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"Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?" Luke 12:6

Dear Faithful Friends,

Recently, I was studying the word 'five' in the New Testament. It is interesting to see how many times the Bible uses this number. Five sparrows, five husbands, five barley loaves, five thousand fed, five wise and five foolish. Time and space would not allow me to share all and how this little word is used. While studying this thought I begin to realize how the number related to Me and Judy in this year.

Judy and I have been missionaries 35 years, this year the Rock of Age celebrates 45 years as a ministry, this November Ricky turns 65 and this past month Ricky's wonderful mom went on to glory at 85. As I thought on this, I remembered that the number five is symbolic of God's Grace. The Lord truly has manifested his grace in our lives. Judy and I thank the Lord for calling us into such a great ministry. One of the greatest areas of our 35 years has been all the friends the Lord has given us. Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support.

The past couple months have again been very busy with over 4000 miles on the road. For several years those of us that serve with the foreign department of the Rock of Ages have taken the first week of May and worked at the home office. We met again this year helping with repairs, maintenance and new additions. Then we then meet with all the ministry field staff to get updates on situations in the prisons and schools. One area we have been working on has been developing an App that the inmates can download and use for daily devotions and ongoing Bible Study. Many states are now making available tablets for the inmates. Please continue to pray for this project as we work with the staff. After all the meetings, we were then off for several mission Sunday's. While completing one weekend, I felt the Lord would have me and Judy go back home to spend a few days with my mom. It was just a couple days after spending time with her we got the call she had gone on to be with the Lord. Thank you to the many that heard about mom's passing and for your kind cards and letters.

We are making preparation for the Rock of Ages 45th annual conference hosted this year by the Gantt Street Baptist Church, Columbia, SC. The dates are July 31st-August 4th. We would love to have you join us during this milestone event.

We are working on several meetings this fall in both prisons and churches. Pray the Holy Spirit will begin now to work in the hearts of the hearers. Pray as our nation truly is in need of revival.

Recently, I was on the phone with Brother Mircea in Romania. As many of you know we have been taking in Ukrainian refugees and it appears their stay will last several more months. We do praise the Lord that we have been able to hold daily devotions and Bible Study classes with the families and we have seen some saved and now being disciplined. While speaking with Brother Mircea, we talked about the need to increase the renovation of the buildings. Our monthly cost has increased, with a water bill over \$400, natural gas \$900-1000, and food and medical needs are increasing weekly. Recently, there was a storm that came through the office area and a downed tree took out a portion of our security fence. Help us pray, we need to replace the roof on the buildings, repair the ceiling due to water damage and if we can replace all lighting with LED-the cost of electricity and cooling the building as we approach summer will be lowered significantly. Even with the overwhelmingness of the refugee situation; the work in the Romania prison has opened again resulting in 33 saved in the past 2 months.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support.

In Christ Service,
Dr. Ricky Dunsford
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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“And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.” Amo 8:2

Israel has come to a place with God that they were fully ripened and that time of judgement has come; Israel had seen its final harvest of blessings. The summer fruit was considered the last harvest of the year. While thinking on this verse, I could not help but feel that believers will soon gather their last basket of fruit and we will all then stand before the judgement seat of Christ. Surely, we are witnessing the soon rapture of the church.

As we enter into the summer season, we already see signs of more doors opening. Several states are beginning to re-schedule us in prisons, especially in the southern states. A team of our missionaries have been able to hold revivals in several military institutions with several soldiers saved. In addition, restrictions are beginning to relax on the foreign field and doors to the institutions are opening.

IN PERSON MEETINGS

While reading through our missionaries' newsletters and our correspondence with our foreign partners, I noticed the use of the phrase 'In Person Meetings'. Praise the Lord we are seeing more opportunities to visit one on one again with prisoners worldwide. Hungary, Romania, Guatemala, Brazil, and 10 countries in Africa are now allowing face to face visits.

*“In April we were allowed back in the Hungarian Prisons for in person meetings!”
Missionary Zsolt Kovacs-Hungary*

“We had our first Bible Conference at the beginning of March...God did some extraordinary things in our people. During this meeting we saw the Lord save 4 people!” Missionary Josh Hill- Guatemala

“It was a great honor to work with our missionaries and a dear 79-year-old volunteer lady at the women's prison. We gave out hundreds of gospel tracts, preached the Word of God and were able to do one on one counseling in this maximum prison of over 500 Brazilian ladies. Many were saved! Missionary John Alves

“We are now meeting with inmates in the middle east on a regular basis.” Pray as the Lord is using our missionary Brother Aymen to reach his people with the gospel.

Thank the Lord for summer fruit!

We are making plans for trips to South America, Asia, Europe and Africa in the next few months. Please help us pray as flights and accommodations are increasing at a rapid rate.

Thank you to all that have helped with the Ukrainian Refugee Project and those that continue to pray and help.

Thanks for your faithful monthly prayer and support.

In Christ's Service,
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