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"He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame." Pro 10:5

Dear Faithful Friends,

According to those who study the seasons, summer will officially end September 22 in America. Judy and I grew up here in North Florida and by September most gardens have already been harvested and the feed corn fields have been combined and put in the barn. I still remember picking peas and butter beans through the first of July in often time 90-degree weather. Though it was hot and tiring, with a slab of bacon cooked up in a bowl of fresh peas and a hot slice of cornbread, the harvest was worth it all. It is hard to believe that in just a few weeks we will see the temperatures begin to drop, the leaves change their colors and a new season will begin. This summer has been busy and we can praise the Lord for another great harvest. Doors have opened in several women's institutions in the Northwestern area of the country with several ladies making professions of faith this summer. We have been able to continue working in military brigs with 6 men saved in a recent revival in Fort Leavenworth. With schools back in session, we are beginning to start teaching Character Classes through the Prison Prevention Program Curriculum. Several new opportunities have opened in the schools nationwide. The work overseas continues to see folks saved daily. It is truly a great honor for Judy and I to labor with you in such a fruitful harvest field.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE HARVEST

This year the ministry celebrated 45 years reaching prisoners worldwide. The ministries annual conference was hosted by the Gants Street Baptist Church and the church staff and folks were truly outstanding servants. Dr. Ellis had a burden to help the work we have in the Middle East by purchasing commercial sewing machines. These machines will allow widow ladies and wives of inmates to be employed. The garments that will be produced will be clothing for both inmates and widows. Praise the Lord for

close to ninety thousand dollars raised for this project. Later in the week the Lord led to share the need for help with the building project in Brazil. Praise the Lord God's people began to pledge and several more thousands were raised. In our 35 years of serving with the Rock of Ages, Judy and I have witnessed that much of the giving done at our national conferences has been done through Rock of Ages Families. It is a privilege to serve with such a sacrificial team of missionaries. We also realize that we as missionaries could not be a part of this giving if it were not for the goodness of God's people. Thank you for laboring together with us.

PRAYER NEEDS

- ♥ Ricky and Judy health needs.
- ♥ Three upcoming Missions Conference (Ricky preaching in the month of October)
- ♥ Candidate Classes in September. (Pray as we teach these new families)
- ♥ October Staff Meetings
- ♥ Brazil Office will begin construction
- ♥ Bland Correctional Revival (Pray the door stays open)
- ♥ We are making preparation for next year's Alabama Campaign, February 20-23, 2023
- ♥ The next couple months are full with an estimate of over 5000 miles of travel. Pray for traveling mercy and for souls to be challenged and saved.

Your Missionaries,

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.



Titus/International August 2022

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.” Amos 9:13

Can you imagine a harvest where there is so much to be reaped that before all the field can be gathered the plowman is overtaking the harvest? It brings to light the words of the Lord that the harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few. Latest estimates state there are over 11.5 million adults incarcerated worldwide. On any given day, over 48,000 youth in the United States are confined in facilities away from home as a result of juvenile justice or criminal justice involvement, with estimates of over 1 million children under the age of 17 in prison worldwide. As a faithful partner, you are helping us labor in the harvest. Thanks to your prayers and financial gifts every month, thousands hear old fashion preaching, tens of thousands of pieces of material is distributed and thousands of Bibles are given to many who have never owned one. Each month we assist our partners and national workers on the field with materials and support that result in hundreds coming to Christ. With all we labor to do, the plowman is overtaking the reaper. The need for more missionaries and volunteers to help in the harvest is a pressing need. Please help us pray the Lord will send forth laborers.

We are now 10 countries in Africa and a team of men will be visiting the Ivory Coast in August. We now have 86 partners working over 185 prisons in Africa daily. Praise the Lord for the daily preaching of our missionaries and national Partners in Zambia we have seen 251 saved this summer.

PRAYER NEEDS

ROMANIA

After much prayer, we needed a complete remodeling of our facilities was imperative. We have just completed a new roof replacement on the Romanian office building. In addition, we have replaced old lighting with LED

fixtures cutting the heat gain of the building. Presently, we are housing several Ukrainian refugees and expect a major influx this winter. We will not be able to house any more families. However, we have started a food bank in order to assist families with food and basic needs. It is our future plan to maintain these facilities to house ex-women inmates upon release. The facilities will be the House of Hope Ministries. Please help us pray for this ongoing need and the present needs for the refugee families.

UKRAINE

The Lord has supplied 90,000 Ukrainian Bibles. Rock of Ages Missionary Zolts Kovak will be receiving the container of Bibles in Hungary where we will be distributing the Bibles along the Hungarian and Romanian borders. Pray the remaining funds for the container shipping will come in quickly.

PRISON PREVENTION PROGRAM

The doors in several countries have opened to teach and evangelize public school children. The Lord continues to add missionaries to the foreign department to meet this great challenge. The next two months we are shipping another container to Africa where it is estimated that most of the material will be used this school year. Pray for the remaining needs of the container.

In Christ's Service,

Dr. Ricky Dunsford
Executive Vice President

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