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August-October 2021 Personal Newsletter

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” 1Co 15:22

As I write this letter, in the past four weeks, 3 of my former high schoolmates have died. All three died due to the life style they have lived most of their adult life. I was reminded again that all men born of Adam will die. Not, long after I was saved at 22 years of age, I tried contacting people that I had went to school with and tell them that though death reigns in our mortal bodies, there is life in the shed blood of Christ. Though I am not certain, I do not know that any were saved. It has reminded me again that our lives are but a vapor and there are billions on this planet that need to hear the gospel message. Thanks to your prayers and support, Judy and I can continue to press forward sharing the gospel to a world in need of Christ.

The past couple months have been very busy with Staff Meetings, Candidate Classes and several church meetings. With several states beginning to open, the ROA staff has been preparing for the upcoming needs. Several institutions are allowing prisoners to own a tablet and the state chaplains are asking we develop an app with Bible material that the inmate can download; this means we may need to help with the cost of downloading the app. Help us **PRAY** as we move in this direction.

The Rock of Ages Emergency Responders New Testament has been in great demand. Our missionaries have been distributing them to Fire Departments, local Sheriff Departments and recently the opportunity to give a New Testament to State Troopers; this has opened the door to give Bibles statewide. Please **PRAY** as we prepare to order several thousand copies for these upcoming projects.

It was a great joy to teach the Candidate Classes with four young candidate families. Two families were just accepted while two others returned for their first year advance training. It was such a blessing to see the zeal and faith of these young families. Praise the Lord he continues to add laborers to the Rock of Ages.

Foreign Field News

Thanks to all that have been praying for our building project needs in Brazil and Guatemala. If all goes as planned, we should be breaking ground in both countries by the end of the year. **PRAY**: that the government offices don't move towards another lock down and we can move forward. **PRAY**: for additional funds need for the Brazil office facility; with building supplies cost at their highest and the lack of workers, our budget plans have increased greatly. Brazil has the largest number of Prisoner's Bible Institute students with over 3,000 studying on a daily basis. We are presently renting a small office space and are in desperate need of the new facility. **PRAY**: that we be in the building by the first of May, 2022.

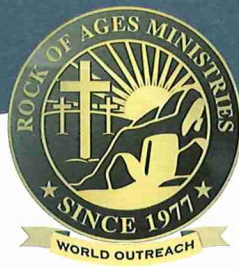
Over the next three months' trips are planned for Egypt and Nigeria. Both countries are considered very dangerous for Christian work. The Lord has opened the door to help in training and to supply material to the national preachers in these countries. **PRAY** for our men as they travel to these countries and that the Lord will begin to prepare the hearts of the hearers.

As I write this letter a seven-man team or Rock of Ages missionaries are working in Uganda and Kenya. Our container has arrived and waiting for distribution. The trip is packed with training seminars and evangelism and there are several pastors and workers that will be trained to use the Rock of Ages Character Under Construction Curriculum in their public schools. There is a wide-open door in the schools of both countries. In addition, the prison system is opened in both countries and we have partnered with many local churches in reaching their jails and prisons. Material is ready for distribution while the men will be preaching daily in these facilities. **PRAY** the Lord will give a great harvest of souls on this trip and that more partners will join with us.

In Christ's Service,

Dr. Ricky Dunsford
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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***“To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.”
2Co 10:16***

Recently, while reading the above verse, and I began to do a word study on the phrase ‘in the regions beyond you’. Basically, the thought is to reach out a little farther or to be constantly expanding the work of sharing the gospel with all mankind. In the past couple months, some countries have begun relaxing their Covid protocols and we are getting back in the institutions with face to face contact. Thanks to all our Titus Partners and friends for praying and supporting; here are a few areas where we are able to share the gospel in regions beyond you.

EGYPT

The Lord has opened the door for the ministry to visit the country of Egypt and teach in a Bible College setting. Although, we as Americans cannot work in the prisons, several of the national men are able to work. Do to safety reasons, I will not mention who is going and what the dates are at this time. Please **PRAY** for this upcoming trip and that the Lord will open a door of opportunity to preach the gospel in regions beyond.

Kenya and Uganda

As I write this letter, seven Rock of Ages missionaries are on their way to Kenya and Uganda. The team will be holding seminars training national partners to teach Character courses in their public schools, then preaching in both schools, prisons and churches. The container has arrived in Kenya full of Bibles and material and the team will be distributing these throughout the various churches working with the Rock of Ages in both countries.

NIGERIA

The container shipped several months ago has finally been released and ready for distribution. A special trip is planned in the next few months to meet with our national partners to supply the churches that are working in their local prisons. Again, the dates and personnel will not be mention at this time due to the situations in the country.

ROMANIA

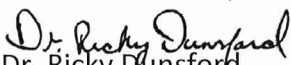
The country has again opened up to outside ministries. Rock of Missionaries Mircea and Ronela Cristian have been holding Vacation Bible Schools in the women’s institution. The children of the inmates are brought to the prisons and reunited with their mothers and the team teaches Bible lessons, have games and a snack time with fellowship. The Lord has allowed many to hear the gospel and several have accepted the Lord.

PRISONER’S BIBLE INSTITUTE

Where we are unable to physically enter the institution, we are still able to send lessons to the inmates. In the past couple months, we have had 3,864 students taking lessons with over 36 professions of faith in three countries. There are still several countries where the lessons had to be hand delivered by volunteers. **PRAY** the countries will soon open and we can get the lessons back in the institutions.

Thank you again for partnering with us.

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