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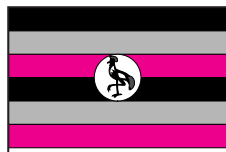
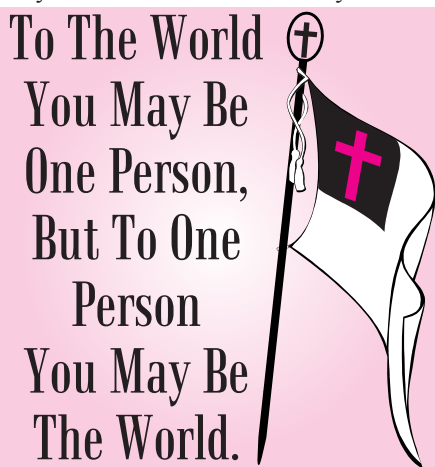
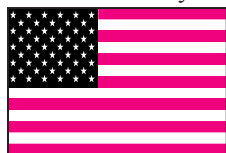


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# Wilderness

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## Sign Up For The Weekly Voice In Your E-mail

Become a more active prayer partner of The Voice in the Wilderness by subscribing to The Weekly Voice e-mail edition. Specific weekly prayer requests, “Rejoice with The Voice” notes, ministry updates, and a weekly Nugget of Gold are sent in a half-page e-mail message. Send your e-mail address to [membersnp@thevoiceinthewilderness.org](mailto:membersnp@thevoiceinthewilderness.org)

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# MY PERSONAL MESSAGE TO YOU

Dear Friends:

Can you imagine worshipping a pile of cow dung with a peacock feather sticking out? Or how about a country that places a picture of Charles Darwin on their money? Then a Hindu man gets saved and prays two years for a church. It is all in this edition of *The Voice in the Wilderness*. Read and be blessed.

2008 marks the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this printed missionary. In January 1953, Bro. Royce wrote the first official newsletter from Birmingham, England. For me personally, this ministry has been a blessing over a 30 plus year span. As my wife and I enter our 12<sup>th</sup> year of service with *The Voice in the Wilderness*, it has been a joy to read letters from subscribers around the world blessed by *The Voice in the Wilderness* ministry. This printed missionary without subscription charge edifies thousands each month. To all those who contribute to this faith work in prayer and financial support, we extend a heart felt THANK YOU!

This month, I encourage you to read this first edition of the New Year carefully. The article on the printing ministry is so very important.



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Please note "ASAP" and pray. True of each issue, *The Voice in the Wilderness* will be worth a thorough read. Use the information in your walk with the Lord and remember He is coming soon! 2008 is full of opportunities until He comes or calls. No, you cannot do everything, but you can do something. To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world. May God help us.



Happy Trails!

For Christ and Souls,  
RLW

# ASAP

## ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

There are several projects we hope to complete by April 1, 2008. Can you help us?

1. We presently have just over 2,000 signatures for the Redress of Grievances, (See the April 2007 edition of *The Voice in the Wilderness*), directed to our federal government. With the White House and Congress wanting your vote in just a few months, the Redress is more important than ever. Please sign on page 31 to have your name added to the petition, and mail immediately to The Voice in the Wilderness, PO Box 7037, Asheville, NC 28802.

2. The Voice in the Wilderness continues to compile testimonies of Thanksgiving for Salvation and the soul winner who brought the Good News to your heart. Please share in 50 words or less a brief testimony of when, where and who was involved in your New Birth. Include the update checklist on page 31. Thank you for sharing with The Voice in the Wilderness.

3. 2008 marks the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of this printed missionary. Bro. Royce gave me a copy of his first mimeographed newsletter mailed from Birmingham, England on January 1, 1953, as the official start of *The Voice in the Wilderness*. Help us celebrate this milestone. In 2008, The Voice in the Wilderness will share how you can take part in this time of Thanksgiving. Presently we issue this prayer request. This faith mission needs approximately \$3,000 per month in additional support to meet the 2008 ministry needs. If The Voice in the Wilderness is to help our missionaries, pastors, new church plants and meet ministry expenses, a very obtainable goal is set for 2008. If 55 churches and individuals who do not currently support The Voice in the Wilderness would give \$55 per month throughout 2008, this financial goal could be met. Please pray with us about this 2008 goal. Ask the Lord for 55 new contributors at \$55 each per month.

4. In 2007, The Voice in the Wilderness displayed the ministries new "World Mission Map" in Founder's Hall. Several

have committed to pray daily for various countries and the mission work in that country. We still need help with this project. If you will, take on a country and “pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers”; then please send your name, along with the country you are praying for, to The Voice in the Wilderness. There is a space provided for this on page 31. It will be a joy to list your name on our World Mission Map knowing the Lord is hearing your prayers for the needs of precious souls around the world. In conjunction with The Voice in the Wilderness World Mission Map, we have launched the CrossVue Capital Campaign. The Voice in the Wilderness is developing a global prayer and mission chain between pastors and missionaries, all across America in every state capital, plus in the capital of each country. From every capital of the United States to every world capital globally, a steadfast servant of Christ will be linked together in the ministry of intercession for souls and the cause of Christ. Watch carefully in 2008 as this dynamic campaign unfolds.

**5. *The Voice in the Wilderness* mailing list needs updating. Please read the enclosed article “Mailing List Update” on page 31.**



## ETERNITY ANSWERS ALL

When the world's so big  
And you're so small  
The problems rise  
and tower tall.

Like storm clouds gathered  
With the darkness falls,  
Does no one hear  
my fearful calls?

Are you alone  
and in the night  
Never knowing  
whether wrong or right?

Hot coursing tears stream  
down your face  
In silence you hurt in this  
painful place.

No counsel, no book,  
no doctor's cure  
Your faith seems gone,  
no hope for sure.

The shades are drawn  
in times waiting room.  
No laugh, no smile  
just sad and gloom.

But “Enter in!”  
will come the call  
In just a twinkle  
ETERNITY answers all!

-RLW



# RELIGIOUS NEWS

## AND COMMENTS

### **"CHRISTIAN" BOOKSTORE-**

What in the world does that mean? The Family Christian Bookstore Christmas catalog was again revealing. Listed under music for Christmas gifts were recordings like: "Elvis, Home for the Holidays", "The Best of Reba McEntire", "The Best of George Strait", "The Best of Oak Ridge Boys", "Smokey Robinson and the Miracles", "The Best of Patti LaBelle", "Josh Groban Noel" and "Randy Travis Songs of the Season." That's not to mention all the so-called "Contemporary Christian" musicians. DUH!

### **COMMUNION OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS (II COR. 6:14) -**

Dr. Bob Jones III, Chancellor of Bob Jones University, told his hometown newspaper in Greenville, SC, that his support of Mitt Romney is "critical to make sure former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani doesn't win the GOP nomination and that Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton doesn't win the election." About

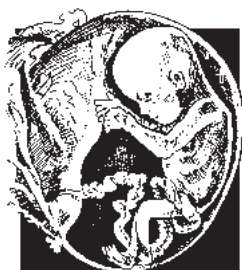
his response to endorsing Romney, Dr. Jones said, "As a Christian I am completely opposed to the doctrines of Mormonism. But I'm not voting for a preacher. I'm voting for a president. It boils down to who can best represent conservative American beliefs, not religious beliefs." *www.foxnews.com 10/17/07 (Read the December 07 edition of The Voice for the full article.)*

Mormonism says:

1. God the Father was once a man.
2. God and his wife have physical bodies.
3. Jesus was created as a spirit child.
4. Jesus received a body through sexual union between Elohim and Mary.
5. Jesus and His death on the cross do not fully atone for sin.
6. Only the works of Mormon teaching and Mormon membership can give eternal life.
7. Worthy men may one day become gods.
8. Mormonism says it is Christian

but is extremely deceptive. It is obvious by comparing, or should I say contrasting, Mormon teaching and writing with the Bible that Mormonism is a false, unscriptural, soul-damning lie. Be warned, beware and be vigilant! *The God Makers by Hunt and Decker and Kingdom of the Cults by Walter Martin*

*{Editor- Do your research. These references will give you the documentation directly for the Mormon sources and writings. CrossVue School of Missions}*



## **60 MILLION GIRLS MISSING IN ASIA**

- Sherry Karabin of Fox News writes that according to the UN Population Fund, practices such as abortion, prenatal gender selection, and female infanticide are leading to a shortage of females in the continent of Asia. Mrs. Karabin wrote that these practices are “creating a gender imbalance and other serious problems that experts say will have far reaching consequences

for years to come.” What are the consequences? 1) 25 million men in China currently cannot find a wife. 2) Commercial trade of women from other countries to fill this void has become a region-wide business. 3) Prostitution is commonplace. 4) Homosexuality has now become socially acceptable (AIDS cases are at historical levels). This situation is not isolated to China only, but also India where it is estimated that there are 300,000 girls “missing” each year. [www.AsiaReach.org](http://www.AsiaReach.org)

## **TRAITORS OR “FIFTH COLUMN”**

- In Dallas, TX, a federal judge has declared a mistrial in a case the federal government brought against the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (HLF), a Muslim charity accused of funding terrorism. The hung jury, which could not reach a verdict on the 197 counts brought against the HLF, doesn’t mean that the group is innocent of the charges brought against it. The government has indicated that it will retry the case against the foundation. This is just the latest of organizations that have been funded by overseas money; others include the quick construction of mosques and Islamic schools here in the US. These front organizations are politically-correct labeled

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“fifth column” organizations. “Fifth Column” refers to a group of people who are understood to have loyalties to countries other than their own, or who assist some other nation in war efforts against the country where they live. These people and organizations used to be called traitors. The Holy Land Foundation has been connected to the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Islamic Society of North America and the Islamic Circle of North America, all of which are connected to the radical Muslim Brotherhood organization. *The Berean Call* 12/11/07

## **A TARNISHED COMPASS-**

A movie released in December 2007 called *The Golden Compass* is a movie that has been promoted as a “Family Film.” But we need to look at the author of the books that the movie is based on. Philip Pullman, who has described himself as an agnostic and atheist, said, “I don’t profess any religion; I don’t think it’s possible that there is a God; I have the greatest difficulty in understanding what is meant by the words ‘spiritual’ or ‘spirituality.’” Peter Hitchens, a conservative British columnist, called Pullman “The Most Dangerous Author in Britain” and went on to describe

him as a writer “the atheists would have been praying for, if atheists prayed.” *The Golden Compass*, called *Northern Lights* in Britain, is part of Pullman’s *His Dark Materials* trilogy of children’s books. When talking about his books, Mr. Pullman said, “My books are about killing God” and that he was “trying to undermine the basis of Christian belief.” Hollywood has tried to compare the movie to JRR Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. [www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com) 12/12/07



**WOMEN’S RIGHTS-** In 2006, a Saudi woman was to meet a male friend. After their meeting, 7 Arab men captured and raped both people abducted. The woman, instead of being treated fairly by the courts in Saudi Arabia, was sentenced to 90 lashes. Upon appeal by her lawyer, the higher court increased the sentence to 6 months in prison and 200 lashes for meeting her friend in private, according to Qur’anic teaching. According to Aiyah Saihati, research fellow at the Cato Institute, the flogging is a punishment of a person who committed zena, a interchangeable term for fornication and adultery.



In this case, zena was not proved. The courts are now going after the woman's lawyer for representing her in the case. *ABC News* reported on December 17, 2007, that Saudi Arabian King Abdullah pardoned the woman in this case, without, however, condemning or overturning the verdict of the court. [www.arabnews.com](http://www.arabnews.com) 12/12/07

**DEFEND** - Students at Brigham Young University were told that they must be ready to defend their moral stands on abortion, same-sex marriage and moral relativity. Oxford University's Professor Daniel Robinson addressed 200 students saying, "It's important you recognize the burden you have on you. You must be informed. Adversaries of everything you stand for are often informed, often passionate." Robinson, who is not a Mormon, called the university "an estimable institution, for which the nation has every reason to be grateful." Continuing to address the students, the professor said, "One need not be defensive about one's faith. One need not be defensive about what one is trying to bring about in the world. What one is trying to bring about is a world in which children are educated, not raped, in which they go on the Internet to learn things that would be difficult to uncover even in the

Library of Congress, not to be exposed to obscenity, pornography, things that corrupt and astound and numb the senses and render the most intimate associations in life merely carnal. This is what you're fighting, and you better fight it hard enough and with the intellectual and moral resources required by that fight, so that your children have a world that one doesn't hope to leave early, do you see, because it is so disgusting and depraved and defocused. It isn't enough to have the right sentiments. It isn't enough to have the right scripture. You have to have the right argument, because you will face those who think nothing of your scripture. You cannot win an argument by waving a book at someone. You understand that. You must prepare yourselves." [www.desertnews.com](http://www.desertnews.com) 12/12/07 {Editor: What about you? Are you "ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you?" (1 Peter 3:15) As Christians, we need to know where we stand and why.}

**ONE GOD?**- In an interview with Elie Nakouzi of Al Arabiya TV, President Bush said, "I believe there is a universal God. I believe the God that the Muslim prays to is the same God that I pray to." Sadly, that very lack of Biblical knowledge and

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# THE PRINTED MISSIONARY

The title of “*the most spoken language on earth*” presently alternates between Chinese and English within each twenty-four hour cycle. When the sun is over the western Pacific, the most spoken language is Chinese. When the sun is over the Atlantic and China sleeps, the most spoken language is English.

The next category of language, in terms of demographic importance, includes two “pairs” of languages with combined totals of more than half a billion (500,000,000) speakers. The first of these comprises *Hindi & Urdu*, which are inter-intelligible when spoken in spite of their different scripts. If allowance is made for the comprehension of spoken Hindi and Urdu by speakers of the closely related Panjabi language, and of other languages in the Indic set, as well as for the widespread passive understanding of Hindi among speakers of Dravidian languages, then *Hindi & Urdu* has its place in the same category of Chinese and English, and a language with around one billion “hearers”.

The second pair of languages with over half a billion speakers is composed of *Spanish & Portuguese*.

## THE POWER OF THE PRINTED PAGE

*Written before 1980 by Missionary  
Milton Martin*

the company of those that published it.” Psalm 68:11

After nearly two millennia of evangelism, over 50% of the world’s population has never heard the Gospel. It is estimated that an average foreign missionary has an outreach to only 5,000 people during his tenure. At that rate, we would need to send a million more missionaries to the field this year. This is probably humanly impossible.

God has the key – a means of giving the message to “*every creature*” in a meaningful, relevant, heart-reaching manner. God does not give commands that are impossible to fulfill. With every command given, God also makes available everything necessary to complete it. A key to many countries, languages, and people groups is the printed page.

In America, the printed page has become “*cheap*” and has been taken for granted. This is not true in many foreign fields. In Latin America, for example, one can walk through the villages and towns and pass out literature wherever there are people and the message will be read on the spot. It is not uncommon for people to actually approach the missionary and ask for a piece of Gospel literature. In Central America there is one response to every one hundred pieces of literature passed out. In Mexico there is an average of one letter to every two hundred pieces of literature distributed. There is nothing that produces such results, in

“The Lord gave the word: great was

regards to time and money expended, as Gospel literature.

The greatest invention of all time is the printing press. How fitting that the first thing printed on Gutenberg's first press 567 years ago was the Bible. Gutenberg wrote in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, *"God suffers because of the great multitudes whom His sacred Word cannot reach. Religious truth is captive in a small number of manuscript books which guard the treasures. Let us break the seal which holds the holy things; give wings to the truth that by a means no longer written at great expense by the hand that wearies itself, but multiplied by an unwearied machine, it may fly to every soul born in the world."* The God-given purpose and vision of the man who invented the first printing press was world evangelism.

The greatest miracle of our generation is literacy. Over 3 million new people learn to read every 7 days – more than 150 million a year. They will read something – anything! They will be reached, and it is simply a question of who will reach them first.

Many nations now have mass, nation-wide literacy campaigns. Indonesia, with 838 languages, has a national language. Almost all the schools of the country are now bilingual – classes in Indonesian and the local tribal language. In 15 years, Indonesia went from 6% literacy to 67% of the population who can read and write. Some of the African nations have jumped from being 85% illiterate to being 52% literate.

We are at war – not a war of tanks,

and guns, and planes, but a war of WORDS. The weapons are paper and ink; the victims are the minds of men, and the struggle is ideological. This is a day when conflicting forces are striving for world mastery and it is imperative for them to win the allegiance of men's minds. The millions of people who grope for guidance are an open prey. They search, not knowing where a sure word of counsel is to be found. In their search many are being deceived by the clever, lying propaganda of the devil in the guise of "isms," sects and cults.

Early missionaries blazed a trail for literature evangelism. In recent years, though, we have allowed the cults and the Communists to use this weapon which was forged by many of God's pioneers. The Father of modern missions William Carey, founded a printing press and devoted much of his life to literature work. Today in India 70% of all literature in some areas is Communistic.

Charles Darwin wrote a book called *Origin of the Species*. Evolution is now taught, even though a theory, in every state university and college; as well as in most public schools in the world. The belief in God has been affected in one billion young people by one book.

Karl Marx wrote just one book – *Das Kapital*. Almost two billion souls, in at least 20 countries, have lost their freedom and have had to lie under a totalitarian regime because of this one book. It has been responsible for 100 million deaths.

The biggest propaganda machine of the Communists is the printing

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# NEWS BITS

## FROM HERE AND THERE



**ELECTION** - Vote- Go to the polls! Will it be Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, Mormonism, tax and spend government, liberal agenda and the list goes on? The “grassroots you” will make the difference. Let your voice be heard!

**SAFEST CITIES** - On November 18, 2007, *CQ Press*, a division of Congressional Quarterly Inc., released its list of the safest and most dangerous cities to live in. Here are the top five safest cities to live: Mission Viejo, CA; Clarkston, NY; Brick Township, NJ; Amherst, NY; and Sugar Land, TX. The most dangerous cities to live in are: Detroit, MI; St. Louis, MO; Flint, MI; Oakland, CA; and Camden, NJ. The study, based cities with populations of 75,000 or more, focused on rape statistics, aggravated assault, violent crime, and property crime.



**PLEDGE AND SING-** On October 1, 2007, “Time” ran an article about a steak fry that was sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin. This picture shows presidential hopefuls Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and Bill Richardson standing with a large US flag in the background. Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Richardson have their hands over their heart, but Mr. Obama is just standing there with his hands clasped in front of him. Originally it was reported that the picture was taken during the Pledge of Allegiance; but Mr. Obama said, “This was not during the pledge of allegiance. A woman was singing the Star Spangled Banner when that picture was taken. I was taught by my grandfather that you put your hand over your heart during the pledge, but during the Star Spangled Banner, you sing!” [www.newsbusters.org](http://www.newsbusters.org)

10/20/07 and [www.blogs.abcnews.com](http://www.blogs.abcnews.com) 11/7/07 {Editor: I was a little curious about this, since it is NOT the way I was taught, and researched it out. According to the US Code title 36, subtitle I, part A, chapter 3, § 301 National Anthem:

**Conduct During playing- During a rendition of the national anthem:**

- (1) When the flag is displayed -
  - (a) All present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart;
  - (b) Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and;
  - (c) Individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note; and;
- (2) When the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.}

**BETRAYED** - It is sad that elected officials have faltered, struck dumb in the face of historic opportunity. Conservative Americans, true patriots, those who still hold the foundational, have been betrayed. A run-away government only gorged itself

more at the sacrifice of all that has made this nation blessed. Though we be “troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair. . . (II Cor 4:8).” It is our duty at election time to sound the trumpet (Ez. 33:6). It is a “High Call”; and seeing the finish line we press on. Raise the banner high, lift your voice for right and be not weary in well doing (Gal. 6:9)! *Amen.-RLW*



**PEARL HARBOR, CHARLIE GIBSON AND HIS CLOSEST COUSIN -**

Who is Charles Gibson’s closest cousin and what do they have to do with Pearl Harbor? Sadly on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 2007, ABC News gave more reporting time to endangered orangutans than to the history of Pearl Harbor. Charles Gibson and the reporter doing the orangutan story both called orangutans our closest cousins. Now my uncles and aunts have children who are my cousins. Orangutans may be Charles Gibson’s closest cousins, but orangutans are not related to me. I know who my closest cousins

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The Voice IN THE Wilderness

# MISSION SPOTLIGHT



## INDIA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

A MissionVue Challenge with

CrossVue School of Missions



## MISSIONVUE INDIA 2007

### India- Always Emotional

If you have ever traveled to India you can understand what I describe as a journey of the senses. The sights, the sounds, the smells – every sense is elevated beyond the norm. Even mentally and emotionally India is a land of the dramatic. It goes without saying that India is a place of intense religion punctuated by the extreme and bizarre. I was trying to take inventory of the past mission trips I've been privileged to take part in since 1997. This was about my eighth trip to India. Now I can truly say that I have some very precious friendships among my brothers and sisters in Christ in the country of India. This was also my wife's second trip to India. We had the opportunity to meet with the pastors, preach and briefly visit the village. I'll share more about that later.

Due to our scheduled departure from the Raleigh/Durham airport being on a Monday morning, we decided to drive to Raleigh and spend the night on Sunday. Thankfully, I had enough motel miles to pay for our accommodations. It was our plan to stop at a friend's church en route. This is a church I have preached in at

least twice in the past. There is now a new pastor and I had not visited there in several years. Again this is an article about emotion, and our experience on that Sunday morning was one of dismay and sadness. To make a long story short I was shocked to see a drama presentation incorporating choreographed moves to very contemporary music by a team of young people. Quite frankly, it was nothing short of dance. I never anticipated anything like that. It is indeed a sad day when churches that I personally have preached in have taken such a worldly direction.

Well, that's the start of the emotion. Thankfully, from there the journey improves. It was a joy to have Dennis and Vonnice Jones accompany my wife and me on this first MissionVue to India. The fellowship was good, and I pray this close up and personal look at missions will benefit many through the testimony of this dear couple.

"Welcome to American Eagle, your one world alliance and airline partner." For a Bible student that is certainly a catchy announcement. We are not only looking for the second coming of Christ, but with



great anticipation, the Christ of the second coming. Even so come Lord Jesus. I never cease to be amazed as Bible prophecy is constantly evident in the day in which we live. Former President George H. W. Bush often used that one world term. Just the other day, he was the very one to introduce former Gov. Mitt Romney as Romney attempted to cover-up the deceptiveness of Mormonism. These are certainly perilous times but also times of great opportunity. With the thoughts of Christ coming again, we are indeed to be comforted by one another.

On November 5, 2007, Terry and I left for India with a stop over in London. As many of our readers know, Bro. Royce became involved in India many years ago supporting Major Gardner, the church in Howrah, Chinsurah, and the orphanage work. Today the Lord continues to open doors for *The Voice in the Wilderness* on this key gospel frontier. Please take time to read the enclosed article "The Printed Missionary" as an introduction to some of our work in India. Would you pray about helping reach multitudes with The Words of Life via the printed page? This is a critical and vital tool God has given us to proclaim Christ to a lost world. During our stop over in England, I was reminded of how vigilant we must be. On the front of *The Voice in the Wilderness* publication you will notice the two phrases *Contending for Fundamental Christianity* and *American Freedom*. Here lies the

emotion of it all. When I exchanged some money, I received a very interesting coin from England with the impression of Elizabeth II. On this two-pound coin the inscription on the edge of the coin stated, "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants." To my shock the ten-pound paper note had the picture of none other than Charles Darwin. Today across England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, there is a great need for Bible preaching. Countless churches have closed across the UK with new Mosques opening almost daily. A country that once enjoyed the blessings of true giants of the faith has now been indoctrinated with secularism and the things of this world. Charles Spurgeon preached to throngs in London, while now the picture of Charles Darwin is printed on their money. Exactly who are the giant shoulders they stand upon?

The emotion goes beyond the sad, spiritual condition of England. Presently missionaries are attempting to raise their support to go to the UK and plant new churches. However, the U.S. dollar is worth about fifty cents in England, dramatically diminishing the missionary's support. Those who have been traveling across America preaching in churches and sharing God's call to the UK for the past three or four years now find themselves in a deficit situation financially. Pray for this urgent need and for the Godly men and women who have a burden and vision to

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# THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

## January

During the War for Independence, General Washington's southern army was defeated by the British at Cowpens on January 17, 1781. Lord Cornwallis, commander of the British troops, chased the defeated army and was just two hours behind after the Americans crossed the Catawba River in South Carolina. A sudden storm made the river impassable. Again at the Yadkin River, the British nearly caught the American army, but a hammering rain flooded the river. The third time the American army was almost caught was at the Dan River. British Commander Henry Clinton recorded what happened: "Here the royal army was again stopped by a sudden rise of the waters, which had only just fallen (almost miraculously) to let the enemy over." General Washington remembered the circumstances similar to these during the War in a note to Brigadier General Thomas Nelson in August 1778 writing, "The Hand of Providence has been so conspicuous in all this (the course of the war) that he must be worse than an infidel that lacks faith, and more wicked that has not gratitude to acknowledge his obligations; but it will be time enough for me to turn Preacher when my present appointment ceases."

## February

On February 12, 1809, two notable men in history were born. One believed that all men are not equal because some are more evolved; the other believed "that all persons held as slaves {should} be free to abstain from all violence..., ...and {should be allowed to} labor faithfully for reasonable wages." By now you may have figured out that these two men are Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln. Darwin is known for his theory of evolution, which is being used by atheists to explain away God and absolutes; Lincoln is remembered for the Emancipation Proclamation and the signing of the act to place the phrase "In God We Trust" on all of our national coins.



# PRESIDENTIAL LEGACIES

General Daniel E. Sickles has recorded for us this intimate revelation from the heart of the *Great Emancipator*. The General had been severely wounded on July 2, 1863, and after suffering the amputation of a leg, was removed to Washington where he was visited by the President. We quote from General Sickles:



*Mr. Lincoln, we heard at Gettysburg that here at the capitol you were all so anxious about the results of the battle that the government officials packed up and got ready to leave at short notice with the official archives.*

*"Yes", he said. "Some precautions were prudently taken; but for my part I was sure of our success at Gettysburg."*

*"Why," I asked, "were you so confident? The army of the*

*Potomac had suffered many reverses."*

*There was a pause. The President seemed in deep meditation. His pale face was lighted up by an expression I had not observed before. Turning to me he said:*

*"When Lee crossed the Potomac and entered Pennsylvania followed by our army, I felt the crisis had come. I know that defeat in a great battle on Northern soil involved the loss of Washington, to be followed, perhaps, by the intervention of England and France in favor of the Southern Confederacy. I went to my room and got down on my knees in prayer. Never before had I prayed with so much earnestness. I wish I could repeat my prayer.*

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press. They spend over three billion dollars annually on printing. They print three pieces of literature for every man, woman, boy, and girl upon the earth every year. In one large Latin America country they have 22 daily Communist newspapers and 32 weekly publications. In Mexico City alone, there are at least 28 communist bookstores. Most state fairs in Latin America have a bookstand operated by the Russian Embassy.

When Lenin took over Russia he said, *"The people will never believe or understand Communism unless they are indoctrinated with Communism by the printed page."* The Communists proudly boast, *"Let the missionaries teach the people to read; we will provide them with literature."*

The Jehovah's Witnesses have an eight floor print shop in Brooklyn, NY, housing the largest printing press in the world.

Seventh Day Adventists operate at least forty-three printing plants around the world.

The editor of the Catholic Register not only runs the biggest but also the most successful chain of religious newspapers in the world.

The words of Daniel Webster are as appropriate today as they were 100 years ago: *"If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. And the thought is one to cause solemn reflection on the part of every Christian and patriot. If truth is not diffused,*

*error will be. If God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy. If the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will. If the power of the Gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign without mitigation or end."*

T.E. Floyd, former British Home Secretary of the African Inland Mission said, *"Christian literature is today's absolute number one priority in all missionary planning."* Dr. Harold Cook, the late Missions Department Chairman of Moody Bible Institute said, *"Literature can be our most effective medium of mass communication of the Gospel. In terms of the price paid for it, the number of people reached, and the fact that the message can be read over and over again until it is understood, there is no other method that can compare with literature."*

*"For more than fifty years I have prayerfully considered the problem: How can we evangelize the world in the space of one generation? Long ago I was convinced that we could never send out enough missionaries. But there must be a way. After travel and study in 53 countries, I have come to the conclusion: the only way we are going to be able to carry out the Great commission, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,' will be by means of the printed page. By the systematic use of the printed page we shall be able to enter every home and thus reach every*

*individual with the Gospel message.”*  
(Dr. J. Oswald Smith)

The message of salvation can be presented through means of the printed page. It never flinches, it never grows tired, never grows disheartened; it works while we sleep; it travels cheaply and requires no rented building; it never loses it’s temper, and it works long after we are dead. The printed page is a visitor which gets inside the home and stays there. It always catches a man in the right mood, for it speaks to him only when he is reading it. It always sticks to what it said and never answers back.

The printed page is deathless. You can destroy one but the press can reproduce millions and as soon as it is martyred, it is raised. It can enter doors locked to the evangelist. It preaches in the factory, the train, and the kitchen. It visits the school and the jail and whispers in the ear of the dying.

The printed message can reach those whose religions forbid them to go to church. It can reach the student who, proud of his intellectualism, refuses to listen to the Gospel or relate himself to it for fear of his fellow students or professors. Away from searching eyes, away from the probing investigations of the state, away from the demands of superstitious religion, away from the critical intrusions of friends and family, the message of salvation can be read and understood.

Tomorrow many missionaries will have to leave their field, but their witness can remain. A link – LITERATURE – can be left in the hands of national Christians, sensitive

to their responsibility and equipped to reach those masses who long for hope beyond their darkness.

Education has become compulsory for school-age children in most countries.

The way to reach the most in the shortest period of time is with the printed page. Certainly this does not imply that we should neglect other means of evangelism, but the churches of America and the world should awake to the importance of the printed page. It is time to take massive projects, systematically covering countries and metropolitan areas with the printed page. Do not send your missionary to the battlefield without ammunition.

If God trusted the revelation of the Living Word to the written Word, then so can we. The size and urgency of our task demands the use of the mass media of literature. *“He is not willing that any should perish.”*

LARGEST CITIES IN THE WORLD	
CITY AND POP. (in millions)	
Tokyo-Yokohama, Japan .....	28 to 33
New York City, US.....	20.1
Mexico City, Mexico .....	18.1
Mumbai, India (Bombay).....	18.0
Sao Paulo, Brazil .....	17.7
Shanghai, China.....	14.2
Lagos, Nigeria .....	13.5
Kolkata, India (Calcutta).....	12.9
Buenos Aires, Argentina .....	12.5
Los Angeles, US.....	5.8
Seoul - Incheon, South Korea ..	17.5
Osaka-Kobe-Kyoto, Japan .....	16.4
Manila, Philippines.....	14.7
Jakarta,Indonesia .....	14.2

SOURCE: UNITED NATIONS POPULATION DIVISION

# First Love- I Corinthians 13

1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in truth;
7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
8. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.
9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.



*"I felt that I must put all my trust in Almighty God. He gave our people the best country ever given to man. He alone could save it from destruction. I had tried my best to do my duty and found myself unequal to the task. The burden was more than I could bear. God had often been our Protector in other days. I prayed that He would not let the nation perish. I asked Him to help us and give us the victory now. I felt that my prayer was answered. I had no misgivings about the result of Gettysburg."*



Nobody could mistake the first President of the United States. He was described as "First in war, first in peace, first in the hearts of his countrymen." When only 14 or 15 years of age, George Washington copied from an English translation of a French book of maxims "110 Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation." He exhibited noble manners throughout his life. Rule

#108 states, "When you speak of God, or His attributes, let it be seriously and with reverence. Honor and obey your parents although they be poor." His mother admonished young George to "Remember that God is our only sure trust. To Him, I commend you . . . my son, neglect not the duty of secret prayer." Later, General Washington of the Continental Army appointed chaplains to every regiment with hope and trust "that every officer and many, will endeavor so to live, and act as becomes a Christian soldier. . ." Washington held high the standard of morality and good behavior for his officers and men. Gambling, intemperance and profanity received swift punishment. "Any soldier found drunk shall receive one hundred lashes, without benefit of a court-martial," were his orders in 1756. Revisionists along with Hollywood have attempted to pervert the character of Washington. Ample documentation and testimony is available to prove the man "true to himself, true to his country, true to his God."



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are. Where is honest journalism, news reporting and truth? Isn't it sad that Charles Gibson's closest cousin gets more airtime than Pearl Harbor?

## REPUBLICAN FLIP-FLOP -

Many of you may remember that in the last presidential election, a candidate was labeled for flip-flopping on the issues. Now, a leading candidate in the Republican Party is accused of doing the same thing. When Mike Huckabee was governor of Arkansas, he and other politicians said that the trade embargo against Cuba was horrible for business. Now, he favors the embargo, believed to be an effort to satisfy Cuban exiles that live in Florida. While governor, Mr. Huckabee supported in-state tuition for children of illegal immigrants and defended illegal workers caught in a raid in a meatpacking plant. Currently, he would like to have illegals returned to their native countries within 120 days after being caught. About his flip-flopping, the former governor said, "Rather than seeing it as some huge change, I would call it, rather, the simple reality that I'm running for president of the United States, not for reelection as governor of Arkansas. I've got to look at this as an issue that touches the whole country." About the illegal immigrants, Mr. Huckabee proposes that those who

do not return to their home country within the 120 days will be barred from future reentry to the US for 10 years after being caught; those who went home would have no repercussions imposed upon them. *Los Angeles Times* 12/11/07



## WHO IS TO BLAME? -

Climate scientists at the Universities of Rochester, Alabama and Virginia discovered that the human influence on global warming is not as dramatic as thought. This is different from the view that Al Gore and his group are proposing. When accepting the Nobel Prize, Mr. Gore said, "We must quickly mobilize our civilization with the urgency and resolve that has previously been seen only when nations mobilized for war." His solution is to have nations tax carbon dioxide emissions and not build any new coal plants. Fred Singer of the University of Virginia, one of the three writers of the report, said, "Our findings basically are that fingerprints—that is to say the pattern of warming— that's predicted by greenhouse models does not match the fingerprints



of observations, so there is a disconnect between greenhouse models and the actual reality of observations. This means that the greenhouse effect-while real- is not very important in producing climate change. It's a lot smaller than what the models calculate." Bracken Hendricks, a senior fellow at the Center for American progress (a liberal group), said, "The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC the group associated with Gore) is not just a report. It's not just a random gathering of scientists. It's the largest scientific body ever assembled. Their most recent assessment determined that there's 90% certainty that global climate change is happening and that it is caused by human beings." Mr. Singer responded by saying, "We have to remember that the climate has always been changing ever since we have records, and we have geologic records going back millions and millions of years. We know that there have been huge climate changes on the earth long before human beings actually came into existence. We are fairly sure that what's causing the warming are changes in the sun. These are very subtle changes that are very difficult to observe. The sun is really a quite variable star." [www.cnsnews.com](http://www.cnsnews.com) 12/11/07 {Editor: Both of these groups have not recognized the Creator, but are focusing in on the creation and creature. Duh - Have

*they ever heard of the ice age, dinosaurs and evolution? Ever learning and never coming to the knowledge of the truth?}*

**"ALL ECONOMIC PAIN FOR NO CLIMATE GAIN"-** Barbara Boxer and her liberal friends in the United States Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed the Lieberman-Warner Climate Security Act of 2007, a "fatally flawed global-warming cap-and-trade bill." This bill will do the following: force energy prices higher, causing the poor to pay 5 times more per month, and mean the loss of millions of American jobs. *Sen. James Inhofe Human Events 12/10/07 {Editor: Never fear. The liberals are near and never voting for neither the American family nor the hard working grass root patriot. Harry Reid is more interested in scoring political points against President Bush than for the welfare of America. Patrick Leahy continues his preposterous actions. The liberal media aids the enemy.}*

**I M P A R T I A L JOURNALISM?-** Also in *Human Events* (12/10/07), we are told of the CNN/YouTube debate that took place early in December. You may remember that earlier in 2007 that the Democrat candidates spurned Fox News Channel's invitation for a debate. Some thought that the Republicans

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should do the same to CNN; but the GOP candidates decided to go forward with their debate on CNN. The debate was to be a time when the viewers were to ask all the questions; but CNN discarded 99.5% of the questions submitted, deciding what questions were to be asked. The organizers of the debate also flew in Gen. Keith Kerr, a known homosexual and Hillary Clinton supporter, to ask a question about the militaries "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. After several candidates answered, Gen. Kerr decided that it was OK to lecture them on how insensitive they are to gays in the military. It is not just conservatives that see this debate as a failure. Tim Rutten, writer for the *Los Angeles Times* (a liberal newspaper), wrote, "In fact, this most recent debacle masquerading as a presidential

debate raises serious questions about whether CNN is ethically or professionally suitable to host debates."

**IN BRIEF-** The US mint with its gender neutral coin series is trying to change "First Lady" into "First Spouse." Here comes Hillary and Bill. Philadelphia raised the Boy Scouts of America's rent from \$1 to \$200,000 per year because the BSA would not allow homosexual scout leaders. Target stores denied the Salvation Army permission to stand outside its doors at Christmas; but gives "domestic benefits" to "homosexual partners." Look at the liberal media in this country. *Time* magazine voted Vladimir Putin as their "Man of the Year."

**MEDICARE, FAIR?** – Why are some doctors reluctant to accept new Medicare patients or are

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

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Given by: Curtis Kline

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no longer treating them? Many physicians say they simply can't afford to. This is partly because the formula for Medicare payments to doctors is flawed. Since 2000, Part B premiums have doubled, and they will rise another 3.1 percent in 2008. These increases (a cumulative 106 percent – from \$43.80 a month in 1998 to \$96.40 a month in 2008) far surpass the increases in the Social Security cost-of-living adjustments (21 percent) –*AARP Bulletin*



**TOP HOMOSEXUAL SPONSORS** – The American Family Association did a 12

week project monitoring network television. The following companies were found to be the top pro-homosexual sponsors:

1. Ford Motor Company
2. Toyota
3. AT&T
4. Procter & Gamble
5. Revlon
6. Glaxo Smith Kline
7. Unilever
8. Daimler Chrysler
9. Verizon
10. Quaker Oats

The programs selected for monitoring were those that Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), a homosexual organization, identified as being supportive of the homosexual lifestyle. No one except the networks and sponsors had any foreknowledge of which companies would help sponsor a program. Neither the networks nor the sponsors provide that information to the public in advance. -*Donald E. Wildmon, American Family Association*

### 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!

carry the gospel where giants of the faith once stood proclaiming the truth.

It is always a fascination to me personally, after living all my life in America and rarely riding a train, to do so with such everyday commonness as is the case in England and India. Just as you leave the train, the announcement comes over the PA system with a stern warning, “Mind the gap, mind the gap, mind the gap.” Between the train and the platform is a rather large gap. If one were to mis-step it would certainly mean serious injury, possibly a broken leg. From England to India I’m reminded of the need for someone to stand in and make up the gap. The hour is late and the need is great! May we all be faithful to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into these needy fields.

The Voice in the Wilderness has many readers throughout the UK and I would like to make a request of our friends in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We are praying for you. Please join The Voice in the Wilderness family in praying for your great land. Could we list your name on The Voice in the Wilderness mission map? It would be an honor to have you as a prayer partner knowing daily you are interceding for your fellow countrymen. Just send us your name and the country you are praying for and your name will be designated as

the mission prayer partner for those precious souls. Let us hear from you. (See Page 31).

The senses came alive as we all exited the airport. Quickly an entourage of would be luggage porters rushed to our side. Though we did not need help these dear fellows would not go away. If they just touched our suitcases there was an expectation of reward. Finally we made our way past and on to our car. Even with our belongings loaded in the car, hands were still held awaiting a tip from these rich foreigners. One man even said to me, “We want pounds.” Of course he did. The pound was worth double the U.S. dollar. They know English and they know their money. It must be profitable as well for these fellows to be out and about by 4 or 5 am. Early in the morning with strange lighting and a mob of faces glaring at you certainly dazzles the emotion. But finally it’s on the road to our appointment. Not an hour into the trip, and the unexpected struck. Our driver did not see a huge bump in the road. All had buckled in, but Sis. Vonnie’s seatbelt was bad. With one sudden jolt, she was vaulted into the steel roof of the car. You could hear the impact of her head and neck slamming against the top of the vehicle, bringing tears and pain to her. But thank the Lord, no serious injury. Adjustments were made for the faulty seatbelt and travel proceeded.

Preaching, teaching and meetings- it’s hit the ground

running. Always a joyous time to see the pastors, brothers and sisters so precious to us in the Lord. These reunions are such happy times. However, at least 7 of those The Voice in the Wilderness has worked with over the years are now with the Lord. We miss them but rejoice that they have finished their course. But we must train others to step into their place. Then they must win others and train them to go with the gospel. It is not our objective to raise up a missionary welfare program. Self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating or I should say Saviour-supporting, governing, and propagating churches have been the emphasis. The Voice in the Wilderness attempts to help a pioneer pastor get established. Teaching and training is critical. Bibles and materials are essential. Possibly help with the first phase of their church building. There is a delicate balance. We must not place our brothers in a position they can not afford to be in. To build and to buy what can not be maintained and properly utilized by the national and his congregation is wrong. It may also place the church in a position of jealousy, even hostility from the lost community. For those interested in how to pray for these challenges, you may like to read "Mission at Risk" in the October 2004 edition of this publication.

It was a privilege to preach in the revival at Faith Church in Agra. Brother Hemant is always so gracious. Brother Babu and I had

opportunity to discuss some of the plans and vision for The Voice in the Wilderness in India. By the way congratulations to Sister Sundyha and Babu on their new little girl. Thank the Lord for His faithful servants. The task is enormous but God has his faithful reporting for duty each and every day. Last month you saw history in the making as Bro. Hemant signed papers to rent facilities for a new church plant. It might be possible for Steve and Rebekah to teach English as a second language in conjunction with this new venture. Pray for wisdom and God's provision if this is to be. There is another young couple that may soon launch out in a new work. They will need support to get started. Please keep this opportunity in prayer. Space does not permit pictures of the new church construction. Also watch for the testimony of Shribaba in a future edition. I will try to finish this report next month. Meanwhile thank you to all those who have been a vital part in prayer and support of the India work and all mission work around the world. Please continue to stand with us and pray that others will get on board as missionary partners. May God add His protection and provision. All is of no eternal worth apart from His blessing.

More next month from India; but permit me to leave you with this. After our visit to the village and rejoicing with Shribaba's testimony, the emotions of shock and awe

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invaded the blessed moment with disbelief. Three piles of cow dung with peacock feathers sticking out at first seemed curiously humorous. Then, Bro. Mani explained the cow patties were gods being worshipped by villagers. I thought Bro. Mani was joking. Worshipping cow dung, how could that be? Yet those devotees see us Christians

as the lowest of low in the world of religions. The man made gods of Hinduism run the gamut from stones to dung. Go ahead, fashion a god with your hands or mind. A god that is man-made and man-protected is indeed a liability to body and soul. Next month there will be more on the deliverance by Truth!

- RLW



# MISSION UPDATE!!



*Just in by Press Time! Thank you to all who gave! Bro. Carlos presents the missions car to Bro. Estelvio. Bro. Williamson has known these two men for many years. It has been a joy to preach for and work with them in Venezuela.*



*What an occasion of rejoicing for Bro. Estelvio and his pastoral work to have an automobile for travel about the highways and hedges. Praise the Lord. More next month on this wonderful story.*

To: The Voice in The Wilderness.  
Dr. Ronnie Williamson:

Dear Friend:

Receive greetings from Venezuela, knowing your love and heart for our country and for the South America missions.

Today, The Garcias family (Pastor Estelvio and Sister Xiomara Garcia) received their car from a special offering given through the Voice in the Wilderness ministry and generous hands, whom gave to this car. The Garcias family have served in Venezuela with many difficulties, trials, etc, until put in risk their lives, and I know that the Lord has blessed now them with a dependable car.

Thank you, thank you so much for your effort, God knows all hands who gave this precious offering for the Garcias Family.

We are so happy to know a wonderful ministry whom feel the needs as itself. May God bless you Richfully!!!.

In Christ and for the souls,  
Carlos Ramos. Heb.6:10.





spiritual understanding accounts for numerous bad positions held by this president.

## Thank You!

### LOST GRATITUDE —

Occasionally, The Voice in the Wilderness may miss saying “Thank You” but it is rare. We have tried to make it a practice to communicate our gratitude to those who have graciously extended their love toward us. Yet often, The Voice in the Wilderness is the giver and more times than not a THANK YOU is long in coming, if ever. Sadly, preachers and missionaries can be the world’s worst. Surely as Christians we should take the time to jot a note to say Thank You.

*Two elderly spinster sisters spoke of their frustrations with sending monetary gifts to nieces, nephews, great-nephews, etc. After repeated failures to receive thank-yous, they made a decision. They decided to continue sending checks but “forgot” to sign them. In a very short period of time the checks came back with appreciative thank-you notes or cards and a notation that the checks were unsigned.*  
— AARP Bulletin



## Nuggets of Gold

- Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habits.
- The New Year is like a new baby-many changes will be necessary, some of which may be neglected.
- What the New Year brings us will depend a great deal on what we bring to the New Year.
- Living in the past has one thing in its favor-it’s cheaper.
- Nothing is more responsible for the “good old days” than a poor memory.
- “Democracy is two wolves and a lamb deciding what to have for dinner. Liberty is a well-armed lamb.” - Benjamin Franklin
- “I do not think I could myself, be brought to support a man for office, whom I knew to be an open enemy of, and scoff at, religion.” - Abraham Lincoln
- “It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible.” - George Washington





My mother took all 9 of us to Sunday School nearly every Sunday. My grandmothers were also a big part of my accepting Christ as my Saviour. He has been so faithful and blessed me so all these years. Spiritual birthday- March 1962.

Subscriber-Ohio

Tracy (a good friend) told me of her own salvation, invited me to church and was a friend when I desperately needed one who truly cared. Before I got saved, I was very depressed and suicidal because of many problems and sin. Thank God for His mercy and my salvation!

Subscriber- Virginia

Dear Bro. Williamson,

I am enclosing a contribution towards general expenses. As you see, it is in English currency. You should be able to change this at your bank. The present note of exchange which \$2 is equal to one British pound. I am an elderly pensioner myself. So I can only give a small sum from time to time. I met Bro. Royce in 1976 when my wife and daughter stayed in his trailer in Dallas. We were attending a General Assembly for our church of which we are members here in



N. Ireland. Your new format for the *Voice* seems very good and practical. We wish you well in your work for the Lord. It is good to know you have picked up the "baton" from Bro. Royce. He certainly guarded the faith and fought a good fight. He deserves his crown.

Every blessing,  
Subscriber-N. Ireland

I was saved at the age of nine when a Bible college student, Millard, held a revival at the church my father pastored. I thank God that my husband and I served in store front churches in Ohio for 51½ years, until God took him to Heaven 3 years ago.

Subscriber-Ohio

# GOSPEL ABC'S

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

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

**A**cknowledge 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

**B**ut 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

**B**elievest thou this?"

**C**onfess with thy mouth...

**C**all in Faith...

**C**ommit 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."

# MAILING LIST UPDATE

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