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"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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*It all started - 't was wonderment to see
Blessed by God a mighty nation to be.*

*Creator endowed the blessed to pursue
Life and liberty in this land anew.*

*Wise men assembled, not armies arrayed
Divinely led did men persuade.*

*The churches supported the patriot cause
No market wadding - Watts Hymnal, no pause.*

*No sunshine patriot here to be found
But valley forged from the sterling pound.*

*Those men assembled with motive pure
Their country's liberty to secure.*

*When hammered hard they stood the test
And up from trial there arose the best.*

*Life and fortune in sacred honour pledged
This Provident design could not be hedged.*

*Self-evident the TRUTH declared the free
Independent from tyranny a nation to be.*

*The truth, the blood to purchase a land
This the heritage on which we stand.*

- RLW

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Our Heritage Timeline

1610s

1620s

**King James Bible is printed
in England.**

**The Mayflower arrives in
New England.**



MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU



Dear Pastor, Parents and Patriots:

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord...” Yet, unless we with vigilance diligently teach and train our precious heritage, how shall they know?

When Jesus said, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” our Lord was very specific about the “what and how much.” He said, “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” All things mean all things. Yet, today there is a pick and choose mentality. As it has been said, it’s not always what you preach but what you do not preach. Today, there are some skillful preachers who do an excellent job at sermonizing. But there are some subjects you will never hear them expound. However, we will be responsible for “all things.”

For over 55 years now, this printed missionary, *The Voice in the Wilderness*, has “Contended for Fundamental Christianity and without apology “Contended for American Freedom.” We have also received our share of criticism. However, by far, godly pastors, faithful parents, and true-blooded patriots have encouraged and supported all along the way. And that leads me to say, that now, we desperately need your help. Bro. Royce would always remind you that *The Voice in the Wilderness*, Inc. does not have any foundations, government grants, or such support. We depend solely on like-minded individuals to help us carry the load. This remains today, as well as, when Bro. Royce contended for the fundamentals of Christianity and American Freedom. During the summer we usually place an envelope in the August edition of *The Voice in the Wilderness*. This full-color edition was produced at approximately the cost of our regular 2-color edition. In giving thanks for God’s blessing during this anniversary period and in honour of *The Voice in the Wilderness*, Inc. founder, Dr. J. Royce Thomason, it was our desire to put our best efforts forth.

With all that in mind and the summer months upon us, will you help with a donation in recognition of the 55 years of dedicated teaching and preaching

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1630s

The Puritans sail for
Massachusetts.

1640s

“Ole’ Deluder Satan Act”
recognizes the importance
of Bible Reading.



SERMON

OF THE

MONTH

BODY PIERCING & TATTOOS - PART 2

It is an awesome responsibility, yea, a special privilege to have thousands reading this unique publication. You are a very special congregation for this preacher. Thank you so very much for your partnership in this printed missionary. Mr. Spurgeon stated: **"A magazine which is not outspoken and is destitute of principle, is a literary nuisance."** Contending for the faith without seeming contentious is difficult at times. Speaking the truth in love is often misunderstood. Boldly naming sin in no uncertain terms is by some self-righteous *nay-sayers*, objectionable. Yet, this nebulous fluff preached today is producing a generation of reprobates. Bible language, examples and illustrations will leave no confusion. But this politically correct, user friendly, accommodation gospel is Anathema. God deliver us from therapeutic, ear-ticklin', back scratchin', soft soapin', prissified', necklace wearing preachers. This come as you are, leave as you were, churchianity' is leading multitudes over the precipice of hell. Oh, I'm sorry, you can't talk about hell anymore. Billy Graham said there is no literal fire in hell.

And Joel Osteen waffled and flip-flopped all over himself when directly asked about Muslims, Allah, and who is the saved and the lost. Even fundamental preachers get a case of the studders when asked what God says about divorce and remarriage. Forget asking your preacher, "Is there right and wrong dress and music?"

One "preacher" wrote me and said Bro. Royce, would never have printed an article like "Tattoos and Body Piercing." "Take me off your mailing list." Excuse me, but that "preacher" just revealed his knowledge of Bro. Royce and what *The Voice in the Wilderness* has stood for over 55 years now. Dr. J. Royce Thomason **was** the editor of this publication when "Tattoos and Body Piercing" was originally printed. This article was needful then, and it is ever more relevant today. Dear God, deliver us from these know it all, busy-body, discord sowing, knuckleheads that are compelled to lash out and fix things when they know not of what they speak! *The Voice in the Wilderness* certainly is not published for children, the immature or critical busybodies. That crowd, we know, cannot handle hard

Our Heritage Timeline

1650s

The Quakers arrive in the colonies. Boston mints the first New England coins.



1660s

The first Bible printed in America is in an Indian language.



sayings. (By the way, the complete article Bro. Royce originally printed many years ago can be found in the April 1998 edition or see Part I and Part II in *The Voice in the Wilderness* June and July/August 2008 edition.) Remember they cut John the Baptist's head off. Jesus himself minced no words in pronouncing woes, preaching on hell and addressing religious vipers of his day!

(Continuation of article from May/June 2008 *The Voice in the Wilderness*. BM = Body Modification)

What we are witnessing in BM is the developing self-consciousness of a Christ-rejecting culture. For the fundamental need of fallen man is atonement. This is critically important to know and understand. There is only one God-provided atonement, and that is the pierced and risen Christ. A societal rejection of this atonement will result in the arising of pseudoatonements, typically involving the infliction of pain upon others or oneself.

Thus it is, that to ask "Doesn't that hurt?" is to miss the point. Of course it hurts! And the permanent holes and markings and scars are as sacraments of the false atonement. Thus the devil leads astray his hordes, turning their eyes and hearts from Christ to themselves.

A recent feature article in the *New York Times* Magazine talked about young people cutting themselves with knives, glass, fingernails, whatever, "to feel better." The girl featured in the story told of

how she cut herself the first time with a wallpaper cutter: "It felt good to see the blood coming out, like that was my other pain leaving, too. It felt right and it felt good."

The *New York Times*, lacking a Christian worldview, can only describe the phenomenon; it cannot explain it. "In an age of tattoos and nose rings, self-mutilation is the latest expression of adolescent self-loathing." According to Dr. A. Favazza, professor of psychiatry at the University of Missouri-Columbia medical school, "Self-injury is probably a bit epidemic." He defines self-mutilation as "the direct, deliberate destruction or alteration of one's own body tissue without conscious suicidal intent." The *Times* recognized the relationship between the growing popularity of body modification and the estimated "two million people injuring [themselves] in secret." We are beginning to "look like a nation obsessed with cutting." One expert called it "the addiction of the '90s."

Next, a "Christian," a United Methodist minister pastoring two Midwest churches, who has numerous piercings (including sublingual, nipple and genital) and a growing number of tattoos: This "minister" finds "analysis of specific Biblical passages ... useful" but prefers to justify BM theologically. (His theology includes spelling God as "Godde," explaining that this "is a term being used by some to shift away from the culturally genderbound term, 'God,') BM, he insists, must be understood in the light of the Incarnation. For him this means that "Godde acts in and through the human

1670s

France claims and explores the Mississippi River.

1680s

England's "Glorious Revolution" ends the Dominion of New England.

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experience.” Christians who reject BM are plagued by Hellenistic dualism. Enlightened Christians, such as himself, see the body as “a sacrament of Godde.... My piercings and tattoos are my attempt to clothe and ornament well my body.” His self-mutilations are “profoundly expressive of Godde.” Maybe so, but not of our God, not of the true God.

In the law it is written, [Do not cut your bodies for the dead, or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the LORD] (Lev. 19:28). The rabbis speak clearly on this passage: “It was a pagan custom to gash the skin when a close relative died. They also did this when they suffered any other grief. With this they would call upon their deity to help them (cf. 1 Kg. 18:28). God told us to avoid this custom.

“The Torah continues, ‘Do not make tattoo marks on your skin.’ It is forbidden to make any tattoo marks or allow oneself to be tattooed. The pagans used to make tattoo marks by gashing their skin and then placing dye or other coloring into the gashes so the color would remain. We similarly see many Gentiles today who have tattoos on their arms, chests and in other places. In ancient times this was done to show that they were like slaves to their pagan deity. The Torah therefore commands us not to do this. We are slaves of the Living and Everlasting God. We

have our holy signs such as the mark of circumcision as well as the Sabbath and Festivals. These are the great sign that we are God’s servants.”

The prohibitions of Leviticus 19:28 are said to include “every area of the body, whether [generally] exposed or covered by clothing,” and to be “in effect everywhere, at every time, for both man and woman.”

Compare this to the defense of BM by a self-described Christian: “Christians are not bound by the Law. Remember that it’s not what you do; it’s what’s in your heart when you do

it.” Uh-huh. And hear yet another professing believer: “These laws are from the first covenant, which Jesus replaced with the new covenant.” This clever man uses the de facto American Christian view of the place of the law in the life of the Christian to release himself from any obligation to it. None but the Reformed can respond potently. But how can anyone respond to this fellow’s NT justification for BM? The sum of it, for him, is to be found in Eph. 5:29: “For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church.” What remains to be said when a professing Christian equates piercing, cutting, burning and slashing the body with nourishing and cherishing it? Pity his wife!! (Eph. 5:28). And if we are to love neighbor as self, my advice to his neighbors: Move!

*...they were like
slaves to their
pagan deity.*

Our Heritage Timeline

1690s

New England Primer
(full of Bible from A to Z)
A - In Adam’s Fall We
Sinned All

1700s

Cotton Mather writes *The
Great Achievement of
Christ in America.*

Among the Jews the historic penalty for violation of Lev. 19:28 was flogging. Of course, the Jews have not practiced flogging for some time, yet voluntary tattooing is non-existent among observant Jews, and almost non-existent among practicing Jews of most varieties. How do we explain this state of affairs, especially in view of the fact that nearly all Western Jews live in largely Gentile urban areas, where tattooing has not been unknown, and is sometimes not uncommon? There is a reason to explain this, and it is brimming with instruction.

Ironically, the reason can be traced to what is actually a myth: that if you have a tattoo, you cannot be buried in a Jewish cemetery. (The truth is that you may be buried in a cemetery, but if it is largely orthodox, you may be consigned to an isolated area marked off and away from the *frum* (observant) Jews. Other conditions may apply: no prayers on behalf of the dead [don't confuse these with Romish prayers]; no shrouds; no entitlement to ritual cleansing; no prayers at the time of burial; *Shiva*, the traditional mourning period, may not be observed. In short, the "myth" is a handy, though inaccurate, shorthand for the facts.)

Virtually every Jew I've ever known believes the myth to be true. And that belief alone was enough to utterly banish any thought of tattooing from our minds. We would never even for a moment entertain the thought of tattooing ourselves.

But this fear of being excluded

in death from "*Am Yisrael*," the people of Israel, is itself predicated upon a profoundly deep-seated understanding of oneself as a Jew. This in turn, is built upon an understanding of Jewishness which utterly transcends the individual.

The consciousness of a Jew regarding his being a Jew has value only as part of a called people. The suggestion that a certain behavior will disqualify him from being buried with his people is enough to banish any thought of that behavior.

Now try that with a typical American Christian youth who is contemplating body modification: tell him he won't be allowed to be buried in a Christian cemetery. Oh, wow! Can't you see him shaking in his boots!

Hardly. The fact is that we do not even approach (except among the Dutch Reformed) the Jewish sense of peoplehood. No matter that the Holy Spirit tells us that we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God (1 Pt. 2:9), we can't help but think of ourselves as merely a collection of individuals who have made choices to become Christian. But this is precisely what the truth of the covenant, particularly as it is seen in infant baptism, is so well fitted to overcome: we were appointed, designated and constituted a people by the one and only God! It is he who made us a people and not we ourselves!

Also involved in the Jewish rejection of BM is, as we have noted, the belief in the continuing validity of the law of God. The orthodox Jews have bested us with a highly

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1710s

Children practice reading
"The Lord's Prayer" on the
horn book.

1720s



Peanuts and Learning ... fr

George Washington Carver was given ten minutes to address the United States Senate *Ways and Means Committee*. Dr. Carver so captivated his audience that the chairman at the conclusion of the allotted time said, "Go ahead Brother. Your time is unlimited!" For one hour and forty-five minutes the amazing uses of the peanut and other new crops for the improvement of the southern economy was expanded. Dr. Carver was asked how he had learned all these things. His reply was, "From an old book." "What book?" asked a Senator. "The Bible" responded Dr. Carver. "Does the Bible tell about peanuts" queried the Senator? "No, sir" replied Dr. Carver, "but it tells about the God who made the peanut. I asked him to show me what to do with the peanut, and He did."

The Great God and Creator cannot only take the little peanut and baffle the finite pea-brain of the most arrogant mind of man, but does to this day, outside of faith in Him, confound the wisest among us. For by Him were all things created and by Him all things consist.

Indeed, we are a blessed and rich people. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord," Isaiah 54:17. "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock" I Peter 5:3. Great privilege and responsibility comes with such a HERITAGE. As a Christian, as an American and as a preacher of the gospel, I stand in awe and reverence of my stewardship. O' God help me be faithful.

I would like to take this month's edition and beseech our readership to ponder the price at which our heritage was purchased. As heirs of God, the personal, intimate, and eternal are so very present not just anticipated. The abundance extols to joy unspeakable and full of glory. The half has yet to be told.

The Voice in the Wilderness for over 55 years has chronicled the gracious hand of God working in hearts around the world. Please note the

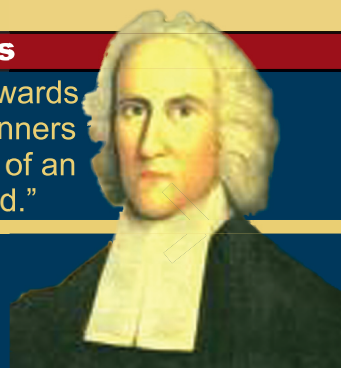
Our Heritage Timeline

1730s

"The Great Awakening"
George Whitefield
preaches in America.

1740s

Jonathan Edwards
preaches "Sinners
in the Hands of an
Angry God."



ed Past Times

...from an old book



abbreviated time line of ministry, as well as, the notable events in history presented in this special **HERITAGE edition**. Many new subscribers have signed on since the passing of Dr. J. Royce Thomason, Founder. It is my prayer that our visit within these pages will give all new and veteran readers a glimpse of the wonderful heritage enjoyed through our Lord's blessing in the life of this ministry's founder and the mission of The Voice in the Wilderness. To learn more about The Voice in the Wilderness and related ministries, please view our website at www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org. You may also subscribe to our weekly email and view The Voice in the Wilderness *Blog* for mission updates and prayer requests. MIT (Missionary in Training) is also available for young people. Grandparents and parents may sign up their children for this wonderful opportunity of spiritual enrichment and fun. And please, by all means, keep The Voice in the Wilderness on your prayer list. God Bless!



This Month In History

Soon after American voices sang the songs of Independence Day in 1969, a free voice rang out as the first man walked on the moon. On July 20, Neil Armstrong uttered the words, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." He, along with Colonel Aldrin, had landed their lunar module, the "Eagle," and spent a total of 21 hours and 37 minutes on the moon's surface, before redocking with the command ship "Columbia." Addressing a joint session of Congress, September 1969, Commander Armstrong stated: "To those of you who have advocated looking high, we owe our sincere gratitude, for you have granted us the opportunity to see some of the grandest views of the Creator."

1750s

George Washington becomes military leader in the French and Indian War.

1760s

Peace of Paris
The French move west of the Appalachians.

NEWS BITS

FROM HERE AND THERE

Treasonous Supreme Court

Justices should be arrested by the President. Thankfully, Justices Thomas, Alito, Scalia, and Chief Justice Roberts called the majority's opinion "overreaching," and "egregious," in an attempt to usurp constitutional power over the fate of enemy combatants. Will we allow terrorists the same right as U.S. citizens—maybe more?.....



The liberal media called him an ultra conservative and "Senator NO!" Many recognized Jesse Helms as a patriot who took a firm stand against communists, liberals, abortion and homosexuality.....**It cost the taxpayer** when illegals steal their way into the United

States. It cost the taxpayer when illegals remain here. If they are caught and deported, the taxpayer pays for the \$700 plane ticket to fly the illegal back to their country.....**The Salmonella outbreak** has cost millions of dollars in losses. In my hometown, contaminated city water with ecoli shutdown restaurants and wiped out grocery shelves recently. Such are not little things, but a little thing like bacteria can reek havoc.....**Oklahoma's new statute** denying government contracts to employers who do not check employee names against a national immigration database is scheduled to go into effect. *Duh* – how much did that cost the taxpayer? Then the law also requires proof of citizenship to access certain state benefits. *On through the fog/.....Is it "Religious Freedom" for the U.S.* government to allow the Virginia based Islamic Saudi Academy to remain open when textbooks justify intolerance, violence, and murder?.....

Our Heritage Timeline

1770s

Phillis Wheatley, the 1st black writer in America, publishes her first poem as a tribute to George Whitefield.

1780s

The War for Independence
Cornwallis surrenders and the King signs the Treaty of Paris.

Robert Mugabe continues his reign of fear and murder in Zimbabwe**Franklin Graham**, T.D. Jakes, and Max Lucado attended a private meeting with Barack Obama. Word is Graham asked Obama if he believed Jesus was the only way to God (Obama's response was off the record). First, Jesus was and is and shall always be The Way, The Truth, and The Life. No man cometh unto God without Jesus as Saviour. Second, could Obama be off the record in heaven? Third, a true Bible believing Christian would not be the extreme liberal that Obama is.....**Osama is dead** on the run but at Guantanamo he has Supreme Court ruled rights. The Military Commissions Act of 2006 strips enemy combatants of habeas corpus rights. Will the American people allow an oligarchy rule? Five liberal Supreme Court Justices dare axe the Constitution of the United States. When is enough, enough?.....**Michelle Obama wore** an arm-and-shoulder-revealing dress on "The View." Surely in this liberated, sophisticated society that's not a topic of discussion – contrary. Michelle Obama's \$148 or so dress is an *off the rack* available to anybody. ABC News Team of Robin Roberts and Diane Sawyer

stated that there was a recent time when female news people did not wear short sleeves for a broadcast. They commented that they still would not wear a tank top on TV.....**Michelle Obama states**



after 23 years she is proud of America. A Shawn Hannity caller said if after 23 years of marriage I looked at my wife and said, "For the first time, I love you – *duh!*.....**Is the Medical profession;** doctors and hospitals out of control? It is estimated that \$500 billion is spent on unnecessary medical care annually in America. Fifty percent of the surgeries, tests and procedures are not backed by sound, scientific evidence. Often it is one doctor to another and another with multiple tests and even repeats before a correct diagnosis is given. Seniors are especially vulnerable. 30,000 Medicare recipients die each year as a result of unneeded medical care. How many senior age friends and relatives do you know who presently take 10 to 12 *or more* prescription drugs? Have you ever questioned a doctor's cost, treatment or procedure? See www.dividedwefail.org.

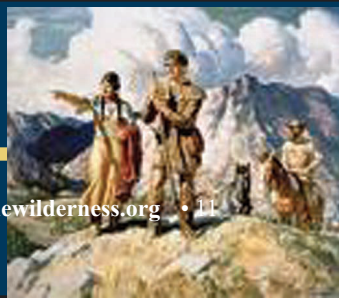


1790s

The Department of the Navy is created under John Adams.

1800s

Lewis and Clark explore the Louisiana Purchase.





EDITORIAL

"We are more than conquerors through Christ," and we know the consummation of all as recorded in His Apocalypse. However that gives us no excuse to hunker down in a hold out mode. These are perilous times when the eternal souls of multitudes stand in the balance.

Keep your eye on Israel and the Middle East. America has many friends and allies in that region. Let not the liberal media and left dupe you. Christians and others who count the United States a friend await a bloody slaughter if we withdraw and leave them defenseless. Then the terror will march west. Many in Israel, Iraq, Afghanistan, and lovers of freedom from oppressive tyranny have nowhere else to turn. Yet, Mr. Bush has been weak in his constant rhetoric and capitulation to Palestinian and Muslim posturing.

Will complete control of the Temple Mount be relinquished to Muslims? The PLO has threatened that talks will fail unless Israel gives control of the

Temple Mount to the Palestinians. But not only can these cutthroats not be trusted, the Palestinians are out for the demise of Israel, not negotiations. Mike Evans of *The Final Move Beyond Iraq* writes: *Diplomats within the EU are pushing for a final agreement to be reached. U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has been pressing Abbas and Olmert to iron out their differences and have a workable plan.*

In recent meetings between the two men, the concessions have, as always, been very one-sided: Olmert has ordered the release of 178 members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades (a wing of Fatah – the terrorist organization that has been responsible for the many suicide bombings in Israel during the past 36 months.)

Olmert is being pressed to release another 206 terrorists and remove security checkpoints that are essential in stopping these heinous attacks against the Jewish people.

In yet another concession to the Palestinians, the IDF has turned patrolling duties in the West Bank over to Palestinian policemen (simply

Our Heritage Timeline

1810s

War of 1812
The British burn
Washington D.C.

1820s

The American Tract Society and
the American Bible
Society is founded.




a more acceptable word for “terrorists.”)

What has the Palestinian Authority given up in these talks? Nothing!

Presently the United Nations and United States lend nothing but grief for Israel. Where is all this talk about the defeat of terrorism? Mr. Bush professes to be a Christian, but comments about Islam and Allah, let alone the give away mentality he espouses in terms of Israel/Palestinian relations, exhibits Mr. Bush’s lack of biblical knowledge and spiritual discernment.

Of course we have our own tyrannical oligarchy. They had two recent split rulings (5/4 – 4/5), which so vividly reminds of the determined course the treasonous element in America is bent on taking this nation. The Supreme Court ruled against

capitol punishment for the heinous perversions committed against our children but narrowly upheld the second amendment. If liberals can appoint one more justice, it may very well be devastating. John Adams said, “We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” 



IS GOD’S WORK IN YOUR WILL?

“One of the most important documents a man ever signs is his will. I can tell better what a man had in his heart by reading his will than I can by reading his obituary. His obituary tells the world what his friends thought of him; his will reveals what he had in his heart.

- A. M. Vollmer

For as (a man) thinketh in his heart, so is he- Proverbs 23:7.

Out of (the heart) are the issues of life - Proverbs 4:23.”

A bequest in your Will to Voice in the Wilderness can assure that the outreach of this ministry at home and abroad will continue after you have gone to your eternal reward. Prayerfully consider us in your Estate Planning.

Thank you!

1830s

Vice President Calhoun resigns to become a S.C. Senator and defend state’s rights.

1840s

Pain killers and anesthesia are first used in surgeries and dental work.



Why Print

The Voice in the Wilderness

After 55 years of printing *The Voice in the Wilderness* readers continue to send notes of appreciation for this ministry.

There are few today that continue to take the Biblical stand that has glorified God, saved souls, built churches, and blessed a people with such a precious heritage. Many such publications are full of advertisements and charge a regular subscription fee. *The Voice in the Wilderness* is a free subscription. Yet, thousands across America and around the world look forward to a visit from this fundamental Voice. But in this

day of Internet, email, blogs and high tech, why continue to write, print and mail *The Voice in the Wilderness*?

Obviously, in the world of printing, similar thought has been critically examined from a money and marketing standpoint. Books, magazines, newspapers, and newsletters continue to fly off the presses around the world. I am persuaded there is even a greater urgency and need to print *The Voice in the Wilderness*. In lieu of the modern world, here is why we continue to print *The Voice in the Wilderness*:

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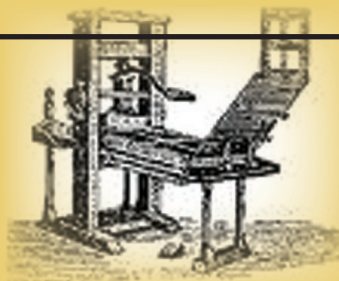
1850s

“Glory to God in the highest” - 1st message sent across the transatlantic cable.

1860s

The Civil War
The Pony Express and Telegraph link the East to the West.

the Wilderness?



- It is virus free – There are issues with email, Internet and online communication. There is nothing like, in-your-hand, before-your-eyes, marked and highlighted.
- It is rare – We know this, and readers also tell us so. Rarity exists in the fundamental, KJB stand. Specifics are not avoided in a politically correct, ear-ticklin' age.
- It can be read at leisure – You can take it with you anywhere. *The Voice in the Wilderness* is a handy-dandy, ready-to-go friend.
- You can have your own private copy.
- A gregarious partnership and heritage.
- It cannot be erased – oops! You have a copy; thousands have copies, and The Voice office keep file copies. No computer crash can destroy this written paper.
- There is joy of anticipation. What a blessing to go to the mailbox, read and reread *The Voice in the Wilderness*.
- It is more than a publication – *The Voice in the Wilderness* is a printed missionary, an evangelist, a missionary support base, APM, CrossVue and much, much, more.
- *The Voice in the Wilderness* levels the playing field – Rich, poor, young, old, overseas, ministerial and laymen have the same access to this publication. Anyone willing to invest time to read can utilize *The Voice in the Wilderness*.

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1870s

The telephone and mimeograph machine are invented.

1880s

D.L. Moody preaches to over 50 million people.



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I'm sure you will agree with us that we should indeed continue printing *The Voice in the Wilderness*. Please partner with us in prayer and support. The monthly printing of *The Voice in the Wilderness*, along with the mailing to our complete domestic and overseas mail list, requires of The Voice approximately \$100,000 per year.

That is a heavy load at times. Presently, we must adjust our printing and mailing schedules due to financial constraints. Some of you may have even noticed that *The Voice in the Wilderness* hasn't been coming to you quite as often. That is due to funds simply not

permitting such. By the way, this is not our desire. We do desire to print monthly. Possibly, the Lord could use you to help meet this need. It is our prayer in these perilous times that *The Voice in the Wilderness* can do more not less. We have

been given a rich heritage.

Thank you for helping The Voice in the Wilderness, Inc.

pass the blessing

on to others as well as the next generation. Until He calls, may we be faithful. Amen!

For Christ and Souls,

Ronnie L. Williamson

President,

The Voice in the Wilderness, Inc.

*Please pray
for this printed
missionary.*



Our Heritage Timeline

1890s

Wyoming gives women the right to vote.

1900s

The Wright brothers flew at Kitty Hawk and Ford introduces the Model T.



Our Founder Said...



Birmingham, England
January 1st, 1953

Dear Friends,

As you can see, I am now in England. Due to a change of arrangements, I had to sail on another boat (other than the Queen Elizabeth) and had to go via Nova Scotia which made my journey very long, and I didn't land here until December 29th; spent Christmas on the high seas of course. I landed in Liverpool, went directly to Ilkeston where I held a service for the Nazarenes there and then came on here where I am busy getting arrangements made to go on to Egypt.

I will leave England Sunday and go to France, and there I plan to make an effort to cross over into Spain and hold some services there for about five days. Persecutions are going on in Spain against those who preach the truth, and there may be a chance that as I am an American and Franco is bidding for American dollars, I might be permitted to hold a few services in a house somewhere. At least I am going to try, for I have always wanted to preach in Spain. I will tell you more later as to how I manage.

I expect to be in Egypt by January 23rd. I don't know just how long I will be there, or what place I will go after that. As there is so much hatred and unrest in that part of the world. I will have to go wherever God permits and when He clears the way. I will give you a full report in my next newsletter which friends in England will mail on to you within a month...

Wish I could see you all and enjoy some more good sunshine and dry warm weather - it is miserable here. God bless you all. Pray for me and write when you can. My mail will be forwarded... and if any offerings are ever enclosed, they should be either in green back itself, or by personal check.

Yours for Souls,

Rev. J. Royce Thomason,
Birmingham England.

... I will publish the name of the Lord... Deut. 32:3

Thank you for helping The Voice in the Wilderness printing ministry for over 55 years.

1910s

World War I

Alvin York becomes the greatest hero of the war, and Dr. J. Royce Thomason is born.

1920s

William Jennings Bryan defends the Truth of the Bible in the Scopes "monkey" trial.

Our Heritage

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. Ps 16:6

"Pleasant places" at the hand of His love, mercy, and grace. His stars fill the night sky and His sun kisses the new day. Bless the Lord O my soul for He hath bestowed to such an unworthy one "a goodly heritage." His faithfulness covers the sharp rocks of testing and trial. The fragrance and sweetness of heaven overpower this stinch from below.

Mr. Spurgeon recorded how "some divines think that discontent was the first sin, the rock which wrecked our race in paradise. Certainly there can be no paradise where this evil spirit has power. Its slime will poison all the flowers of the garden." I will bless the Lord. I will rest in the Lord. In Him is my goodly heritage.

Our Godly Heritage

It is indeed a goodly heritage because it is a godly heritage. Godly in the fact that apart from God, there is no goodly heritage.

Tell me how can you have more or hope for more? Matthew

Henry said, "Gracious persons though they still covet more of God; never covet more than God; but, being satisfied of his loving-kindness, they are abundantly satisfied with it...."

The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places.

- In the darkness of night I have the bright and morning star.
- In trials of day I have the day star.
- In sickness He is my great physician.
- In health it is He that healeth me.
- In poverty His Kingdom is mine.
- In times of tears He comforts me.
- In persecution He is my joy and reward.
- In mortality He gives immortality.
- In hunger and thirst He is my bread and living water.
- In death He is my resurrection and life.

The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places.

Too many too easily forget the goodness of God. This nation, America, has forgotten who brought us up and will bring

Our Heritage Timeline

1930s

Thomason Family
Royce (top left) prepares to
enter the army for service
during World War II.

1940s



Godly & Giving ≈ A Glorious Heritage

us down. God has been good to America.

It is not the Atheist that has been good to America.

It is not the Abortionist that has been good to America.

It is not the Sodomites that have been good to America.

It is not the Liberal that rips down the Ten Commandments, removed God and prayer, defaces, desecrates, and defames "One Nation Under God" and "In God We Trust" that's been good to America.

Tis' the God of the Holy Bible that's been good to America.

Our Giving Heritage

Time will not be spent here proving what needs no defense. Bible believing Christians and the God loving patriots of America have been the most giving people in all of history. Churches, schools, hospitals, and havens of health, hope, help and happiness has dotted the missionary path from the 1st century to the present. Catholics and Rome, not Christians and America, have crusaded with the sword along with Muslims and Islam to conquer and control. Christ came to give life,

life abundant and life eternal. Religion and ritual gives dead form filled with error. Christ is The Way, The Truth, and the Life liberating the soul from sin, self, and Satan. This world is slavery. Christ is salvation to the soul set free.

Our Lord and His saints have placed before us blessing and riches beyond words. From Calvary, through the New Testament Church and into the regions beyond the spirit of giving is without measure. "For God so loved...that he gave." "Every good and perfect gift..." "It is the gift of God." "Give and it shall be given unto you...." This is a giving heritage.

The signers of The United States Declaration wrote, "We mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor." When each delegate had affixed his signature to The Declaration of Independence, Samuel Adams declared: "We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun,

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1950s

The first copy of The Voice was mailed from England.
Ronnie Williamson was born.
Jamaica church built.

1960s

J. Royce Thomason graduated from School of Missionary Medicine.



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let His Kingdom come.”

Boldly, pioneers and founders gave all to advance the heritage. An example of this giving spirit is in the life of one early circuit rider. John Wesley traveled 250,000 miles on horse back, averaging 20 miles a day for 40 years, preached 40,000 sermons, produced 400 books, and knew 10 languages. At age 83 he was annoyed that he could not write more than 15 hours a day without hurting his eyes, and at 86 he was ashamed that he could not preach more than twice a day. He complained in his diary that there was an increasing tendency to lie in bed until 5:30 in the morning.

Dear God, give us more Wesley's. Give us that spirit of commitment and sacrifice. We are not all John Wesley's, but we can be, as stewards found faithful. And it is not only possible but also pertinent to present day believers to continue this heritage of giving. Biblically, pastors, missionaries, and churches must deal openly and honestly about this matter of giving. The Apostle Paul stated, “Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed

from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.” Read carefully Philippians 4:15-19. This spirit of giving extended Paul by the Philippians was right and appreciated. It is interesting how sensitive people in the church get when it comes to finances. Pastors will beat around the bush and quite frankly not be honest with missionaries about support.

Permit me to delve a bit further into the missionary side of giving since The Voice in the Wilderness is a by-faith missions ministry. We are thankful for the churches and individuals that faithfully support The Voice in the Wilderness. Your partnership makes this work possible. Just this year I have participated in Mission Conferences and faith-promise campaigns. Then some supporting pastors prefer their people give through the church budget. Others set up a separate missions budget as part of the overall church budget or faith-promise program. There are numerous variations. However the missions giving is structured, some biblical absolutes must be observed:

Our Heritage Timeline

1970s

The Voice's first 16 page issue is printed. Ministry supports Florence Hardy in China. Ronnie & Terry marry.

1980s

Our first India church is built. Good reports for missionaries: Major Gardner, Davis, Hardy, and Sophie Muller.



- ***Commitment*** – “perform the doing of it....” Paul uses this phrase in reference to the Corinthian church and their commitment to collect money for the Jerusalem church “a year ago.” In II Corinthians 8:10-15 and chapter 9 this principle is so pronounced. Keep your commitment. They promised a financial gift to the church in Jerusalem. One month passed, six months and now a year is gone. Over the past twelve years serving with The Voice in the Wilderness I’ve seen this repeatedly. Pastors say they will support The Voice in the Wilderness. We will give toward this or that project and to date, The Voice in the Wilderness has yet to see a dime. I have even preached in the church, an offering is received for The Voice in the Wilderness and never is that offering sent to The Voice. Bro. Royce, founder of The Voice in the Wilderness, told me the exact same story experienced by him. It dates back to the Corinthian church.
- ***Communication*** – The Apostle Paul had to make critical decisions and at times was wrongly accused. Events sometimes called for a change of plans. Such is the case in II Corinthians 1:15-20. Long story short, “...with me there should be yea, yea, and nay nay?” Let’s be honest and upfront. Talk it out. Don’t tell a missionary one thing but mean another. If you cannot or do not want to, simply say yes or no! That brings us to another principle.
- ***Consistent*** – The Apostle Paul wanted to be consistent and appear consistent. Pastor, we know that is a challenge. Some accused Paul of trying to undermine his authority. Paul was coming to Corinth but at a more profitable time. The change in plans and delay was necessary. Communication is a must if we are to be consistent in what we say with what we do. If we promise to call – call. If we promise to write – write. If we promise to give – give.

1990s

Heaven welcomes Missionary Sophie Muller. Williamsons join The Voice. 600 folk gather to honor Bro. Royce’s 60 years of ministry.

2000

The Voice helps NC flood victims.



- *Credibility*—A year had gone by and the Corinthian church waited hoping to collect a larger offering. But what about the need during those 12 months. Paul encouraged them to give “that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.” Is the need credible and is your word credible? If so, do it!
- *Confusion*—All of this has made a nightmare for some church planters and missionaries. Pastors and churches promise to call back and book a meeting. We plan to help you brother. Yet no call comes, nor do funds arrive. The offering was received but never sent. It’s confusing to say the least.
- *Crisis*—Often mid-stream the rules change. Finances get tight and the missionary is the first to be cut. Paul said clearly, “I mean not that other men be ease, and ye burdened....” Again, read II Corinthians 8:13-15. Paul references Exodus 16:18. **Needs** vary from ministry to ministry and man to man. Yet the needs are to be met. God supplies and we are not to favor one ministry over another. A lot could be said at this point, but here is the stark reality. Pastor makes over \$50,000 a year plus benefits and his Christian schoolteacher makes under \$20,000 total package. Church missionaries receive \$50-\$100 per month, if funds are available. Believe me, we are treading thin ice here. But please, there is a crisis. Personnel, prayers, resources and funds are lacking. There is a crisis. “...he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack!” If anybody is cut, if anyone sacrifices should not all equally. Look carefully again at II Corinthians 9:6-10. “Neither as being lords over God’s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.” I Peter 5:3.



Our Heritage Timeline **2001**

The Book of Revelation and Sophie books were reprinted.



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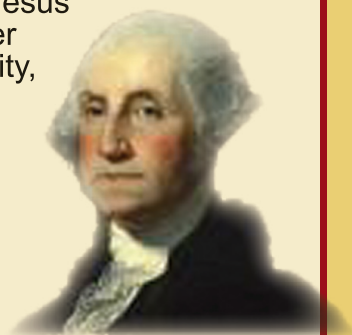
9/11 Attacks

Bro. Royce hospitalized with stroke in Ohio while in his 65th year of ministry.



Nuggets of Gold

1. It is better to be divided by TRUTH than united by error.
2. It is better to speak the TRUTH that hurts and then heals than a lie that comforts and then kills.
3. It is better to hear tough or even rough TRUTH than tender or polished lies.
4. It is better to be hated for telling the truth than loved for telling a lie.
5. It is better to stand alone for the TRUTH than stand with a crowd in a lie.
6. "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on the religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason people of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here." Patrick Henry
7. "You can't hold a man down without staying down with him." Booker T. Washington
8. "Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company." George Washington
9. It is not enough for a gardener to love flowers, he must also hate weeds.



On the Light Side

A teacher asked a student, "What is our nation's capitol?" "Washington D.C.," he answered. "And what does the D.C. mean?" she continued. The boy quickly said, "Dot com, of course."

2002

The Voice leads mission team of 13 to minister in Venezuela. Indian Bible students are assisted.

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Bro. Royce conferred by Board with title of President Emeritus.

Capital Cam

The Voice in the Wilderness has historically endeavored to **help make the connection** for pastors, missionaries, and churches in a global ministry. Whether a new church plant in Jamaica, an orphanage in Uganda, printing in Korea, or a Bible College in the South Pacific, The Voice in the Wilderness for decades has brought together the vision, resources, and personnel. Thousands of miles, language and culture have separated the needed ingredients for a fruitful ministry, but the Lord brought together the labourers for His Glory. Amen! (I Cor. 3:9)

Fifty to sixty years ago, there were

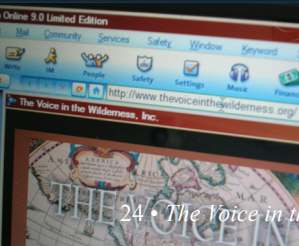
very few books on missions other than a biography here and there. Today you could not begin to read all the books on missions – good, bad, and ugly. Sixty to seventy years ago, The Voice in the Wilderness raised funds for a church in Jamaica to construct a building. Along about that time, Bro. Royce Thomason was already helping Matilda Davis in Jerusalem.

It has been a blessing to see local churches in America get on track with a New Testament philosophy of missions. The local church is not just our local church in America, but the national pastor's local church – self-supporting, self-governing,

Our Heritage Timeline

2003

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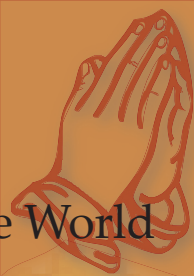


The Voice in the Wilderness enters its 50th year of printing. The Voice website is established.

Bro. Ronnie travels to India to teach pastors.

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Connecting Prayer Partners Around the World



self-propagating, scripturally sending. For sixty to seventy years, The Voice in the Wilderness has partnered with nationals.

I am asking the thousands who read this little publication to help The Voice in the Wilderness **continue the connection**. Permit us to list your name as a daily prayer partner for the countries of the world. In The Voice in the Wilderness "Founders Hall" there is a large 8'6" X 13' world map listing the names of brothers and sisters around the world who pray daily for the harvest (Matt 9:38 and Luke 10:2). Perhaps through your local church or other avenues you are presently praying for

a country or missionary. I would like to ask you to allow us the honour to post your name alongside others with like burden praying for God's work around the world? If so, please take a moment right now, before you forget it, to send your name and the country(ies) you pray for to The Voice in the Wilderness, PO Box 7037, Asheville, NC 28802, so The Voice in the Wilderness **Global Prayer Connection** can be completed. Also read on page 4 and 5 of the Mar/Apr 2008 issue of *The Voice in the Wilderness* the "Sermon of the Month" which outlines this biblical challenge.

In addition The Voice in the Wilderness is **connecting pastors**

2004

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Bro. Ronnie teaches at Bible Institute in Venezuela and visits church started from evangelistic efforts during the 2002 trip.



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and missionaries in all 50 U.S. capitals plus each capital of every country worldwide in a partnership of prayer. We must not forget that God has His Church and people scattered from every tongue, tribe, and nation shining the gospel light in dark corners worldwide. These faithful need us to join them in obedience to pray for power, provision and personnel that those who labour, sow and reap may rejoice together (John 4:36-38).

God has given THE DIVINE PLAN in the book of Acts for His Church to follow. Briefly take a walk through "The Acts Plan" and see the outline of success.

- ❖ **The Mission** – Acts 1:6, 7 & 8
- ❖ **The Method** – Acts 5:42a
- ❖ **The Members** – Acts 5:42b
- ❖ **The Message** – Acts 5:42c
- ❖ **The Mathematics** – Acts 6:7
- ❖ **The Missionaries** – Acts 8:4

As you read this account of God's power, purpose, and plan for His Church, it is easy to see the New Testament churches' success. The Voice in the Wilderness desires to continue connecting the biblical dots of success for world missions. Thank you for your partnership and prayers. May God help us to be faithful.

Please visit www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org to view the ministry's website, past editions of *The Voice in the Wilderness* publication, and subscribe to available resources.

Our Heritage Timeline **2005**



Steve and Rebekah Lilly join The Voice as staff missionaries under the Aquila/Priscilla Ministry.

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Bro. Royce moves to veteran's home in Lawton, OK. Bro. Ronnie preaches in Venezuela where The Voice assists with a new church building.

Our *Bible* Heritage

Early in the 1970's my wife and I had the privilege to hear Dr. Henry Morris in a debate on the University of Knoxville Campus in Tennessee. At that time, I knew very little about the scientist who believed in a Creationist position. What a blessing it was to hear Dr. Morris and Dr. Gish. The Institute for Creation Research published an article by Dr. Morris entitled *Should Creationists Abandon The King James Version?* Sadly, many of the creationists' ministries today have done exactly that. Of the fifty-plus King James Bible translators who were godly men, believed in the infallible, inspired, authority of Scripture, and were proficient in the biblical languages, they were also familiar with the great body of manuscripts, plus previous translations.

Dr. Morris writes about the various positions and arguments concerning the manuscript debates. He discusses the King James text, and the differences in the new versions. Dr. Morris, in his article, gives the background on the Masoretic, and the *Textus Receptus* upon which the King James is based. Then he spends time giving the background on the Westcott and Hort alterations. By the way, it's interesting to read about the evolutionists and skeptical influences of men like Westcott, Hort, Nestle, and Aland. These are the men that are behind the influence of modern day Bible versions --new versions based on manuscripts that had to be fixed by men who do not even whole-heartedly believe the book they are proposing to translate.

Dr. Morris concludes his article by saying, "After studying, teaching, and loving the Bible for over 55 years, that Christians—especially creationists!—need to hang on to their old King James Bibles as long as they live. God has uniquely blessed its use in the great revivals, in the world-wide missionary movement, and in the personal lives of believers, more so than He has with all the rest of the versions put together, and 'By their fruits ye shall know them' (Matthew 7:20)."

"It is the most beautiful, the most powerful and (I strongly believe) the most reliable of any that we have or ever will have, until Christ returns."

If you are going to embrace a new Bible translation, which one is the best? Among pastors and churches, as well as creationists, who are adding new Bible versions, have done so creating confusion with a multiple collection of Bible translations. Dr. Morris makes it crystal clear in asking the question, "Which new translation? This is not a new question....Even if one really feels that he ought to switch to a modern translation, how can he decide which, if any, is really the inspired Word of God? I personally have perused in some depth at least twenty of them. For a long time, the 'official' version used in each Bible believing church was the King James, with the others used occasionally for reference study by teachers and pastors. Now, however, confusion reigns. Congregational reading is no longer possible, and Scripture memorization, which has been an incalculable blessing in my own Christian life, is almost a lost art these days.

"And what about our belief in verbal inspiration. If its only the 'thought' that counts, then the words are flexible, and we can adjust them to make them convey any thought we prefer. Exact thoughts require precise words."

God is not the author of confusion.

2006

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CrossVue School of Missions
is established. APM teaches
in the Bible Institute in Caracas
for 7 weeks.



Bro. Royce
crosses over.
Farewell, until
then.

(Sermon of the Month - Continued from page 7)

developed sense of corporate calling. They also hover closer to Scripture when they regard God's moral standards as irrevocable. It is quite true that Christians, unlike the Jews, are united firstly by a common faith and creed. But this faith must never be thought of as a replacement for God's law, but rather as its only proper foundation (Rom. 3:31). True Christianity does not differ from Judaism by affirming faith and rejecting deeds. Rather it differs from Judaism in the arrangement of these two essential covenant elements:

Jews believe in what they do; Christians do what they believe in.

The church in America and elsewhere will soon find itself plagued by the in-your-face confrontation of Body Modifiers. If it is to respond in a God-pleasing manner, its response will be exceedingly simple: we have no such practices, nor do the churches of God (I Cor. 11:16). We do not do these things. We do not do such things because: 1) they are contrary to God's Law. We do not pretend to know how to apply every law in every generation and culture, but this one offers little difficulty, Biblically or historically. This is a pagan practice and we are not to be like the pagans. 2) Such practices are contrary to God's requirement to render our bodies unto Him in righteousness. Our bodies are not our own. 3) We reject practices which confuse the differences between male and

female, and which confuse the difference between Christ's people and the world. 4) Above all, we reject these practices because we are the people of the atonement. All these practices are inseparable from a mindset that operates without atonement. But we are controlled by Christ's atonement in all we believe and do. "He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood." 5) Thus we are of all people the most free, for we alone have "been set free from the tyranny of the devil." It was for freedom that Christ set us free. We do not use our freedom as a

cover-up for evil.

The encroachment of Body Modification into the church presents us with yet another opportunity to recover the sense of our unique calling. Shall we rise to the occasion or once again capitulate?

The task assigned by God to us, particularly those of us in Reformed churches, is huge. And it is comprehensive. It cannot be completed, however, unless we inculcate in our congregations a worldview and more: a consciousness, an identity as members of the covenant community, a community redeemed by God's grace to abide by God's law. Our calling impacts everything we do. We do not proclaim a one-dimensional Christ, but a Saviour who is Prophet, Priest and King of His people, the Ruler, in fact, over all the world and all of life. "Chalcedon Report" December 1997 issue, by Steve Schlissel.



Our Heritage Timeline

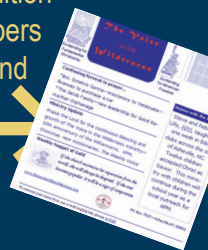
2007

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The Voice completes a church building in India.

The Weekly Voice e-mail edition begins connecting subscribers to current prayer request and ministry updates.



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For All Boys & Girls

Engaging children in being a steadfast worker for Christ, *Encouraging* them to be a boy or girl pleasing to the Lord, and *Equipping* them to be a missionary every day . . . through lessons from the Apostle Paul's missionary helpers, Aquila & Priscilla.



Lessons from Aquila and Priscilla

This time of the summer makes me think of our country and the freedom that we have. Many Americans believe that they are truly free; but the Bible tells us that when we ask Jesus to come into our hearts and believe that He will take away our sins, we will be free (John 8:36).

Around the fourth of July, USA flags are waving high. The colors of the flag reminds me of some truths from God's Word. **Red** - represents the Blood of Jesus (Romans 5:8). **White** - stands for when we accept Jesus and He cleanses us (I John 1:9). **Blue** - A royal color reminds us that we are "joint heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:17). Because we are children of the King, we are now considered royalty.

How about you, have you asked and believed? If not, why not do so right now. Then write us and let us know about the decision you have made. If you are a child of the King, then wave your flag high and tell others the colors of Truth.

The Voice presents
Venezuelan Pastor Estelvio
with his first car.



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BITS AND PIECES

Boy's

Boy's Bits

You will need 10-15 marbles. Pick out the largest marble for your “shooter.” Draw a circle in the dirt and put all the marbles in the middle, except for the shooter. Cradle the shooter in the crook of your pointer finger with your thumb under it. From out side the circle, flick the shooter with your thumb into the circle. If the shooter hits any marble outside of the circle, collect the marbles and play again. A friend may play when your shooter does not hit any marbles out of the circle. Player with the most marbles at the end wins.

GIRL'S

PRISCILLA'S PIECES

Aren't you glad God gave you special friends. Invite your friends over for a special time of activity and play "Shadow Verb!" Hang a sheet over a doorway with a light behind it. Divide your visitors into 2 teams, and send one team behind the curtain. The other team should sit in front of the curtain and think of an action verb (Ex: rake). When a verb is chosen, the team says a rhyming word (Ex: bake) to the others behind the curtain. The team behind the curtain must guess what the first word is by thinking of rhyming words and make shadows demonstrating the word.

Take the Bible Scholar Challenge!

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Instructions: Unscramble the above words found in the lesson on page 29. Use the numbered letters to unscramble the special phrase on the side. (Hint: If you need help, look at the underlined words in the lesson.)



(My Personal Message - Continued from page 3)

by *The Voice in the Wilderness*? You know, as well as I, there are fewer and fewer publications like the one you hold in your hands. We continue to remain committed to that rich heritage so sacrificially passed on to this generation, and know that you are too. The load is heavy, and we are so thankful for your prayers and partnership with The Voice in the Wilderness, Inc. We would love to hear from as many of you that can send a note of encouragement along with some financial support to The Voice in the Wilderness, PO Box 7037, Asheville, NC 28802.

For Christ and Souls,

Bro. Ronnie – Isa. 40:31

Happy Trails



MEMORIAL GIFTS

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By: Bro. Cooper

Given in Honor of: Ruth Kline

By: Curtis Kline

We would like to express our thanks to those who have given a memorial gift to The Voice in the Wilderness, Inc. Ministry. These names will be added to a plaque and displayed in our office. If you would like to honor a loved one, please send a Remembrance Memorial Gift or a Living Memorial Gift with the person's name (legibly printed). Your gift will be listed in an upcoming issue of this publication.

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The Voice website expands to include a link to the ministry blog, keeping readers informed on current missions projects and worldwide events.

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Travel continues as The Voice Team serves by preaching, teaching, and reaching for Christ world wide.



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*His Voice Shakes the
Wilderness*
by Sophie Muller

Beyond Civilization
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