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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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The Mission Won

Gold nor men make nations great,
Only God determines fate.

He alone makes them strong
In the storm to suffer long.

While many plan and others sleep
The chosen dare and venture deep.

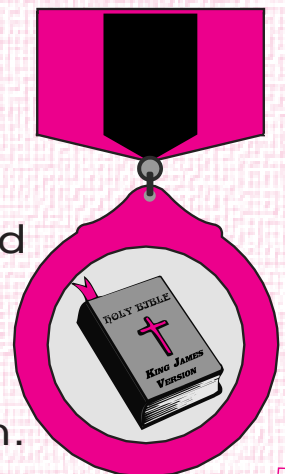
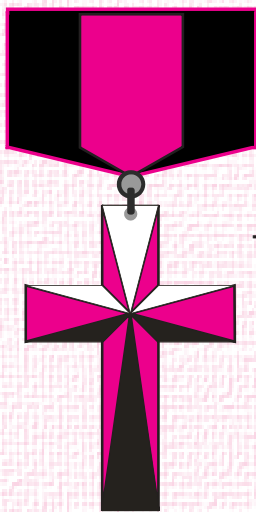
Committed to-they do or die
As doubters sit and wonder, why?

These on wind and wing would fly
Beyond the dream and to the sky.

So raise the standard on Celestial sod
And mount upon the breath of God.

Finish the course, the race be run
Reach the heights, the MISSION won.

-RLW





MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU

Dear Friends:

"Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean." That statement by William Bradford expresses the hearts of those first brave souls who came to America. In their ships cabin, 41 men signed the "Mayflower Compact", again expressing their faith in God. With commitment and conviction, they wrote, "In the name of God, Amen. . . for the glory of God, and the advancement of the Christian faith. . ." Foundation and direction was so clearly rooted that Daniel Webster, in his 1820 speech at Plymouth Rock, said, "Our ancestors established their system of government on morality and religious sentiment. Moral habits, they believed, cannot safely be trusted on any other foundation than religious principle, nor any government be secure which is not supported by moral habits. Living under the heavenly light of revelation, they hoped to find all the social dispositions, all the duties which

men owe to each other and to society, enforced and performed. **Whatever makes men good Christians, makes them good citizens. . .**" From 1620 to 1820, this country's biblical Heritage was deeply ingrained into the very essence of America. Webster was giving tribute to the brave Pilgrims who pioneered the way that was laid firmly in biblical principle for each Christian citizen.

Proverbs 11:10 says, "When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth. . ." Then, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs 4:34. The early settlers understood these essential principles of success. The teaching of Romans 13 and other passages found lodging in the "civil body politic." The founders understood and lived biblical principles in a vision for this young America. President Calvin Coolidge once said, "America was born in a revival of religion." Yet, today the enemy is in the camp. There are those who go about to destroy all that was and is so essential and precious

to the very existence of this unique country. John Quincy Adams warned, "Posterity-you will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make good use of it." Thomas Jefferson asked, "Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?"

This month, *The Voice in the Wilderness* focuses on "The Mission." I do believe God's hand of blessing has uniquely been upon my country. "The advancement of the Christian faith" was understood from the beginning. From the Great Awakening, Christian Americans answered the call to take the Gospel from this land to the regions beyond. For over 12 months now, *The Voice in the Wilderness* has partnered with Pastor Todd Page in a new church plant here in western North Carolina. Presently with 16 charter members and regular visitors each week, it has been a joy to again see God's hand in a pioneer work. Souls have been saved and believers

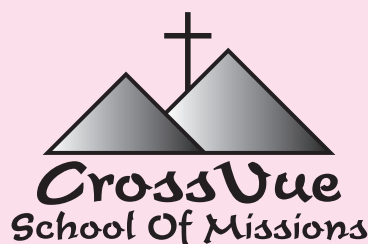
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Thank you!



Study The Word

Indeed we are a church and nation so blessed. Have we come to worship the benefit and not the Benefactor, the creature rather than the Creator, the goods in place of The God? Does the church walk in the misplaced steps of Israel having lost sight of the Blessed One? He blessed "U. S." so we can be a blessing not so His goodness can fuel our selfish goals.

In Acts 1:6, the disciples asked Jesus when would He "restore

again the Kingdom of Israel?" What were they thinking? What was their concern? Obviously Jesus redirected their attention when He says, "It is not for you to know. . ."

Is the church busy, busy, busy with targeting and marketing, planning and programming, accommodation and self-absorption? Are church growth, increased finances, and larger high tech buildings equivalent to revival? Or even do we want revival so our

church will grow, go, and give more? All, if not for His Glory and to reach from Jerusalem unto the uttermost, is as misplaced as the disciple's attention in Acts 1:6. Their question was irrelevant to the true mission and ministry at hand.

Dear church- do not misplace your happiness in the building and bank account, nor the pomp and pageantry of a mega-ministry. Take up the cross in this world and wait for the Kingdom in the next.

-RLW



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Read All About It!

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GOSPEL ABC'S

Accept the Bible's written assessment: "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one." Romans 3:10

Admit man's attitude: "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

Acknowledge your own aversion: "For if when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son..." Romans 5:10

...**B**y one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith which we preach;..." Romans 10:8

Believest thou this?"

Confess with thy mouth...

Call in Faith...

Commit your heart, your all... Romans 10:9, 13

"Dear God, I know I am a sinner and Jesus died on the cross, shedding His blood and rose from the grave for me. Forgive me of my sins and thank you for salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen."

ALEXANDER DUFF

Missionary to India (1830-1864)



ALEXANDER DUFF was another bright boy who began early to prepare for a useful life. He was a Scottish lad, born in Perthshire, in 1806. At fifteen he entered the University of St. Andrew. He grew to young manhood during the time of a great awakening in the interest of missions all through Scotland. Having become an earnest Christian, he heard the call to preach the Good News to the heathen, and when he was twenty-three he was sent as a missionary to India.

The voyage was anything but safe and easy. Twice he nearly lost his life in a wreck; first on a rocky reef when rounding the Cape of Good Hope, and again on the coast of Ceylon. A third time he barely escaped with his life in a wreck near the mouth of the Ganges River. In the first wreck the missionary and his wife lost everything, not even saving a book from their library, nor any of the precious plans and manuscripts they carried. It took them eight months to reach Calcutta. Were

they discouraged? Not at all.

The chief thing that young Mr. Duff intended to do was to open a school which would give a good education to Hindu youths. The language was to be English, so that the missionary teachers would not have to learn a foreign tongue. The Bible was to be regularly taught every day. The Orientals wanted all instruction to be given in Sanskrit, but they could not bring it about. The missionary had his way, and did what he came out to do. How many students came the first day, do you think? Five. And where did the school open? Under a banyan tree. There was no other place, and this did very well. Before the first week ended there were three hundred applications, and very soon there was a good building provided for the two hundred and fifty accepted pupils. They learned English readily, and studied the Bible every day. By and by the natives began to feel that it was the Bible which made the English people different from themselves. They saw the kindness of the missionaries, and wondered over their leaving home to try to help others far away. They asked, "What makes them do all this for us?" and then they answered, "It is the Bible."

The second year, three times as many students came, and before very long the number increased to a thousand. Wasn't that grand progress? And many became Christians, and faithful ones, too, which was best of all. The story of one of the converts is very touching. A man came to one of the missionaries and told him that he wanted leave to die in his house. He showed in his worn face that he was near death. He was about sixty years old, and had been a Christian for twenty years. But he had "lost caste" by this, and was cast out by those of his own class and family. No one would have anything

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to do with him. All these years he had lived alone, and had been faithful to his Master. Now he was sure that the end was near, and longed to die in the house of a Christian missionary. He was kindly cared for through five weeks of suffering, and then his pain and loneliness were over. Before he died, the missionary said to him one day, "Captain (for he had been in the army), how is it with you?" The man's thin face kindled into a beautiful glow as he said, "Jesus has taken all mine and given me all His." The missionary asked, "What do you mean by 'all mine'?" "All my guilt, all my sin," said the man. "And what is 'all His'?" asked his friend. "All His righteousness, all His peace," and then he fell asleep-triumphant in Jesus.

In 1834, Dr. Duff went back home. He was in such poor health that he could not stay longer in India without a vacation. But he spent the time at home, as far as he possibly could, in going about and stirring up the people with his burning words, as he told of the great work abroad. He was asked to become the principal and professor of theology in the Free Church of Scotland, and urged strongly to accept. But he could not and would not, begging them to allow him to remain always a missionary to the heathen.

In 1857, the earnest missionary went back to India after having spoken to thousands about the mission work. This time he opened a school for high caste girls, that is, girls of the highest class. There were sixty-two enrolled the first year. When examination day came at the close of the year, many high caste gentlemen of India came to the exercises, and said they were very much pleased with all that they saw and heard. It used to be said in that land that one might as well try to teach a cow as to teach a girl anything, but the girls showed that they could learn when they had a chance.

At last Dr. Duff's health failed utterly and he had to leave the field. For fourteen years he helped the Cause in the home-land, and passed away in peace, at the age of seventy-two.

Reprinted from *50 Missionary Heroes*

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ON THE LIGHT SIDE

A new missionary went to Venezuela for his first term. He was struggling with the language and didn't understand a whole lot of what was going on. He got lost on his way to the church, but eventually got back on track and found it. The small church was packed, and the only pew left was the one on the front row.

So as not to make a fool of himself, he decided to pick someone out of the crowd to imitate. He chose to follow the man sitting next to him on the front pew. When they sang, the young missionary peeked at his neighbor's hymnal to see the page number. When the man stood up to pray, the young missionary stood up too. When the man sat down, he sat down.

Whatever the man next to him did, he did. During the preaching, the young missionary didn't understand a thing. He just sat there and tried to look just like that man in the front pew.

Then he perceived that the preacher was giving announcements. People clapped, so he looked to see if the man was clapping. He was, and so the young missionary clapped too. Then the preacher said some words that he didn't understand and he saw the man next to him stand up, so he stood up too. Suddenly an incredible hush fell over the entire congregation. A few people gasped audibly. He looked around and saw that nobody else was standing, so he sat down.

After the service ended, the preacher stood at the door shaking the hands of those who were leaving. When the young missionary stretched out his hand to greet the preacher, the preacher said to him, in English, "I take it you don't speak Spanish?"

The young missionary replied, "No, I don't. It's that obvious?"

"Well, yes," said the preacher. "I announced that a family in our church has a new baby boy, and I asked the proud father to stand up."

-Author Unknown

NEWS BITS

FROM HERE AND THERE



HOLA OR HELLO - A recent poll conducted by Zogby International found that “more than three-in-four immigrants to the U.S. favored legislation to make English our official language,

including nearly 60 percent of first-generation and 79 percent of second-generation.” The survey released on December 4, 2006 stated that 65% of Hispanic adults are in favor of making English the official language of the United States. Mauro Mujica, who is a chairman of an activist group who wants to preserve English in government, said, “Making English our official language celebrates the unifying factor in our diverse nation. This poll should demonstrate to legislators that their efforts to make English the official language are supported, not derided, by the Hispanic community.” Just to let you know, 92% of the nations of the world have adopted some kind of an official language. *The Washington Times* 12/11/06

SANDY'S SCANDAL - Sandy Burger, former Clinton National Security Advisor and official designee to review documents before turned over to the 9/11 Commission, received a scathing report about his

theft and destruction of classified documents that he obtained from the National Archives. Burger, who initially said that the removal of the documents was a mistake, pled guilty to stealing and destroying copies of several documents. The punishment for his crime? Burger was fined \$50,000, has to serve 100 hours of community service, and barred for three years from accessing classified material. The 61-page report concluded that, “The country may never know the full effect of Burger’s misconduct. The failure to bring in law enforcement early in the process has left open questions about the scope of Berger’s actions.” *Judicial Watch* 1/12/07

YOUR NAME OR MINE? - The husband of a couple recently married in New Zealand decided to give his wife a sporting chance at keeping her last name. The challenge? A game of miniature golf. The individual with the highest score had to take the name of the winner. It was close after the first nine holes, but by the end of the game, the husband had won. *World* 1/27/07



UPDATE ON PARADE

- Some of you may remember about the gay pride parade that took place in Jerusalem in November. Here

is an update about what happened. A number of Conservative and Orthodox rabbis, Muslims, and Christians came together to oppose the World Pride Day march in Jerusalem. The unlikely group called the occasion an “affront and provocation to millions of believers the world over.” The Jewish Sanhedrin called for “synagogues to hold Sabbath services on the streets and for rabbis to close their doors and pray outside ‘as a sign of shame, warning and pleading for the abominable march to be canceled.’” The Sanhedrin also said, “We must not continue our regular routine while the police and courts force a march of abomination in Jerusalem upon millions of Jews against their faith and belief in the holiness of the city and the Torah’s dictates.” Civil officials did let the march happen, but, in order to protect the marchers, had to assign 6,000 police and 2,000 border guardsmen to keep the peace. *Israel My Glory* Jan/Feb 2007

ANTI-ISRAELI JEW - George Soros, the 27th richest man in the world, is starting his own lobby that would take the US from supporting Israel to supporting the Palestinians. Soros, who is an atheist and a Jew, started the Jewish American Israel lobby to counteract the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (a conservative group). Caroline Glick is the managing editor of

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The Jerusalem Post. She wrote the following concerning Soros and the organizations that he helps fund: "Many of the individuals and organizations associated with the initiative have actively worked to undermine Israel. Unfortunately, unless concerted steps are taken by the Israeli government, Israeli citizens and the American Jewish community, the downward trend in relations with the US will only get worse." *Israel My Glory Jan/Feb 2007*

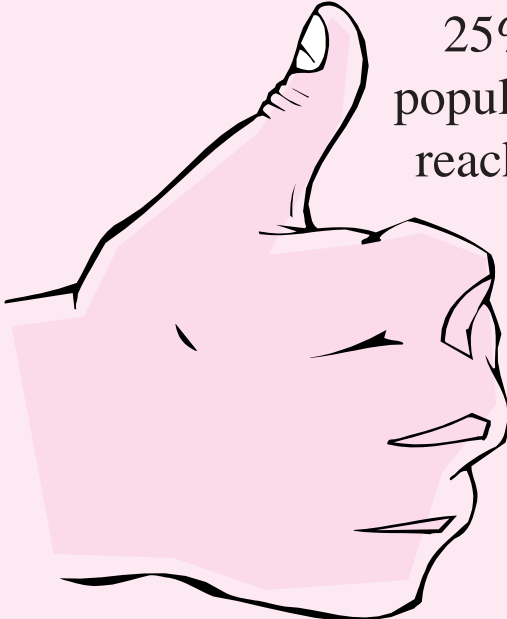
LOST AND RETURNED - Ray Heilwagen served during World War II. During a battle in France, he lost his wallet, and he thought that he would never see it again. Just recently though, Steve Breienstein, whose father also served, returned the wallet which contained the original cash, pictures, newspaper clippings, and Social Security card. *World 1/20/07*

BABY = DOLLARS - The same edition of *World* tells us a new law in Germany this year will allow mothers of newborns to stay home. The government will pay a new parent who stops working to receive 2/3 of their net wages for 1 year, a higher percentage if they're poor, and up to 14 months if the other parent leaves work when the first one returns. This is an attempt by the German government to spurn a "baby boom" of its own. This is to contradict a philosophy in Europe that looks at children as "unproductive expenses." The problem could be that unwed women could look at this as a way to get money.

CHAVEZ RULE - The Venezuelan

National Assembly granted Hugo Chavez the ability to rule by decree for the next year and a half. *El Universal*, a newspaper in Caracas, said, "The new law bestows authority on President Chavez to rule on the 11 most sensitive areas in Venezuela, including energy, the mainstay of the domestic economy, which Chavez ordered to nationalize 'in its entirety.'" Chavez, who has been in power since 1999 and recently elected to another 6-year term, wants to change the constitution and eliminate term limits. John Negroponte,

Deputy Secretary of State, said, "He has been trying to export his kind of radical populism and I think that his behavior is threatening to democracies in the region." Chavez, who is convinced that the US wants to invade Venezuela, is looking to Moscow for military contracts. www.irnnews.com 1/31/07 {Editor: As many of our readers know, The Voice in the Wilderness has been involved in missions in Venezuela. Pray for our brothers and sisters over there as they continue to be witnesses for Christ.}



25% of the world's population has not been reached by the gospel

Tribal
Hindu
Unbeliever
Muslim
Buddhist

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Received by The Voice in the Wilderness

In Memory of Dr. J. Royce Thomason

Given by: Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ecker

If we inadvertently omitted a memorial gift, please let us know.

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 Mission - A Prayer Partners Challenge

Obviously the challenge is enormous, but not impossible. With God all things are possible. I can do all things through Christ. The Lord said to go and do it, and He would be with us always, even unto the end of the world.

Not only are we commanded to Go but we are to Pray. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest." The greatest recruitment tool at our disposal is "Prayer to the Lord

SOME FACTS:

1. World population – 6.51 billion. Population in unreached people groups – 2.60 billion. Percentage of population in unreached people groups – 40%
2. 908 million individuals live in people groups with very few, if any, believers.
3. **And the gospel must first be published among all nations.** - Mark 13:10

COUNTRY

| COUNTRY | POPULATION |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Afghanistan | 31,042,537 |
| Albania | 3,146,066 |
| Algeria | 33,348,683 |
| American Samoa | 66,262 |
| Andorra | 64,380 |
| Angola | 16,398,945 |
| Anguilla | 12,359 |
| Antigua and Barbuda | 75,738 |
| Argentina | 38,086,034 |
| Armenia | 3,006,712 |
| Aruba | 96,741 |
| Australia | 20,362,845 |
| Austria | 8,109,193 |
| Azerbaijan | 8,463,623 |
| Bahamas | 326,649 |
| Bahrain | 734,388 |
| Bangladesh | 143,297,000 |
| Barbados | 269,347 |
| Belarus | 9,699,310 |
| Belgium | 10,289,793 |
| Belize | 274,786 |
| Benin | 8,534,026 |
| Bermuda | 63,064 |
| Bhutan | 1,572,000 |
| Bolivia | 9,334,752 |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | 3,910,311 |

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| Botswana | 1,745,333 |
| Brazil | 188,808,000 |
| British Indian Ocean Territory | 3,690 |
| British Virgin Islands | 21,051 |
| Brunei | 377,628 |
| Bulgaria | 7,668,400 |
| Burkina Faso | 13,610,186 |
| Burundi | 7,828,900 |
| Cambodia | 14,330,515 |
| Cameroon | 16,517,818 |
| Canada | 31,745,884 |
| Cape Verde | 518,062 |
| Cayman Islands | 41,760 |
| Central African Republic | 4,084,633 |
| Chad | 9,797,140 |
| Chile | 16,415,608 |
| China | 1,320,000,000 |
| China, Hong Kong | 7,053,074 |
| China, Macao | 463,054 |
| Christmas Island | 1,411 |
| Cocos (Keeling) Islands | 520 |
| Colombia | 46,155,694 |
| Comoros | 816,719 |
| Congo, Democratic Republic Of | 58,933,244 |
| Congo, The Republic Of | 3,969,023 |
| Cook Islands | 15,124 |
| Costa Rica | 4,351,969 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 18,113,692 |
| Croatia | 4,422,865 |
| Cuba | 11,282,866 |
| Cyprus | 841,238 |
| Czech Republic | 10,190,057 |
| Denmark | 5,416,655 |
| Djibouti | 798,996 |
| Dominica | 75,831 |
| Dominican Republic | 9,021,320 |
| East Timor | 846,523 |
| Ecuador | 13,403,784 |
| Egypt | 73,304,397 |
| El Salvador | 6,994,173 |

of the harvest.” By the way, this is the PRAYER REQUEST of Jesus!

Listed for you are over 200 countries along with their populations. Will you select at least one country and begin to pray? Study that country. Possibly write, e-mail and pray for a missionary you may already know that is serving in that country. Ask the Lord to send forth laborers. Through *THE VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS* alone we can enlist multiple prayer partners for every country around the globe. May we respond to our Lord’s prayer request. Lift up your eyes, look on these pages and see the harvest. Pray for the lost souls who wait to hear the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.

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|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Equatorial Guinea | 514,003 | Jordan | 5,732,029 |
| Eritrea | 4,518,015 | Kazakhstan | 14,637,053 |
| Estonia | 1,319,473 | Kenya | 34,846,306 |
| Ethiopia | 77,015,903 | Kiribati (Gilbert) | 95,734 |
| Falkland Islands | 2,937 | Korea, North | 22,573,281 |
| Faroe Islands | 47,022 | Korea, South | 47,954,594 |
| Fiji | 845,240 | Kuwait | 2,254,102 |
| Finland | 5,230,015 | Kyrgyzstan | 5,292,388 |
| France | 60,496,500 | Laos | 6,027,366 |
| French Guiana | 184,241 | Latvia | 2,228,540 |
| French Polynesia | 258,578 | Lebanon | 3,614,224 |
| Gabon | 1,381,483 | Lesotho | 1,789,250 |
| Gambia | 1,460,728 | Liberia | 3,335,779 |
| Georgia | 4,407,219 | Libya | 5,929,561 |
| Germany | 82,316,892 | Liechtenstein | 32,997 |
| Ghana | 21,625,892 | Lithuania | 3,392,887 |
| Gibraltar | 27,911 | Luxembourg | 464,773 |
| Greece | 11,076,430 | Macedonia | 1,984,975 |
| Greenland | 56,094 | Madagascar | 18,867,213 |
| Grenada | 103,837 | Malawi | 12,924,343 |
| Guadeloupe | 449,567 | Malaysia | 25,645,372 |
| Guam | 171,087 | Maldives | 333,416 |
| Guatemala | 12,750,242 | Mali | 13,504,773 |
| Guinea | 9,322,555 | Malta | 392,797 |
| Guinea-Bissau | 1,608,762 | Marshall Islands | 60,200 |
| Guyana | 731,119 | Martinique | 381,510 |
| Haiti | 8,623,812 | Mauritania | 3,146,429 |
| Honduras | 7,303,036 | Mauritius | 1,210,027 |
| Hungary | 10,023,627 | Mayotte | 182,496 |
| Iceland | 284,368 | Mexico | 107,856,000 |
| India | 1,100,402,000 | Micronesia, Federated States | 106,563 |
| Indonesia | 224,432,000 | Moldova | 4,076,021 |
| Iran | 68,164,902 | Monaco | 32,495 |
| Iraq | 28,665,569 | Mongolia | 2,659,487 |
| Ireland | 4,208,796 | Montserrat | 4,490 |
| Isle of Man | 76,320 | Morocco | 31,899,498 |
| Israel | 6,846,181 | Mozambique | 20,079,191 |
| Italy | 57,915,344 | Myanmar (Burma) | 50,810,038 |
| Jamaica | 2,655,656 | | |
| Japan | 128,161,000 | | |

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The Mission

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|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Namibia | 1,984,586 | Somalia | 8,485,071 |
| Nauru | 13,750 | South Africa | 45,041,292 |
| Nepal | 27,331,505 | Spain | 43,377,458 |
| Netherlands | 16,296,568 | Sri Lanka | 20,763,263 |
| Netherlands Antilles | 184,065 | St Vincent and Grenadines | 115,900 |
| New Caledonia | 221,499 | Sudan | 36,592,470 |
| New Zealand | 3,931,920 | Suriname | 439,878 |
| Nicaragua | 5,553,375 | Svalbard | 2,324 |
| Niger | 14,349,603 | Swaziland | 955,441 |
| Nigeria | 133,355,000 | Sweden | 9,010,473 |
| Niue | 1,430 | Switzerland | 7,235,578 |
| Norfolk Island | 1,744 | Syria | 19,225,048 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | 82,729 | Taiwan | 23,013,278 |
| Norway | 4,632,844 | Tajikistan | 6,500,160 |
| Oman | 2,596,420 | Tanzania | 38,866,437 |
| Pakistan | 157,856,000 | Thailand | 64,405,152 |
| Palau | 20,015 | Togo | 6,140,073 |
| Palestine | 3,794,770 | Tokelau | 1,363 |
| Panama | 3,260,875 | Tonga | 100,264 |
| Papua New Guinea | 5,309,535 | Trinidad and Tobago | 1,282,101 |
| Paraguay | 6,257,044 | Tunisia | 9,856,763 |
| Peru | 28,173,250 | Turkey | 73,827,924 |
| Philippines | 84,222,756 | Turkmenistan | 4,872,090 |
| Pitcairn Island | 64 | Turks and Caicos Islands | 24,159 |
| Poland | 38,369,372 | Tuvalu | 10,247 |
| Portugal | 10,522,945 | Uganda | 29,755,149 |
| Puerto Rico | 3,945,894 | Ukraine | 45,838,454 |
| Qatar | 724,465 | United Arab Emirates | 4,549,994 |
| Reunion | 771,738 | United Kingdom | 59,665,629 |
| Romania | 21,570,658 | United States | 299,172,000 |
| Russia | 140,957,000 | Uruguay | 3,454,151 |
| Rwanda | 9,221,598 | Uzbekistan | 26,891,516 |
| Saint Helena | 4,950 | Vanuatu | 213,790 |
| Saint Kitts and Nevis | 42,658 | Vatican City | 782 |
| Saint Lucia | 158,796 | Venezuela | 27,055,430 |
| Saint Pierre and Miquelon | 5,790 | Vietnam | 85,198,865 |
| Samoa | 181,188 | Virgin Islands (U.S.) | 102,518 |
| San Marino | 28,246 | Wallis and Futuna Islands | 15,006 |
| Sao Tome and Principe | 152,328 | Western Sahara | 325,067 |
| Saudi Arabia | 24,442,295 | Yemen | 21,609,381 |
| Senegal | 11,764,616 | Zambia | 11,576,219 |
| Serbia and Montenegro | 10,428,479 | Zimbabwe | 13,017,282 |
| Seychelles | 81,347 | | |
| Sierra Leone | 5,653,204 | | |
| Singapore | 4,343,414 | | |
| Slovakia | 5,376,674 | | |
| Slovenia | 1,905,647 | | |
| Solomon Islands | 473,200 | | |

*Those countries listed in bold are areas where at least 99% of the population or greater is unreached with the gospel.

Data obtained from Joshua Project



The “How To” And “What To” Of Praying For Missionaries

1. Thumb

Since your thumb is nearest to you, begin by praying for those missionaries closest to you. They are the easiest ones to remember. C.S. Lewis said that praying for those we love is a “sweet duty.”

2. Index or pointing finger

Let your “pointing finger” remind you to pray for missionaries who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and evangelists. They need support and wisdom for pointing others in the right direction.

3. Middle finger

Our tallest finger reminds us of our church leaders. We can never pray too much for them. Pray for those who supervise and direct missionary outreach.

4. Ring finger

Surprisingly, the ring finger is our weakest finger (as any piano teacher will testify). This weak finger reminds us to pray for those missionaries who are discouraged, in trouble, or in pain.

5. Little finger

Our little finger is the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place our individual wants and desires in relation to world evangelism needs. The Bible says, “The least shall be the greatest among you.” Your pinkie should remind you to pray for the people of the world who have the greatest need to find Jesus. Pray that they will open their eyes and see Him.

--Author unknown

*The **EFFECTUAL** fervent **PRAYER** of a righteous man availeth much.*

James 5:16

Pray that the missionary and his ministry of the Gospel will be:

Equipped with sound doctrine

Flexible in service

Fortified against evil doers

Examples of holy living

Courageous witnesses

Tools constantly submitting to the Master's plan

Unified under God's Word

Accepted by the lost

Looking to the Cross with a Vision Until Eternity

Physically strong

Resistors of the temptations of jealousy, pride, and bitterness

Aided by consistent financial and prayer partners

Yearning to know God more

Encouraged by other believers

Rejoicing in God's daily blessings



Nuggets of Gold

1. You can give without loving. But you cannot love without giving. -- Amy Carmichael
2. God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on Him. -- Hudson Taylor
3. Sympathy is no substitute for action. -- David Livingstone
4. We talk of the Second Coming; half the world has never heard of the first. -- Oswald J. Smith
5. If ten men are carrying a log -- nine of them on the little end and one at the heavy end -- and you want to help, which end will you lift on? -- William Borden
6. When James Calvert went out as a missionary to the cannibals of the Fiji Islands, the ship captain tried to turn him back, saying, “You will lose your life and the lives of those with you if you go among such savages.” To that, Calvert replied, “We died before we came here.”
7. The mark of a great church is not its seating capacity, but its sending capacity.
8. The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet.
9. The Church must send or the church will end.
10. It's amazing what can be accomplished if you don't worry about who gets the credit. --Clarence W. Jones



RELIGIOUS NEWS

AND COMMENTS



SINNER OR SAINT?

Many of you may remember former PTL leader Jim Bakker. Now his son is hitting the

news. Pastor of the Revolution church in Brooklyn, NY, Jay Bakker does not meet in your typical church setting. Instead of a church building, he and his congregation choose to meet at a local bar. He also looks like a punk rocker sporting tattoos and lip rings. In a series aired on the Sundance Channel called "One Punk Under God," Bakker says, "I'm trying to be a pastor who loves people. I feel like I've been successful in helping people understand that God loves them the way they are. It seems like the media wants to say, 'You're a punk-rock preacher.' [But] if I pull anything from punk, it's loyalty and friendship. I might seem like a punk because I may cuss every now and then, but I wouldn't seem like a punk to most punks."

USA Weekend 1/12/07

ANOTHER FALSE ALARM

"In 2004 some remains were found in Indonesia on the Island of Flores which were highly touted as a new species and proof of evolution. They were labeled 'Homo floresiensis.' They were commonly called 'hobbits,' and supposedly, they represented ancestors of Homo erectus or modern

man. However, recent investigations by Penn State University and others have demonstrated that the bones discovered were ancestors of pygmies who now live on the islands. Thus another 'wonderful' evolutionary find goes up in smoke, like many prior ones." *Hite's Newsletter*

TO QUIT OR NOT - A survey conducted by *U. S. News and World Report* asked the question, "Why customers quit?" Here were the following responses: 1% -die, 3% - move away, 5% - for other friendships, 9% - competitive reasons, 14% - product dissatisfaction, and 68% - attitudes of indifference. {Editor: So now our question to you: Why do people quit going to church? Next time you are talking to someone, ask and take your own poll.}

BAD NEWS BEAR - *The Berean Call* (1/3/07) tells us of a new children's book being promoted by the UN. "Tore and the Town on Thin Ice" is about a boy named Tore who lost a dog sled race because he crashes through the thinning ice. "Sedna, the Mother of the Sea" visits Tore that night in his dreams. She tells Tore that he lost the race because of global warming. Sedna, "... one who created and cares for the sea creatures", educates Tore by having various animals come to him and tell him about the effects of global warming. The snow owl tells

Tore that the Arctic and Antarctica "are warming almost twice as fast as elsewhere." A polar bear says that he will starve because the ice is too thin for him to stand on and hunt. After some more animals come to Tore and tells him their bad news, he yells out, "Listen, I've had all the bad news I can stand. Our world is melting. Polar bears are starving and all sorts of animals won't survive. I don't want to hear anymore!" Sedna's solution to the problem is to set up "solar panels to get electricity from the sun, and modern windmills to capture the energy of the wind."

CREDIT, DEBIT AND CASH

- At some churches, this is the common way of giving. Stevens Creek Community Church has two ATMs ("automatic tithe machines" according to Rev. Marty Baker) in their lobby. These ATMs are Mr. Baker's solution to have people give their tithes and offerings because many of his churchgoers rarely carried cash. "We're just trying to connect with the culture. And that's how the culture does business. It's more than an ATM for Jesus. It's about erasing barriers," said Baker. So are the "giving kiosks" effective? At the Stevens Creek Church, it accounts for only one-fifth of the giving. But, according to church member Amy Forrest, the ATMs

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make it easier to give each week. "If you give cash you think about it. And if you swipe a credit card, you don't. It makes it easier to type that 4-0. And it makes it easier to break down to the Lord," she said. *The Washington Times* 12/18/06

ISSUES OF PRAYER - In the Legal Alert (Jan 2007), Dr. Gibbs lists several items for us to watch and pray for in the coming year. At the top of his list is partial birth abortion. By July of this year, the Supreme Court will hand down a decision that will say whether or not the partial birth abortion ban is constitutional. The gay marriage agenda is another issue that needs to be watched. Congress needs a 2/3 majority to pass this item. Eminent Domain is a concern since *Kelo v. New London, Connecticut*. Twenty-six states have passed laws to protect private property rights. Keep an eye out on this issue. The federal courts are another question. Will the conservative judges be accepted by the Democratic congress? Public prayers in Jesus' name is a religious liberty that we need to defend. Pray for these issues and contact your state and federal representatives and let them know where you stand on each of these cases.

FILTH IN THE LIBRARY - Officials in Sacramento, CA, have denied a request of several families to ban web sites that show explicit pornography. Pacific Justice Institute president Brad Dacus said, "The present policy is to require filters on the computers. However, all that is needed to have access to pornography is for an adult to

request that the filters be removed. People know all too well that the pornography doesn't shoot the bullet, but it definitely cocks the trigger. We were asking [the library board] to minimize this risk." According to the Children's Internet Protection Act, all public computers must have software installed to filter out such sites, but the library can turn those filters off. Matthew McReynolds, an attorney with PJI, said, "There was an investigation report done recently in Chicago . . . and the results were extremely disturbing. They had things like 33 confirmed sex crimes committed at one library branch over a period of three years, and beyond that, just numerous calls to police." www.irnnews.com 2/1/07

NO FREE SPEECH - In Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, a city council member has agreed to pay a \$1,000 fine for his remarks about homosexuality. John DeCicco remarked that homosexual acts were "not normal and not natural" at a June meeting in 2006. In August, a homosexual couple filed a human rights grievance against him. Instead of appearing before a Human Rights Tribunal, Mr. DeCicco decided to pay the fine and offer an apology to the people. Peter LaBarbera, president of Americans for Truth, warns that this could also happen in the United States. LaBarbera said, "We're saying to American pastors and American politicians, 'What would you do if you were fined a thousand dollars for saying that homosexual behavior is not normal and is not natural'? Free speech is going the way of the dinosaur in Canada, it seems." www.onenewsnow.com 2/1/07

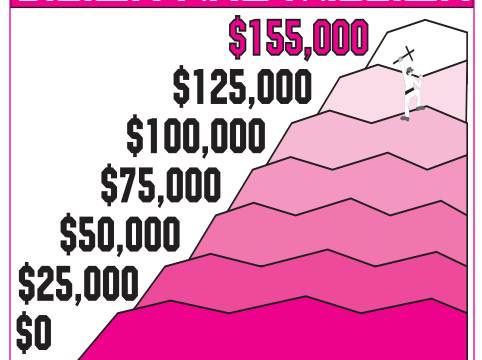
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strengthened through the teaching and preaching of God's Word. Door knocking, Bible clubs and tract distribution clearly reveal the need of so many to hear a solid, scriptural presentation of Christ and salvation. It has been a blessing to my heart to see Heritage Church in its infancy now supporting 8 missionaries monthly. From Jerusalem, in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth, it is our desire to be obedient to our Lord's command. So, from western North Carolina and our home church, to a new church in India, The Voice in the Wilderness, with your prayers and support, is intimately involved in the ever-widening circle of God's loving message and mission. On behalf of the many around the world that are the beneficiary of your generosity-THANK YOU and may God richly bless you. It is faithful Americans like you who have from the rock of Plymouth gone to the Rock of Salvation with a willing heart to advance the Christian faith to those waiting to hear Jesus' love.



Happy Trails!
For Christ and Souls,
Bro. Ronnie

VISION AND MISSION



The way has been long and steep, but we're almost there! Only **\$19,646.84** left to close out 2006!

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“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel...” For over 50 years *The Voice in the Wilderness* publication has been Heralding the truth of God’s Word across the globe. Pastors, missionaries and teachers are encouraged and challenged to stand firm for our Christian faith.



Please accept my apology for not contributing to this as I would really like to. I really look forward to receiving “The Voice in the Wilderness” publication; as it is filled with so much information that people are not aware of.... I want you to know that I’m praying for your ministry and that God will use it mightily. I hope that I will [also] be able to contribute more.

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Go ye – the ye is not just ye pastor or ye missionary or ye support monthly, it is “you”! Are you going with the Word? In *The Voice in the Wilderness* December 2006 Calendar edition, March 2007 is dedicated to Missions. The first project to pray for is *The Voice in the Wilderness* publication.

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REPORT FOR DUTY: MARCH 1, 2007

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Throughout a year, this “missionary” on paper is supported financially by 17% of its readers. This March 2007 brings a challenge to ALL READERS – Be A Missionary! You can go by financially sending this printed missionary to people all over the world. One month’s issue of this publication costs the ministry just over \$1.00 to produce and send to one individual. A monthly gift of \$10.80 would provide *The Voice in the Wilderness* for 10 readers who possibly are unable to give. Some of you can Be A Missionary with \$12.96 per year above your regular support for another individual. Others could touch the lives of 100 people around the world. If 15 people would commit to each send 50 readers this “missionary”, the outstanding needs, above regular monthly gifts, would be met for 2007.

Praise the Lord for many of the faithful partners who give sacrificially each month which assists the ministry with publication needs, missionary support, and other operating expenses. NOW the challenge is to ALL READERS: Be A Missionary – TODAY!

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MISSIONARY BOOSTERS

- ✝ “No reserve! No retreat! No regrets!”
- *Bill Borden*
- ✝ “Anywhere, provided it be forward!”
- *Mary Slessor*
- ✝ “Resolved: To follow God with all my heart. Resolved also: Whether others do or not, I will.”
- *Jonathan Edwards*
- ✝ “The world is yet to see what God will do with and for and through and in and by the man who is fully and wholly consecrated to Him.” - *Henry Varley*
- ✝ “If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him.” - *C.T. Studd*
- “I take God the Father to be my God.
I take God the Son to be my Saviour.
I take the Holy Ghost to be my Sanctifier.
I take the Word of God to be my rule;
I take the people of God to be my people;
And I do hereby dedicate and yield my whole self to the Lord:
And I do this deliberately, freely, and forever. Amen.”
- *Matthew Henry*

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