nations are allowing our national workers to hold services in their institutions and many public schools have asked that we teach the Character Under Construction lessons. Plans are being made for several trips this year. A team will leave for Liberia in April, Zambia in May and then to Ghana West Africa in July. We have approval from these countries to hold meetings both in the public schools and prisons. Please pray with us for safety and that the Holy Spirit would begin working on the hearts of many that will hear the message of salvation.

Brother Jim and Connie Jeremias have been laboring for several years in the country of Zambia. Brother Jim has worked with our national missionary Brother Ciaphas preaching weekly in several prisons and jails. Sister Connie has been working with orphan children. Recently, social services in Zambia contacted Sister Connie and stated they had four young children whose mothers would spend between 6 to 8 years in prison and ask would our ministry help. Although our Prison Prevention Program concentrates on teaching character lessons in both public and private schools I feel what Sister Connie is doing will truly help to detour these young ones from a future life of crime. Sister Connie has been home taking chemo treatments the past few months. She and Jim are optimistic the treatments are working well and are planning to be back in country by the end of the year. Brother Jim and the men will be making a couple trips to Zambia this year to check on the work while national missionary Brother Ciaphas watches over the work in their absence. Please keep Brother Jim and Connie in your prayers.

Pray With Us!

- in Brazil. With the constant growth of the Prisoner's Bible Institute and the many open doors we feel the extra room will be needed. We do have the funds from the sale of the old facilities, but the addition will cost approximately another \$40,000 USD. Pray as we begin the building program in the next couple months that the Lord will provide the remaining funds.
- We will make the final payment on the property in Guatemala this July. We need another \$30,000 to complete the purchase of the land adjacent to the present property. We will be able then move towards building the necessary buildings to expand the work.

As a Titus Partner we are able to assist over 79 foreign partners each month. This past month our partners reported over 500 saved in prisons, jails and schools. Thank you again for being a partnering with us.

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