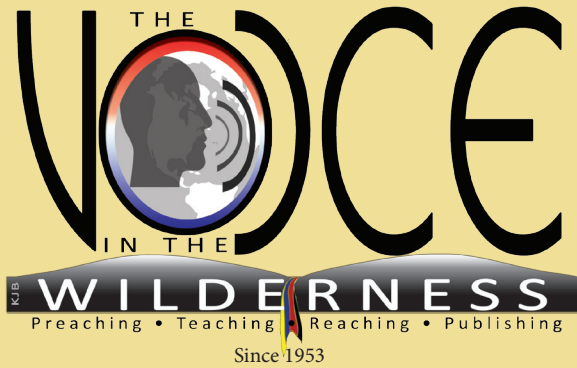


"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." - Mark 1:3



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MY PERSONAL MESSAGE

What an exciting month! Assembly day for the Cherokee and Navajo Scriptures was a joy as volunteers gathered and put their fingerprints upon this Gospel effort. We were thrilled to join in with collating, stapling, trimming, boxing and loading the Cherokee/English and Navajo/English John Scriptures. Any project involving the sharing of the WORD of God will not be without challenge and resistance, yet God has been so good to work out every detail while we are in the completing stages of this project. Please pray for the Williamsons as they travel to the Gathering of the Nations where over 100,000 Native Americans will attend. What a mission field! Pray for the safe delivery of the Scriptures to the conference site and the distribution and witness to follow. Through your prayers and giving, you too, are a part of this outreach to the Cherokee and Navajo people.

The Pastor and his Mighty Men Conference! - Over 800 hundred like-minded men gathered to be encouraged around God's Word for two days. The Voice was invited to set up our display and introduce the men to the The Voice ministry and resources. A great reminder came from Exodus 17. The preachers (there were three of them who preached from this same passage) reminded us that while it was Moses's hands being held up, the rod in his hands, representing the Word of Almighty God, was their source of power. As they stayed Moses's hands upon their chest, their heart became tuned to his heart, and they became one mighty force in battle. As with us, when we lower God's Standard, we are overtaken by the powers of the enemy. May God help us to hold forth His Word! What an honor to meet and be encouraged alongside a Mighty army of men. We nearly ran out of King James Bible pins and other resources! Now, we look forward to continuing to share the mission of The Voice in the Wilderness with these new friends.

On a side note: Along with the Scripture projects and other meetings, we also enjoy serving in our local church, specifically helping train young people for ministry service through Bible classes and competitions. In a recent Saturday event, the young men preached and taught a Bible lesson while the young ladies played the piano. We assisted two trios in preparing for the competition (one boys trio and one girls trio). The boys' practice with Mrs. Beka, as she played and helped them perfect the harmony on their song, was rewarded with a first place ribbon. AbiNoelle, now a graduate of the program, enjoyed judging Bible knowledge quizzing and AmiJoy, a little too young for Bible quizzing, did enjoy some fun defending and keeping her first-place title for cup stacking in her age group - stacking and unstacking 12 cups in 8.18 seconds. It is always time well spent to invest in the service of the Lord.

As you read the following pages, please rejoice and pray for each aspect of missions outreach. From jungle Scriptures to translation work and printing and publishing - we need you and we count it such a joy to serve our Lord with you. Contending for Fundamental Christianity has been the theme for The Voice for the past 70 years. Our prayer is that we will be like Moses and hold the standard high for His glory. **YOU** are our Aaron and Hur as you come alongside this ministry, joining with us as we Contend for Fundamental Christianity and American Freedoms. Thank you and may God bless abundantly.

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100,000 Cherokee Scriptures

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5 New
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JUNGLE WITNESS

Scriptures are en route as this letter is prepared for you. The shipment will be received by a brother and then delivered to the village churches by boat. Please pray for safe passage and the seed that will be scattered throughout the jungle regions that Missionary Sophie Muller first opened to the gospel. This shipment will specifically reach the Puinave people along the Colombia and Venezuela river borders.

CONSTITUTION

"Be a Constitution Defender" was the chant echoed throughout the Constitution Rally held at Faith Baptist Church and Faith Christian Academy in Kannapolis, North Carolina. The Lillys, in full costume and patriotic spirit taught all seven articles of the U.S. Constitution challenging the students to not only know and understand the freedoms and laws established in this document but to be able to defend them. After the rally, the Lillys visited each classroom and presented the students with their own copy of *The Constitution Defender* book to take home for further study. Church folks also enjoyed the evening presentation as they prepared that week to vote Biblical and conservative values at the polls.



The classes had posted the Rally announcement and were ready - what a great group of students!

NAVAJO SCRIPTURES



Navajo Scripture Assembly Day! 5,000 copies were completed in one day by precious volunteers, with the remaining copies of the 100,000 EACH for Navajo and Cherokee being finished and transported over the next few months. We are also packing our bags to travel to the Gathering of Nations in April. Pray for this effort and give as you are able to help meet trip expenses.



NEED: \$3000

MONTHLY SUPPORT

A hearty "thank you" to those who have chosen to begin monthly support for The Voice in the Wilderness. Consistent offerings provides a working foundation for the many outreach projects that The Voice in the Wilderness completes each year. From Scripture printing and distribution to other Biblical resource publishing and travels for teaching and preaching, maintaining a home base from which to work from is essential. Thank you for being willing to help meet these needs so that our efforts can be focused on gospel outreach. We look forward to continuing to strive towards meeting the goal of \$2,000 in additional monthly support.

WEBSITE

In the February update, we explained the need to upgrade The Voice in the Wilderness website. We continue to pray that one of you might join with us in refurbishing and expanding this gospel reach platform. To begin rebuilding our website, we **NEED: \$2500**

MIGHTY MEN

Thank you, Pastor Watson, for the invitation to join the Mighty Men Conference. Praise the Lord for those willing to stand for the Old Paths, the King James Bible, Biblical Separation, and Bible preaching.



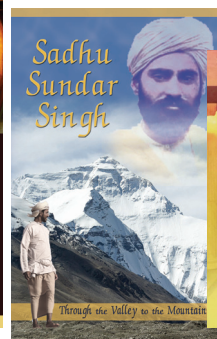
Bro. Ronnie also enjoyed preaching the Resurrection Power at Temple Baptist Church. Listen to this sermon on our website.

RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS

Cremation - brochure

Sadhu Sundar Singh - challenging survival story and testimony

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Blackmail on the World Stage—In a recent interview, Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador addressed the migrant crisis between the US and Mexican border. He stated that waves of migrants will continue to cross the US southern border unless US officials meet his demands. Those demands? A \$20 Billion per year payment from the US to Latin American countries, lift sanctions on Venezuela, end the embargo on Cuba and legalize millions of Mexicans living in the US. If the US does not meet those demands, “the flow of migrants will continue.” So what are the numbers that we are talking about here? US Border Patrol in February encountered 140,644 migrants which was up about 20,000 from January; however the Border Patrol had nearly 250,000 encounters in December. The places that are busiest for border crossings are Tucson, AZ sector, San Diego, CA, and El Paso, TX. Nearly 42,100 migrants have used an app call *CBP One* to schedule an appointment to present themselves at an official US border crossing. The Biden administration has said that the app has been a key part in reducing chaos at the border. The app is also being used by immigrants from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela (about 30,000 a month) seeking refuge in the US. The migrants who use this app must have a financial sponsor and fly into an American airport. So far, 386,000 from these four countries have been able to cross the border to the US through this program.

No Free Elections—The US is not the only nation to have Presidential Elections this year. In July, Venezuela will hold their elections. Nicolas Maduro will be running for his third term. Unitary Platform or PUD stated that they were unable to register their candidate Corina Yoris, opposition to Maduro. Yoris, who is 80 years old, is relatively new to politics, which, according to the leader of PUD, Maria Corina Machado, is a benefit. Machado, who was the initial candidate for PUD, had to drop out of the race as she was barred from running for office by the Venezuelan courts. Other candidates are Manuel Rosales for Un Tiempo Nuevo (A New Era) party which has connections with PUD coalition. If the elections in Venezuela were free and fair and Machado was able to run, it is estimated that she would win with 90% of the vote. But since Maduro controls the government, the ability to have free and fair elections will not happen. In fact, Maduro told his supporters that “we’re going to win by hook or by crook - we’re going to win, always.”

Deadly Stuff—USS *Dwight D Eisenhower (Ike)* is currently in the Red Sea trying to protect vessels against Houthi attacks. Captain Dave Wroe, who commands four US destroyers assigned to the *Ike* stated “This is deadly stuff.” Daily the task group has been battling against anti-ship ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles, unmanned surface vessels and unmanned underwater vessels all loaded with explosives. Because they are fired upon daily, Captain Wroe continued to say that this is the greatest challenge to

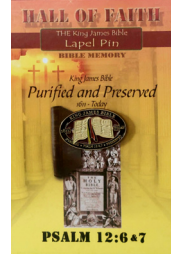
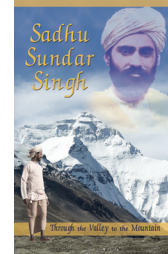
the Navy in recent history. On the carrier, aircraft are being sent out around the clock. Commander George Zintac, a 30 year veteran, says “this is probably the most flying I’ve done on a deployment.” The pilots paint silhouettes on the side of the planes symbolizing the bombs they dropped, radar stations destroyed, or drones shot down. More than 300 bombs and missiles have been fired since their deployment started in November. Their job is to protect the Red Sea and Suez Canal as that waterway carries around 20% of the world’s maritime trade. Even with all of the success the crew of the *Ike* has had, the Houthis have been able to sink one ship and kill three crew members on another one. Rear Admiral Miguez believes that the Houthis have help from Iran. He stated, “Iran is backing the Houthis right now, not only with weapons and technology, but also providing targeting information intelligence and support.....the roots of this starts with Iran.” The goal of the task group is to stop every Houthi attack. It is yet to be seen if this is achievable.

Lessons Learned—Eastern European leaders have been ramping up their defense spending and industry capacity. The small country of Estonia is leading this initiative as a way to prepare for conflict with Russia. Prime Minister Kaja Kallas has been tough on Russia. Kallas, who is in contention to become the next NATO Secretary General, asked the question, “Can you be tough enough on Putin, considering what he has done? Russia is the biggest threat to NATO security.” Estonia was cyber attacked by Russia in 2007. The attack, which lasted 22 days, targeted Estonia’s parliament, banks and new organizations. Currently, Estonia is the headquarters for NATO’s cyber defense. Kallas continued her comments by saying, “We have invested a lot in cybersecurity so these attacks don’t really go through. There could be civilian casualties. So we have to prepare. While there is a conventional war going on in Ukraine, there’s also a shadow war going on within our societies...” Kallas’ mother was six months old when her mother’s family was sent to a Soviet prison camp in Siberia. They were imprisoned in the Gulag for 10 years before being released. “Just because the war is over does not mean there is peace. Peace on Russia’s terms doesn’t mean human suffering will stop. For my country, one fifth of our population was either deported or killed. Our language, our culture was suppressed. All these things happened while we had peace. So, peace under Russian terms does not mean that human suffering will stop.” Kallas finally said, “NO war has been won when you don’t have victory as a goal. If US is not backing Ukraine, then Russia will win. And then Russia’s friends China, Iran, North Korea are the ones who are actually the leaders of the world. And we don’t want that world.” The world is searching for peace, many believe they have the answer for world peace, yet John 14:27 says, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.” Peace comes from TRUTH.

NEWS BITS FROM HERE AND THERE

UN-Biased—UNRWA—United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees is definitely not unbiased. According to UNRWA, staff members were threatened and coerced by Israeli authorities to make false statements against UNRWA stating that the agency has links with Hamas and that the staff took part in the October 7 atrocities against Israel. When asked to provide a copy of the report, their spokesperson said that she was not able to send it. A follow up question was asked if the United States or the European Union are considered by UNRWA as terrorist organizations as designated by Hamas. The answer—“It’s not listed by the United Nations as a terrorist organization.” Israel’s Defense Minister Gallant said that dozens of UNRWA employees participated in the October 7th massacre which killed 1200 people and kidnapped more than 240. It was even reported that UNRWA employees celebrated the Hamas attack. A US State Department spokesperson said, “The United States made an independent decision to temporarily pause additional funding to UNRWA while we review these allegations and the steps the United Nations is taking to address them. We continue to emphasize the critical role UNRWA plays in the delivery of humanitarian assistance in Gaza, and across the region, and do not want to see these allegations undermine efforts to provide life-saving humanitarian aid. We saw the announcements from the EU and Canada. UNRWA is the backbone of the humanitarian response in Gaza and plays a critical role for regional stability – it is critical it does not collapse.” Sweden and Canada plan to donate tens of millions of dollars to UNRWA. Watchdog groups are calling for the dismantling of the organization. Jonathan Conricus of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies said, “UNRWA staff have been exposed as members of Hamas and other terror organization in Gaza, as well as active participants in the atrocities of October 7. As long as UNRWA exists in the Gaza Strip, there will be no peace, no Palestinian self-definition, no stability, but only poverty, despair, and a tremendous waste of human potential. UNRWA should be dismantled, and the international community should instead invest in building local organizations focused on the future prosperity of Palestinians in Gaza, instead of indoctrinating children to be terrorists, and forcing Palestinians to live in a perpetual state of victimhood and misery.” David Bedein of the Center for Near East Policy Research stated that since 1990, Hamas has dominated UNRWA’s unions in the Gaza Strip. He pointed to the elections in 2003 in which Hamas won 23 of the 27 seats, which was the fourth consecutive Hamas victory in the UNRWA elections. Because Hamas won all 11 of the teacher seats, they had control of the education in the Gaza Strip which helped the group indoctrinate children into their religion and philosophy for the next several years.

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CONTENDING FOR AMERICAN FREEDOMS—Current VP Kamala Harris visited a “health clinic” that offers abortion services in St. Paul Minnesota this week. This is the first believed visit of a sitting President or Vice President. Harris was greeted at the Planned Parenthood facility with signs that read “abortion is not healthcare.” Harris stated following her tour that many women were undergoing “silent suffering” because of the attacks on their health (referencing the Supreme Courts overturning of Roe v Wade). “Right now, in our country we are facing a very serious health crisis, and the crisis is affecting many, many people in our country. I’m here at this health-care clinic to uplift the work that is happening in Minnesota as an example of what true leadership looks like.” Since the overturn of Roe in 2022, Harris has held more than 80 public meetings on the topic of abortion. The reason for the visit is an attempt to sway voters towards the Democratic ticket in November. Meanwhile, Harris who is the border czar has visited the US/Mexico border less than a handful of times. Talk about a health crisis. Undocumented immigrants (illegals) are crossing our border bringing diseases that have not been seen in America in decades, infiltrating our cities with devastating drugs, and running child and sex trafficking organizations. Border protection is a fundamental duty of our federal government. Abortion is not healthcare but is murder and an abomination before God.

CONTENDING FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIANITY - Source, Scholar, Scripture - 1) Our source for the King James Bible is the Masoretic and *Textus Receptus* was preserved just as God promised. It did not go away with the original manuscripts and suddenly appear in some source that even those textual critics admit has mistakes. The text is not corrupt from a corrupt source. The King James Bible comes from a pure, preserved source. 2) The scholars were godly men committed to a translation from a pure, preserved source. They were not German rationalists, spiritists, or believers in other false teachings. These scholars loved God and desired to present God’s Word to English-speaking people. 3) God has given to us His preserved, purified seven times, powerful Word of God in the King James Bible. We hide these Scriptures in our heart that we might not sin against Him. Thy word is truth, forever settled, in the beginning God. We start there, believing God’s Word to correct us, convict us and change us for His glory. Take your King James Bible and read, meditate, memorize and study.



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