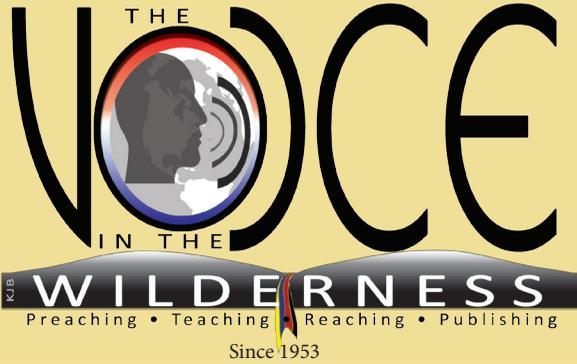


"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." - Mark 1:3



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND PARTNERSHIP FOR 70 YEARS OF MINISTRY

MY PERSONAL MESSAGE

In 1953, Bro. Royce started this ministry with the intent of Contending for Fundamental Christianity and American Freedoms. In 2023, The Voice celebrated 70 years of worldwide ministry. The Lord has worked in miraculous ways, monetarily or through unexpected blessings. In the mid 1990s, Bro. Royce asked the Williamsons to come and assist him with the work, preaching, writing, and traveling. In 2004, Rebekah and I joined the team as tentmakers, giving home office support, traveling, teaching, and writing. After 50 years in ministry, Bro. Ronnie is taking a step back (not away) from the ministry and has asked Rebekah and me to assume more ministry responsibility. These are big shoes, or should I say cowboy boots to fill....and I don't even wear cowboy boots! Will you pray for us? We desire to "Contend" just as our founding mottos state. Fundamental Christianity needs The Voice to Contend. America, our Constitution and freedoms, need The Voice to Contend. Now is not the time to coast along or give in to get along. We need your support to carry on the vision that began in 1953. A supporter will: pray faithfully, give sacrificially, enjoy and utilize the many resources from The Voice, share the work with others, and even get involved as your talents permit. The Voice is not a person but a 70+ year work of God - Praise the Lord! And we are privileged to have you serving alongside us.

2023 was an exciting year. A visit to Colombia with missionaries Putney and Gerosin as well as to the jungle work. Praise God that the works continue with the spreading of the Gospel throughout the regions beyond. The Lillys continued to go to homeschool conventions, sharing *The Constitution Defender* and Contending for American Freedoms. Many miles were travelled, churches visited and friends updated on ministry activities and even some new friends were made. Boxes of John and Romans were sent to Colombia and Venezuela as well as Mobile Bible Bags loaded with children's Bible teaching supplies. More shipments arrived in the Philippines and Pastor Jardeleeza was able to purchase a much needed E-bike. The Hindi translation of Bro. Royce's *Book of Revelation* was completed, printed and distributed to pastors and lay people in India. Podcasts, print and online resources were added and much more....

2024 leads to new opportunities for The Voice. As Bro. Ronnie has challenged through his daily podcasts, we will BELIEVE MORE IN 24! The King James Bible/Navajo Gospel of John is well underway, more Cherokee booklets are being printed and many other projects are in progress. Read more in the pages to follow and keep an eye on the "Prayer & Partnership Tracker" on the side panel for more details. In addition, as opportunities abound and expenses increase, an additional \$2,000 a month in support is needed for our home office. This need is separate from any special printing projects or missions outreach. Would you pray about what God would have you do?

BELIEVE MORE IN 24!

Thank you to all who gave year-end offerings. It was just what we needed and such a blessing!

Your prayers and support are so very precious to all of us at The Voice in the Wilderness. Thank you so very much for your faithfulness. Pardon my rhyme but 2024 --

is an open door
a clean and fresh start
as we do our part.
You and your prayer
together we share
daily work and care
makes it all so fare.

And with that I say
give us this day
may this be our story
all to God be the GLORY!

For Christ and souls,
Ronnie Williamson
Isaiah 40:31

*Standing, Striving,
and Serving -
Steve & Rebekah Lilly*



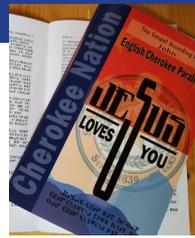
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5 New Resources Printed	<input type="checkbox"/>
350 Podcasts Produced	<input type="checkbox"/>
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PHILIPPINES

Praise the Lord! The shipment to the Philippines arrived! Every item was immediately unpacked and organized for proper distribution. Pastor Jardeleza sent us a note of great appreciation for all the supplies, including needed personal items along with teaching and evangelism material and Scriptures. The tracts and Bibles have already been given during church service and soul-winning times. What a blessing to receive regular notes of salvation and discipleship. Each shipment costs The Voice in the Wilderness \$150 plus contents. Your support makes a difference in the Philippines.



CHEROKEE

Amazing Praise! The Lord is good to work in every detail! After over a year of moving through various roadblocks in printing the King James Bible English/Cherokee Parallel Gospel of John, 5,000 were printed -Amen! But the story continues. Now 100,000 will be printed - AMEN!
It is urgent that our prayer partners surround this gospel effort in faithful prayer. The Devil has already been actively trying to stop this project. Will you pray for the victory?

HOME OFFICE

For over 70 years, The Voice in the Wilderness has been supported financially by those who care. A brief glance through archived messages over the years, clearly details God's provision as, by faith, each missions project was paid in full and home office needs met. Many times, an envelope with support would arrive just on the exact day a payment was needed. Today, The Voice in the Wilderness continues to function as a ministry, trusting by faith the Lord to supply. Many in the modern church movement are leaving the ministry model and adopting a business structure. Profit margins dictate gospel efforts and a marketing team determines the year of ministry. Since the *plandemic* of 2020, The Voice in the Wilderness has witnessed expenses doubling and tripling. Hotels, food and gas expenses have certainly increased substantially. Electricity, equipment, supplies, etc. for our office are up, too. All this while we have received notice of church closures, pastor resignations, and dear saints moving on to glory. In summary: Expenses increase; Offerings decrease. Historically, our tent-making ventures, pay for our personal needs and even some ministry needs. Now, those funds are stretched. It is imperative that in 2024, while not neglecting any missions projects, that we focus on raising an additional \$2,000/month in support. Please pray and consider how you might help. Monthly giving? Sharing the ministry with a like-minded friend? (PRAISE: \$1400 repair on our vehicle complete! - Thank you!)



Left: Pastor Jardeleza receives shipment
Middle: Young lady accepts Christ as Saviour
Below: Pastors receive tracts



Bro. Ronnie preached the annual KJB Conference for the Philippine pastors.

NAVAJO SCRIPTURES



URGENT NEED

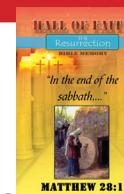
170,000 Native Navajo speakers live in the U.S. After producing the Cherokee English/Parallel Gospel of John, we now have the opportunity to do the same project but in the Navajo language. This witness is not without its challenges and obstacles to overcome. Countless hours have already been spent. However, as the Lord works, we aim to transcribe, layout, print, assemble and deliver possibly 100,000 booklets to the Navajo people. Praise the Lord - the transcription is complete, the printer is ready, churches have committed \$51,000 and we are striving to meet an April completion goal. An additional \$5,000 is needed to help with this mission. Will you be a part of reaching 400,000 Navajo people?

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS

Bible Memory -
Matt. 28:1-20
Resurrection Set.

What Matters?
Christian testimonies
of Forgotten Lives -
February is Black History Month

Mission @ Risk - Encouragement for ministry workers. Available in Spanish.



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AI - Artificial Intelligence is everywhere around us. If you have a smart phone, Alexa, Siri or other devices that respond to speech, your device has AI. The development of AI has been fast tracked to professions as well. In banking, education, automotive, and even the legal profession, AI is being utilized. In the legal system, AI is used to review contracts, legal research and even predict legal outcomes. The argument is that AI will “grease the wheels of justice” to increase the speed of research and decision-making of the law clerks and attorneys. In his 2023 Year End Report, Chief Justice Roberts addresses the issue of AI in the court system. He wrote: “Machines cannot fully replace key actors in court. Judges, for example, measure the sincerity of a defendant’s allocution at sentencing. Nuance matters: Much can turn on a shaking hand, a quivering voice, a change of inflection, a bead of sweat, a moment’s hesitation, a fleeting break in eye contact. And most people still trust humans more than machines to perceive and draw the right inferences from these clues. . . . I predict that human judges will be around for a while. But with equal confidence I predict that judicial work—particularly at the trial level—will be significantly affected by AI. Those changes will involve not only how judges go about doing their job, but also how they understand the role that AI plays in the cases that come before them.” States and Congress ponder regulating AI.

ChatGPT - ChatGPT is an open AI platform that is a natural language processing tool. It allows one to have a human-like conversation. This can be used by any business that has an online chat box or when you call into a business to talk with someone. ChatGPT is used by students to create essays and reports. For those who enter writing contests, ChatGPT has been banned. If it has been determined that ChatGPT was used in the writing process, the essay would be thrown out by the judging committee.

AI/CHATGPT in the Church - AI was used in a church recently to artificially create a “pastor” to preach a message. So instead of the pastor getting to know God through His Word, he is relying on a computer program to create his sermon to deliver on Sundays. There are websites readily available for a person to utilize for his “Bible study.” Instead of saying, “Oh God, please speak to me,” they are now saying, “Google, create me a sermon on Moses.”

Cashless Society - Missionaries from New Zealand report that the government there is trying to get the country to a cashless society. A cashless society is when there is no currency being printed or used, only transactions by electronic means. In 2023, the FED planned to launch the FedNow Service. This service would allow payments to be made instantly between bank accounts paving the way for a cashless society in the US. It is a way for the government to track every transaction that we make. The way has been already paved through Apple Pay, Google Pay, and even credit/debit cards. Several banks have already been brought into the FedNow Program (most

of them you wouldn’t know, but JP Morgan and Wells Fargo are participating) Let me ask you, when was the last time you used cash? And if you did, did you get the right change back from the transaction? It is not only doing away with cash but is also a way of dumbing down our society. Those using cashless means will not be able to recognize currency that is printed/coined by the Federal Government.

Alphabet Soup - ASAP—As Soon As Possible; PIN—Personal Identification Number; SSN—Social Security Number---all have been common for some time now. Now it is DEI, CRT, LGBTQIA, and the list could go on. We have gone from using acronyms to make words shorter to politicize them. DEI--Diversity Equity Inclusion is just a shorter way of saying that we are going to force employees to accept the alternative lifestyle. CRT—Critical Race Theory is just a way to teach people that the color of their skin is a way to judge someone (commonly called racism) and that descendants of those who were oppressed have a right to reparations (the Bible teaches that there is only one race). LGBTQIA+---just a way for us to empathize with those who choose an “alternative” lifestyle. The Bible calls it sodomy. Companies are now hiring employees not based on their merits but based on the “wokeness” of the individual. Gone are the days of who is the best option for the job, but who makes our company look more diverse. They make it seem as if they are trying to be inclusive, but they are being exclusive through the policies and procedures given. Even Hollywood feels the need to recreate a “woke” version of the iconic Christmas film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

CRT—Critical Race Theory was popularized during the 1990s; however, it has become more newsworthy the last couple of years. With the school boards being taken over by the left, CRT has become the mainstay of the public indoctrination centers around the country. Gone are the days of teaching that Jefferson, Franklin, Adams, Washington and Hancock were patriotic men who fought for the founding of this nation. Now children are being taught that they were white slaveholders who treated their fellow man in abhorrent ways. Visiting historic sites, the narrative is being dogmatically told how the “white” owners horribly treated their fellow man. Often we have left asking the question, How did they know this? Is it documented somewhere that this is true? While it is true that there were some cruel taskmasters, others gave testimony of God’s provision in their life. A great example of this is Phyllis Wheatley. Instead of rewriting history, we should learn from it. The key to the present is understanding the past. To destroy the past or twist the truth into an agenda driven narrative is the sure destruction of a Godly society. Proverbs 22:28-29 admonishes us to remove not the ancient landmarks.

EV—much has been said recently about Electronic Vehicles. The Biden administration has stated that by the year 2030, half of all new vehicles should be electronic. This is an effort to curb climate change (it is for our good, after all). →

NEWS BITS FROM HERE AND THERE

(Cont. from front) But with the recent winter storms, it is more apparent that EVs are not practical in cold weather states or nations. During the cold weather, EVs driving range is reduced by 70%. It also takes longer for the battery to charge during the winter. Several years ago, the City of Asheville, NC purchased five EV buses for approximately \$5 million as a way to advance the climate change agenda of the City Council. However, currently 3 of the 5 buses are not in use due to several mechanical and software issues. The company that sold the buses to the city has gone bankrupt and they were the only ones who created the particular parts for their buses. The other two buses have limited ranges (approximately 78 miles) during the winter months which is causing stress on the rest of the fleet. The cost of maintenance of these buses is astonishing as well, with nearly \$250k being spent. In the short EVs didn't rule the day. By the way, the city spent \$550k for biodiesel buses since the purchase of the EV buses.

Contending for American Freedoms - We believe that just like the King James Bible, the US Constitution was written so that the average person can understand it. The framers decided to start the document with, "We the People of the United States." What exactly does that mean? When Ben Franklin stepped out of the convention, he was asked what type of government was decided. His reply was, "A republic, now see if you can keep it." The founders designed this new government to protect "we the people" from a monarchy and a mob-ruled democracy. They crafted a "republic" under which the States maintain autonomy and the people give consent to be governed through representation. Local, state, and federally elected officials work for we the people. It is our responsibility to hold these public servants responsible for the decisions they make on our behalf. Even though it was written over 200 years ago, what our founders printed still works today. It is not a living and changing document, but a document that should be kept as it was originally intended. The concept of the American government came from Isaiah 33:22, "For the LORD is our judge (judicial), the LORD is our lawgiver (legislative), the LORD is our king (Executive); He will save us."

CONTENDING FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIANITY - *The Holy Scriptures—we believe that the Holy Scriptures (Old and New Testaments) to be the verbally and plenary inspired Word of God. The Scriptures are infallible and God-breathed, and therefore are the final authority for faith and life. The 66 books of the Old and New Testament are the complete and divine revelation of God to man. The Masoretic text of the Old Testament and the Received text of the New Testament (*Textus Receptus*) are those texts accepted by this ministry. The King James Bible shall be the official and only English translation used by The Voice in the Wilderness. (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21) *For more study, read *Critical Confusion: A Textual Issue* at - <https://thevoiceinthewildernessministry.blogspot.com/2023/04/critical-confusion-textual-issue.html>

Don't Forget - Request these Resources today!

Mission at Risk - No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper. From here and far, there are many enemies of the Gospel, yet our Lord promised to be with us alway. The Holy Spirit gives wisdom and strength to mitigate risks and overcome obstacles. *Mission @ Risk* was written from 70 years of missions testimony....not to discourage but to document evidence of both travail and triumph. Request yours today to be encouraged in Lord.

Sadhu Sundar Singh - The distant whistle of the train caused Sundar's heart to jump and suddenly his mind raced out of control. Life flashed before him. Out of this valley would emerge either life or death. Follow the miraculous steps of Sundar Singh in this gripping novel style book that is sure to challenge your walk with Christ. Also Available in Hindi.

Bible Memory - Prepare for Resurrection Day with the Matt. 28 Bible Memory set. Baseball size cards have one verse, key words, tidbits from history and tips to help you remember truths found in God's Word. Memorize and collect all 20 cards. Great for individual study or family devotions

Beware church! Frauds and Pseudos are creeping into the church. Jesus asked Peter and the disciples, but *whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.* There is a play on words intentionally. Peter is the *pétros* meaning small rock; whereas the Rock, Jesus Christ, is *petra* meaning a great rock, the foundational stone, the anointed one. The "Advance Church Movement" transitions churches away from the King James Bible and the pure, preserved, powerful Word of God, the source, the inspired Word of God. They embrace dynamic equivalence. They believe they can change the Word of God, the wording, to fit today's culture and thinking. This same thinking calls for changing our U.S. Constitution in this revisionist manner. They want to change everything foundational - the anointed of God - the absolutes of God. Watch out for this fraud! Election fraud is another example. Lawsuits against states forcing the cleansing of voter roles. Investigations by Heritage Foundation, Rasmussen Reports, Judicial Watch, Heartland Institute, and other guilty pleas and whistleblower testimonies call into question whether free and lawful elections can ever happen again in America. Note that many who said there was no voter fraud, also said there was no border crisis. A Fraud! Just as this "Advance Church Movement" is not an advance but a pseudo, fraud and has crept into our churches.

Conclusion: When I was in 6th grade, my family moved from New Hampshire to tidewater Virginia. During the winter season, the philosophy on how to deal with the snow was drastically different. In NH, the snow plows were out pushing the snow and salting the roads ensuring that they were safe for travel. In VA, the thought was that God brought it and He will take it away. On that note, are you out plowing and salting this world for Christ, preparing for His return, or are you sitting idly by waiting for His return? Contend!



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Junior Tutor Podcast
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