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"For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth." Zechariah 4o:10

While doing my morning devotion and reading lately, I was meditating on Zechariah chapter 4. Zechariah has been commissioned by God to build the second Temple and it appears there were those that thought the simple daily tasks or positions were not as necessary or as honorable. I was reminded that even though we are not traveling as much and seeing as much hands-on work as we did prior to the Covid outbreak, the Lord is still building his church. Sometimes you have to just stop and do the small things and someday we will see the finish product. I was reminded to just stay faithful. Judy and I want to thank all of you that take the time to pray for us and that have been so faithful to give that we might represent you as missionaries to incarcerated persons worldwide. Remember it is the culmination of the small things that result in the completion of the magnificent things.

June and July have been packed with much traveling. We started out in June traveling throughout Florida, then off to Massachusetts and New Hampshire for our annual Rock of Ages Conference. The conference was held at the DL Moody Conference Center and I do believe it was one of the best meetings we have attended in the 33 years we have served as missionaries. The conference was centered around preaching and it was evident that every message was anointed.

It was then back to Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. Most of the summer has been busy working with the men in our foreign department and preaching in several churches. The Lord has given me some very unique opportunities to witness. Please pray with me that the Lord will work on these individuals' heart.

As I am writing this letter, we are meeting with our field representatives and coordinators to move forward as several states are opening up to our ministry again. The state of Rhode Island has opened back up and we are able to hold weekly meetings. Although limited space and time is allowed, it is encouraging the we are getting back inside and able to work face to face again. I am personally working on my paperwork that will give me full access in



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the Florida prisons. I look forward to working in the prisons throughout the year with our missionary families when I am in their areas.

Please pray for the following needs and opportunities:

- Open door in Egypt-Dr. Ellis has been invited to speak in a Bible College: pray as we look into the prison systems.
- Open door in South Korea-Preparation to begin a work here has been in place: Pray we can get started by at least Spring of 2022
- The Andrew family is planning a fall return to Papua New Guinea. Pray all restrictions are lifted and they can relocate and begin working with our national partners in developing an ongoing prison outreach.
- The Josh Hill family has secured property in Guatemala and are returning in a few weeks to continue the church plant and to continue legal paperwork to start an ongoing work in the prisons and jails.

Judy and I want to thank all of you that have kept us in your prayers concerning our health. I first praise the Lord that though I keep a low heart rate, a pacemaker is not needed. It appears I need to drink a lot of water and double my salt intake; can you believe that is the orders of a cardiologist. I have been staying at it and have had no more episodes. Praise the Lord I think I will just keep pressing on. Judy is still in treatment for her neck and back pains suffered from the car accident over two years ago. Treatments are helping her greatly. She does have a few down days but overall, we are both back on the road and staying busy. Thanks again for your faithfulness.

Your Missionaries,

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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"But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;" Php 1:12

The Apostle Paul is encouraging the young church at Philippi. He thanks them for their faithfulness and fellowship in the gospel and He exhorts them that the good work wrought in them by the Lord will be fully performed until the day of the Lord. He then wants them to understand that they have had a witness transpire in life and that it did not slip up on the Lord, but rather all things fall together unto the furtherance of the gospel. Present time: about the time that it seems the world is opening up again, countries are locking down again for what they call the new variant of Covid. Just in recent days several pastor friends have had to close their services due to major outbreaks and several have members in critical condition. It is so easy to get discouraged and if left there, becomes complacent. What has appeared that our hands have been tied, has led to seeing the gospel preached and material distributed in places that were not allowed a couple years ago.

- ❖ In Romania, we have witnessed some of the largest attendance of men and women coming out to watch video services. We haven't seen this in over 20 years. Inmates studying the Prisoner's Bible Institute has increased with four making professions of faith through the lessons this past month. Prior to the pandemic, we were limited to sending material into the institution because of the opposition of the Orthodox Church. However, recently the team of partners were able to distribute New Testaments and a gospel tract with the plan of salvation to over 3465 prisoners in prisons across the country.
- ❖ In Brazil the country is still in lock down. The missionaries worked together to set up zoom and video services in the prisons and hundreds are coming out to hear the gospel preached. The government

website posted that they wanted to commend the Rock of Ages Ministries for thinking outside the box. Wow, the government acknowledging the gospel.

It does appear we are facing another fall and winter with majored lock downs around the world. Out missionary families are facing visa and travel issues that are hindering their work.

We have found that one of the greatest needs have been Bibles and material. With the institutions locked down there has been a tremendous reception by both inmate and officers for printed material and a Bible. In addition, our partners overseas are able to get this material to the various areas of need.

Thanks to your faithfulness as a Titus Partner the furtherance of the gospel continues. Please pray with us as we anticipate a greater need to purchase Bibles and materials and to be a blessing in some way as we approach the holiday seasons.

Help us pray!

1. The Lord will add more Titus Partners so we can assist our foreign partners in reaching their people.
2. Pray about a special offering so we can prepare for the needs this fall and winter.
3. Pray for the safety and health of our families worldwide.

If you have any questions about our work overseas, please feel free to contact me at:

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