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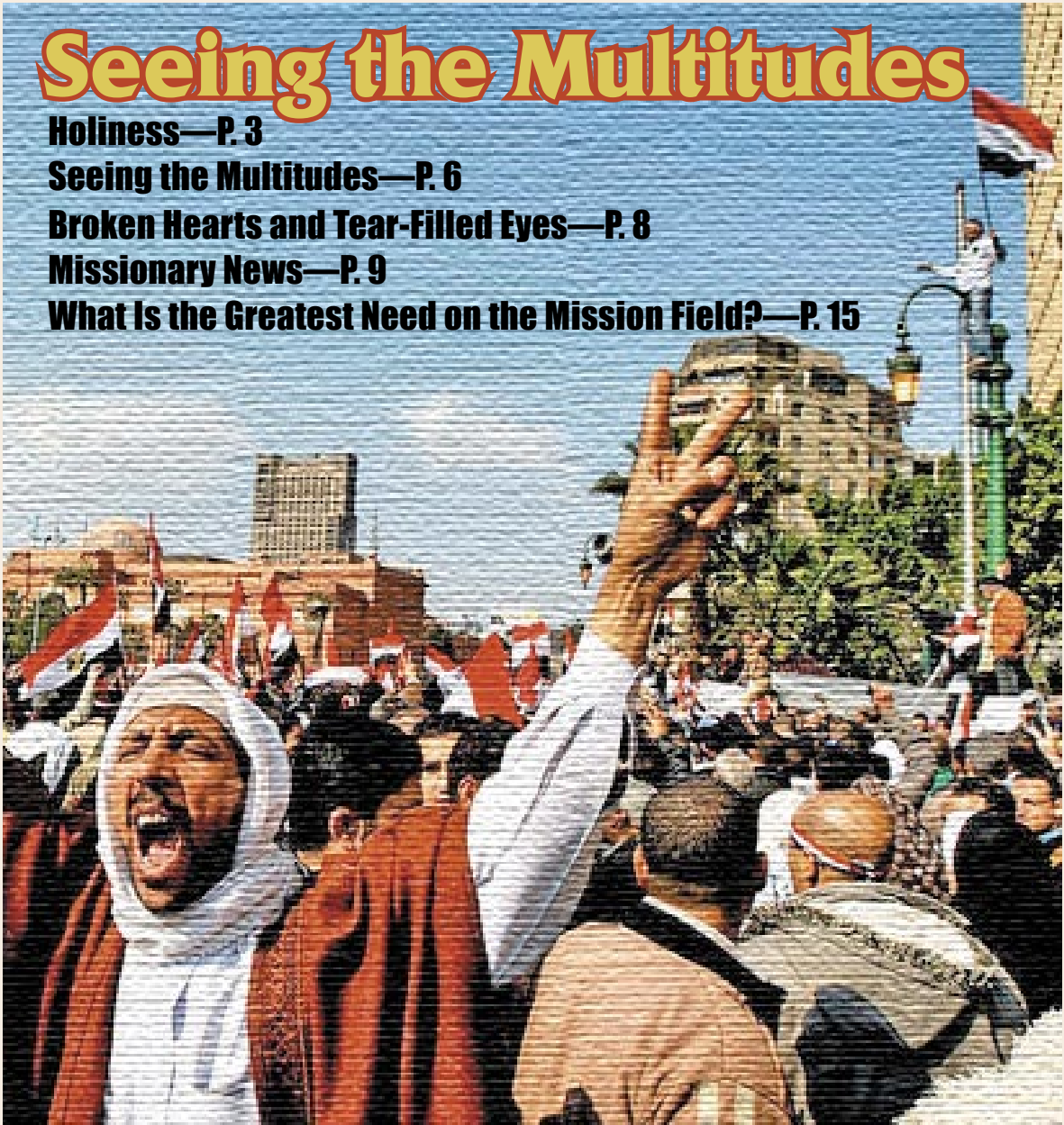
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## Editorial Notes

In Matthew 9:38 the Lord left a prayer request with his disciples: “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”

This theme is addressed in Dun Gordy’s “What Is the Greatest Need on the Mission Field?”, while Jim Lucas challenges us to be faithful in “Seeing the Multitudes.”

One of those who “saw the multitudes” was George Whitefield, a friend of John and Charles Wesley and one of the prominent voices of what is called “The Great Awakening.” We include in this issue “Broken Hearts and Tear-Filled Eyes: a Prayer of George Whitefield.”

Ordained by the Anglican Church, but not assigned a pulpit, he began preaching in parks and fields in England on his own, reaching those who did not attend church.


Benjamin Franklin, viewed by many as a lifelong “skeptic” became a personal friend of Whitefield and commented upon the “wonderful...change soon made in the manners of our inhabitants. From being thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seem’d

as if all the world were growing religious, so that one could not walk thro’ the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street.”

Whitefield went to America for seven different periods of preaching, making the hazardous crossing of the Atlantic on 13 separate occasions. He didn’t make the 14th crossing because he made his final “crossing” before that trip. He died in the parsonage of Old South Presbyterian Church, Newburyport, Massachusetts, on September 30, 1770. He was buried in a crypt under the pulpit of this church in accordance to his stated desire.

Whitefield was a gifted orator with an incredibly strong voice, and he preached his sermons using improvisation rather than depending upon a rigid outline and notes. Throughout his life, it is estimated that he preached more than 18,000 sermons. Only 78 are know to have been published.

Whitefield usually ended his public sermons with the cry “Come poor, lost, undone sinner, come just as you are to Christ.”

May the Lord encourage us with these reminders of the Lord’s view of fields white unto harvest. 

**Our Cover:** Demonstrators in Egypt fill the streets in the center of Cairo. It remains to be seen what the outcome will be in the many Arab nations that surround Israel. The influence of The Muslim Brotherhood is also yet to be fully seen. Israel may certainly be very concerned regarding the possibility of an Egypt (and other nations) determined to wage war against them according to the dictates of Islamic prophecy: Allah’s Apostle said, “The Hour will not be established until you fight with the Jews, and the stone behind which a Jew will be hiding will say. “O Muslim! There is a Jew hiding behind me, so kill him” (Sahih Bukhari Hadith Volume 4, Book 52, Number 177: Narrated by Abu Huraira).

# Holiness

By Dick York



## Put on the New Man, Which After God Is Created in Righteousness and True Holiness

Ephesians 4:24

The subject of holiness is often controversial. Perhaps because for some it has become a theological premise rather than an expected evidence of “Christ in you.” Because some Christians have divided themselves into enclaves of personal preference—ghettos of religious schools of thought—biblical terms become buzz-words signaling automatic and immediate agreement or disagreement, even friendship or enmity, before any meaningful exchange can take place. “Holiness” is one of those terms.

Some denominations are described as “holiness groups,” which may mean something negative to some and something positive to others. But we’re not *made* holy by terminologies or identification with a group; if we are in Christ, we *are* a holy people. The question then becomes, should we look, act, and sound like what we are in Christ? The obvious answer would be yes.

What, then, does “holy” mean? Is it how we dress, what we do, what we eat, or where we go to church? We aren’t holy because of anything we *do* but by what Christ has *done*. We have been purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ; therefore, we are not our own; we have been bought with a price. As a result, we are able to glorify God in our bodies as well as in our spirits, which are His.<sup>1</sup> The Apostle Peter described us as a “peculiar” people.<sup>2</sup> We might smile at that word, equating it with “strange,” or “odd.” It actually means “unique,” a one-of-a-kind object belonging to one owner. “Holy” in some respects is synonymous; it means to be set apart for a specific purpose. The vessels of the temple were holy, the garments of the priests were holy, the nation of Israel is holy, the church is holy, and, if you are born-again, *you* are holy. A holy lifestyle, therefore, is the expected norm.

Some professing believers object to this emphasis on holiness because they equate it

with works in addition to faith, as though holiness were the means to acquire salvation rather than the by product. That is like saying that to expect a young man to use his computer correctly is to deny that it was freely given to him by his father as a birthday gift. The fact is that the gift, though free, was given for a purpose. The expectation, therefore, is that it will be used accordingly. Salvation is a free gift to as many as are willing to repent toward God and trust the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance toward God is not a work; it is an attitude, a relinquishing of self, a surrender. Faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ is a yielding to a new authority. It is, therefore, no longer about me but about Him. He didn’t save me for *my* sake but according to His own purpose.

The Apostle Paul told Timothy that God “saved us and called us with *an holy calling*, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace.”<sup>3</sup> Some would say that that was true of Paul and Timothy, who were both involved in apostolic ministry; but does it refer to the ordinary Christian? Paul thought so when he wrote to the saints at Ephesus, telling them that “he hath chosen *us* in him [Christ] before the foundation of the world, *that we should be holy* and without blame before him in love.”<sup>4</sup> This was a beginning, not an end. Not by any work of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.<sup>5</sup> What would personify a life generated by the Holy Spirit? Holiness, of course.

Holiness is God’s objective for believers now, in this present world. To be holy means to be sanctified—set apart for a specific purpose. We, the church, have been redeemed not with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Christ;<sup>6</sup> therefore, we are not our own.<sup>7</sup> However, although we are a redeemed people and our heritage is a heavenly

one, He has left us here on the earth for a specific purpose: we are presently the light of the world!

As the earthly prospect dims and the circumstances in our nation and around the world become increasingly dark, the purpose for the church on the earth becomes clearer. As the darkness deepens, even the dimmest light is made more visible and the contrast more distinct. President Ronald Reagan, in his State of the Union address in 1984, included this anecdote concerning early America:

Standing on the tiny deck of the *Arabella* in 1630 off the Massachusetts coast, John Winthrop said, “We will be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us, so that if we deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a byword throughout the world.”

President Reagan went on to say, “But we have not dealt falsely with God...” He saw our nation as the shining city on a hill, sanctified to be a light to the world. But even while he spoke, debilitating forces were at work undermining what he thought his beloved country stood for. Only where Jesus Christ is glorified is there light. God’s kingdom is not of this world; and, in fact, the whole world lieth in wickedness.<sup>8</sup> Only as the light of Christ shines as a lighthouse in the sea of darkness can any people illumine the world as a shining city on a hill. As the policies of this nation’s government conform more and more to the world’s ungodly status quo, blackness settles in, and the borders that enclosed this “shining city on a hill” become increasingly obscure as global darkness homogenizes the whole earth. There are those who, claiming to represent Christ, would lead us to believe that America is the Promised Land and that God’s kingdom is in this nation. That is not the case. God’s kingdom is not of this world, even as God’s people

are not of this world. Jesus himself said of His disciples:

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because *they are not of the world*, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil. *They are not of the world*, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, *that they also might be sanctified through the truth*. Neither pray I for

these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.<sup>9</sup>

**Patriotism isn’t the same as Biblical Christianity; conservatism isn’t the same as righteousness. Holiness means being set apart as vessels through which Christ can live his life.**

The singular source of light for the whole world is the church, the body of Christ. If its members, through shame, fear, or ignorance of God’s Word,

hide the truth by being conformed to this world, there is, on their part, no manifestation of the light of life, no demonstration of the will of God, no lighthouse by which those adrift in the darkness can navigate to safety. Holiness is the distinction of those in Christ from those of the world. It is being set apart as light is set apart from darkness. The Apostle Paul besought the brethren at Rome with these words,

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*<sup>10</sup>

To the Corinthians he wrote,

Be ye *not* *unequally yoked* with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath *righteousness*

*with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, 'I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people.' Wherefore, come out from among them and be ye separate...*<sup>11</sup>

That is synonymous with “Be ye holy.” The verses I just quoted are so well known by most Bible-reading Christians as to be common place. Perhaps you just skimmed over them because you have read them so often. If that is the case, please go back and take note of the phrases highlighted by italics. The time has come that we must apply these truths. Patriotism isn't the same as biblical Christianity; conservatism isn't the same as righteousness. Holiness means being set apart as vessels through which *Christ* can live *His* life. He said, “I will *walk in them.*” Righteousness is the very nature of Christ behaving in us, guiding us—even compelling us from within—to conform our actions to His Word.

As is implied by the first words of the scripture that comprises the title of this article, there is something for us to do. Although our salvation is of the Lord, and there was nothing that we did to obtain it other than to acknowledge our sinful state, to repent, and to believe the gospel, now having done that, as sons of God sin has no more dominion over us. We have a specific commission to be lights in a dark world, in which we are to demonstrate the will of God. When we were born again,

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we were recreated in Christ. We received righteousness and true holiness. These are not merely positional acquisitions—something that God has ascribed to our account but that in practical terms we have not experienced. He has indeed ascribed them to our account, and that is how He sees us in Christ. But in practical terms they *are* demonstrable, and God requires that we demonstrate them.

When we were in Adam, all that we received by virtue of his nature was demonstrable and constantly on display for the world to see. We were identifiable as sinners, whether we were respectable or vile. If we are in Christ, all that we have received by virtue of Christ's nature is demonstrable and to be on display for the world to see. We should be identifiable as sons of God by the righteousness that is evident in us. What God has ascribed to our account is spiritual and cannot be seen, but the righteousness it engenders will be reflected in the actions of our lifestyle.

God is not visible, but the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us so that we might see God in Him (Christ). Our spirit is not visible, but when our flesh is under control of the Spirit, Christ is visible to the world through us. And since there is no other light and no other hope for this terminally ill nation and the rest of the benighted world, we must respond today. “*Be ye holy, for I am holy.*” 

#### Endnotes

- 1 1 Corinthians 6:20
- 2 1 Peter 2:9
- 3 2 Timothy 1:9
- 4 Ephesians 1:4
- 5 Titus 3:5
- 6 1 Peter 1:18,19
- 7 1 Corinthians 6:19,20
- 8 1 John 5:19
- 9 John 17:14-20
- 10 Romans 12:1,2
- 11 2 Corinthians 6:14-17



# Seeing the Multitudes

By Jim Lucas

And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught them.... (Matthew 5:1,2)

Why did seeing the multitudes cause Jesus to go and sit on the mountain? Perhaps He was a little overwhelmed with the great need of the people. He must have realized that to sit before the Father was the answer to that need.

It was during this quiet time before the Father that the greatest teaching the world has ever known was brought forth. Jesus did not go looking for disciples; they came to him. He found the material to teach by being still and trusting the Father to meet the need. Then He simply opened his mouth and taught them.

Therefore, in His total dependence on the Father, Jesus not only brought us this great doctrine that has humbled the proud, encouraged the weak, and fed the hungry souls, but He left us an example of how a true man of God should respond to the great need of the multitudes of lost souls.

First, he sees the need of his fellow man. Many do not have eyes to see because they are taken up with living self-indulgent lives. Next, he must want to do something about it, count the cost, and trust the Father to give grace to do all that He has put before him. Jesus made it a regular custom to spend time on the mountain alone with his Father. It was natural for Him to first seek the will of God. Our old nature pushes us to resolve the problems ourselves. After failing to accomplish our desires, *then* we seek God. Pride fuels this consistent error and robs us of learning to wait upon our Maker. This is why Jesus started out His great sermon by saying, “Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:3). The proud cannot be used in the kingdom of heaven.

The multitudes are ever before us—even more so today—but the laborers are few. Paul,

in his epistle to the Philippians, addressed this problem:

For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's/ (Philippians 2:20,21)

“Seeking their own”—does that sound familiar? Living in a nation that has almost wholly given herself over to self-indulgence, it's becoming difficult to find those who don't.

Christianity of today has turned to entertainment because without it, they are not happy. Everyone is so needy! As long as people endeavor to please themselves, they cannot be content because what they desire is not godly. Jesus our Lord gave us an example of true godliness by humbling Himself and washing the disciples' feet. Then He said to them:

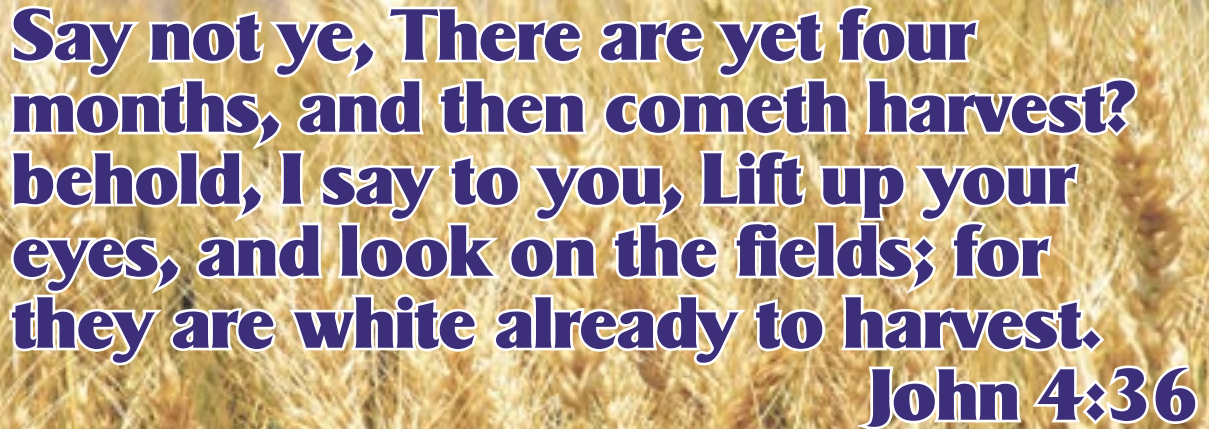
Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, *your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.* For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, *happy are ye if ye do them.* (John 13:13-17)

“If you know these things”—if we are not serving our fellowman, then we must *not* know that the servant is not greater than his Lord. Pride robs us of so much! The humble know they are here to serve, not to be served (entertained). I am very sure that many would be surprised at how happy they would be if they began to follow this godly example: “For godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6).

Servants see the needs of the multitudes because they are always discovering ways to serve. We have an example that our Lord Jesus gave to us in two fine young men that I want us to consider: John Burwell and Austin Ball. I had the privilege to serve with them in Ghana, Africa, and

I can tell you that they only want to serve. They are seeing the multitudes, and they are ministering in the most densely populated country in the world, Bangladesh. Imagine the needs of this small country, with its millions of people. Would you pray for John and Austin that our heavenly

Father would give them the desires of their hearts, because obviously they have only the desire of the Father in their hearts? May I ask what is in your heart? Can you say that you are content and living godly in this present evil world? Are you seeing the multitudes? 🙏



**Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say to you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.**  
**John 4:36**

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# Broken Hearts and Tear-Filled Eyes


## A Prayer of George Whitefield

“Yea...that we should see the great head of the church once more... raise up to himself certain young [people] whom he may use in this glorious employ. And what manner of [people] will they be?

“Those mighty in the Scriptures, their lives dominated by a sense of the greatness, the majesty and holiness of God, and their minds and hearts aglow with the great truths of the doctrines of grace.

“They will be those who have learned what it is to die to self, to human aims and personal ambitions; those who are willing to be “fools for Christ’s sake,” who will bear reproach and falsehood, who will labor and suffer, and whose supreme desire will be not to gain earth’s accolades, but to win the master’s approbation when they appear before his awesome judgment seat.

“They will be those who will preach with broken hearts and

tear-filled eyes, and upon whose ministries God will grant and extraordinary effusion of the Holy Spirit, and who will witness ‘signs and wonders following’ in the transformation of multitudes of human lives.” 





# Missionary Reports

## **Ivory Coast, West Africa** **Jerry and Cherry Skiles**



The 1040i team arrived with about 50 individuals from North America and was joined by medical professionals from Ivory Coast. The original plans were modified due to the political crisis and bad weather in the States, but the team came and blessed the Loma people and the Loron tribe in our area.

A mobile surgical unit was supposed to come to the tribe and have operations in Bwaybiye, the Loma village where we live. That didn't happen. We took the sick people to the team, which was set up in Doropo. A mission hospital is already there, and the mobile unit was erected at that site. We set up tents for the villagers, much like the ones the team lived in.

Cherry spent her time being a liaison between the tribal people and the team at the hospital. She spent hours in the operating rooms as patients had hernias repaired, hydroceles reduced, cataracts removed, and teeth extracted. There were also amputations and other surgeries. The highlight of the team was a young boy born with club feet that the team was able to start correcting.

I shuttled sick people to the hospital and returned with those who had been treated. Three small teams traveled with me for the three-hour trip to treat patients in the village. One of the teams treated nonsurgical medical problems, another was the eye clinic, and the last brought a cart for a young handicapped person who could not walk. Our return trips to the hospital were never without more medical problems needing surgeries.


The Loma people live isolated lives from the neighboring area. It is an understatement to say, "They don't get out often." I can only imagine what impact the team had on their worldview. One woman told me that it was the first time she could see me, after having a cataract removed. Men were given a new future with the hernia surgeries and hydroceles reduced. They could once again work their fields unhindered and with confidence. One of the doctors noted that these people are pre-Renaissance—close to another understatement.

Several of the patients are showing interest in the Word of God. Everyone on the team said they

were blessed to be a help.

Cherry thrived; she loved the fast paced action. She really enjoyed the women's fellowship. I spoke more English in those two weeks than I have in years of living in the tribe. We thank the Lord for the strength and provision in traveling without major problems. Everything is relative in Africa: I had to take a malaria cure, Cherry was in the sick room for a few hours, and we did have flat tires. We survived, the team survived, and most of the patients did as well. Many might not have without the team's intervention.

Thank you for your prayers and support to bring this help to the Loma and Loron tribes in Ivory Coast.

*Jerry & Cherry Skiles* 

## **West Africa** **Ed and Patty Enns**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings to each of you as we begin a new year. May our Father bless, strengthen, and encourage you in ways that will be beyond your expectations as we wait for His appearing.

This update will be devoted to Kassoum's family and their baptism, which Ed was able to attend. Our former co-workers, Jan and Doortje Groenveld, still work with the Komono, and some of the news included is from their arrival in Tougbo on December 24th. Since the events took place from the 24th through the 27th, I thought you might enjoy reading what happened leading up to the baptism.

Kassoum's family organized a Christmas eve service, which was held in their courtyard, located in the center





baptized the rest of the family. Ed chose not to baptize them but was the first one waiting for them afterward. Their testimonies are so encouraging that I've included them:

*Kassoum*: "I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart. The sins I've done, He took upon Himself and died for me. That's why I'm saved."

*Mafarma* (wife): "When I didn't believe in Jesus, I lived in darkness. Now I know that He died for my sins at the cross and He lives in my heart. That's why I want to be baptized."

*Madou* (oldest son): "I died with Him, and I'm resurrected with Him to new life; and that's what I'm showing with my baptism."

*Abou Bakar* (son): "Because the blood of the Lord Jesus was poured out for my sins and because He is my Savior, I want to be baptized."

*Wahab* (son): "He died for me, and I believe in Him. I want to be baptized in His name."

*Borhima* (son): "I believe He [Jesus] died in our place and He took our sin upon Himself, and so I have eternal life."

Originally, Ed and I had planned to attend the baptism, but our plans changed when the Groenveld's son, wife, and daughter came to visit for Christmas. That left no room in their vehicle for me to get from Mangodara to Tougbo. Because I couldn't go, Ed decided to ride his motorcycle. The round trip is about 500 km, and Ed isn't used to riding long distances on a regular basis, so he left on Christmas

of the village. He regularly holds meetings that are attended by the few believers there, some Lobi believers, and some children. The service started at 9 p.m. and went until midnight. At about 11 p.m., he served tea so that people would stay! They sang a lot, and Kassoum shared some of the Old Testament prophecies that the Lord Jesus fulfilled at His birth.

The next day the Komono and Lobi believers gathered again for singing and dancing. Kassoum shared from the Word, and a meal was served to everyone attending.

On Sunday, another service was held, with some spectators in attendance because it was Christmas time. There were a lot of kids and young people



as well as a few adults sitting or standing on the fringes. Since the baptism was planned for the next day, the meaning of baptism was explained, and the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch was read from Acts.

On Monday, the baptism of six members of Kassoum's family took place, beginning with a festive throng walking or riding bikes down to the *barrage* (man-made lake) while drums played and people sang. Jan explained the meaning of baptism again, Ed shared the gospel, then Jan and the Lobi pastor baptized Kassoum. Kassoum and Jan

afternoon and rode to Banfora, where he spent the night. On Sunday, he rode the rest of the way to the village, arriving just before dark. He stayed an extra day in Tougbo to greet various friends and rode home on Wednesday. He was blessed and thankful that he was able to attend the first baptism in Tougbo, which included his dear brother and former language helper, Kassoum, and almost the rest of the entire family.

*Gratefully His,*  
*Ed and Patty* 🌍

## Rogers, Arkansas

*Jim and Fran Lucas*

Where are the Lucases? We are now in Central Mexico in Valle de Juarez, Jalisco State. The cold



weather in the United States is not conducive to tent evangelism; therefore, we have come south, and we are keeping quite busy in the teaching of the word of God. Our daughter Abigail, with her husband, Ed, and four children, have now been here for several years. Our Heavenly Father has brought a few souls into His kingdom, and Ed invited us to come down and help ground them in the Word of God.

We are really enjoying being in Mexico again. It is like coming home. We enjoy the people, the way of life, and, of course, the food. Then there is the extra blessing of being with our grandchildren and family. Along with my wife, Francille, Tim Spurling has joined us. At this point in time he's not sure just what our Heavenly Father has prepared for him, but he

has a strong desire to learn Spanish. This is as good a place as any do that. He has moved in with some new converts who are in their eighties, José and Raquel. They do not speak English, so this should help escalate his learning process greatly.

Good things are happening here in Jalisco. The brethren are encouraged, and we have been seeing a few more joining our Bible classes. Also we have been going door to door, preaching the gospel, and that has been going well. Thank you for praying.

Time is passing quickly, and soon it will be time to return to the USA for the much-needed evangelism of our States. We are scheduled to be in Spokane, Washington, in September, then in Los Angeles, California, in October. However, the rest of the year is still open. I would like to be setting up the tent by mid-April somewhere. One difficulty has been finding contact people in the various states. It really helps a lot when we have someone to help find a place and make a few arrangements. Our vision is to take the gospel to



every state, and I don't know people in every state. The thought occurred to me that you do—that is collectively. Therefore, we most likely *do* know people in almost every state in the U.S.! If you know someone that you think would be a good


candidate for this opportunity, please drop me an e-mail [[james@usaforJesus.org](mailto:james@usaforJesus.org)]. My cell phone doesn't work in Mexico, but after March 14th, it will be available again [541-977-7073]. Check our website to see the states that are left to be visited [[www.usaforJesus.org](http://www.usaforJesus.org)].

Let us remember that our Lord Jesus gave us His last command in Mathew 28:19-20. Don't you think that His last command

should be our first consideration? The church has this mandate. Let us be faithful, beloved, to do what we can in the extension of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus. Please pray for the saints to join us in this endeavor to take the gospel to our own nation.

We thank all of you for standing with us for the expanding of the kingdom of our Lord Jesus.

*In Jesus*

*James and Francille* 

### **Valle De Juarez, Mexico Ed and Abby Drysdale**

I'm sorry that we can't share more with you this month, as we have had a lot of company, and with the medical campaign we've been quite busy.

We have been blessed by your prayers. As a result we have been seeing more interest here. The walls are starting to crumble. Praise the Lord!


The Iglesia de Valle de Juarez, together with various other churches in the region will host an evangelistic outreach April 18 – 23, 2011, to bless Valle with the public announcement of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Your prayers are a very important part of this ministry.

Contact: Want to know more?

Call us anytime at (541) 728 5946. Yes, that is a U.S. number! Want more regular updates? Search for Abby Drysdale on Facebook. A first-class letter will get to us in about three to five weeks; so if you prefer pen and ink, here is our address:

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*Praise the Lord!*

*Ed and Abby Drysdale* 

*[Editor's note: Dun Gordy has been a speaker in past Memorial Day Conferences, and we thought it good to pass on news from this faithful servant of the Lord. Dun's wife Harriet passed away last year after a long battle with illness.]*

### **Panama City, Florida Dun Gordy**

#### **What about "RETIREMENT"?**

Harriet's concern when New Tribes Mission



advertised that we were now "retired" was that folks would really believe it. She was afraid that you'd think that I had actually closed my Bible, exchanged my boots for slippers, and moved from the pulpit to the rocking chair.

The truth is that this was just a procedural move on the part of the mission, as far as I can tell. It was a matter of moving our name from the "active" to the "retired" list. And it did not mean that we had to actually

retire from active MINISTRY. We are still free to continue to represent the mission and do the work of the ministry. And we are still eligible for support through [New Tribes Mission.] And all but one of our supporters continued giving to our ministry.

Harriet and I both responded to the call of God on our lives when we were just young teenagers. She was in the Highland Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, and my church was the Wynnton Baptist in Columbus. I never doubted that God wanted me to preach the gospel as a missionary. Harriet wanted to minister to youth, but her wise mentor (her pastor's wife) told her that her ministry would most likely be fulfilled thru her husband. When I came into her picture, she told me she would go "anywhere in the world with me as long as they had indoor plumbing."

When Harriet suffered a massive heart attack and began hemo-dialysis in 2001, we continued to travel and minister as mission representatives. Her health prohibited her to travel in 2006. My ministry changed to full time care-giver, and her ministry changed to "missionary to the medical profession."

Here's a note in her journal in April, 2009: "I'm so grateful for God giving me more time to live with Dun and my family. I just pray that I will be responsible to witness and to be obedient to the Lord." And she was faithful unto death!

Now I am ready to get back "on the road" and carry on where I left off traveling and preaching. Pastor Mike has advised me not to make any major decisions for one year. But here are some things you can pray for me now:

- Wisdom in scheduling my travel
- Openings and opportunities to preach in the Southeast and the Northwest
- Preparation for being the keynote speaker for the Islands Field Conference in Papua New Guinea in June
- Wisdom in what to do with my house while

I'm on the road

•Financial provisions for the ministry ahead

Our Lord has provided for [Dun's daughter] Kristie to come home for the month of February. She was not able to be here for Harriet's memorial service, so this will be a time for much grief and mourning and hopefully for some closure for both of us. She'll be a big help to me in decisions about some of Harriet's things.

Thank you for letting me share these things with you. And thank you for praying for me. 🌍

## Hungary Kaylene Ball

Hi Everyone!

How can I keep from singing His praise? I'm excited to share about what's happening in Hungary. I have a pretty full plate right now, and the tasks are increasing and the opportunities seemingly endless. I am growing to love my students more every day. Even the naughty ones *have* found a special place in my heart. :)

The best news is that my student Viola, for whom I asked prayer in a previous letter, has received the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior! I am so pleased to see her desire to understand the Bible and get to know her Maker personally. We will be starting a Bible study to "explore Christianity" with Viola as well as another student who is interested (another answer to prayer!) They are both really excited, as am I. An American missionary, Vivian, will be helping me, as well as my friend Reni, a native Hungarian, who will translate for us.

Also! We had been praying for permission to start an English Bible class at the university in Győr. The permission has been granted, even to our surprise, and we are once again reminded that when God is in something, even blockaded doors burst open.

So February holds some new things for which I would love prayer (because I've been reminded so much lately how God hears our prayers!!). First, the **Bible study with the girls**, my students. And also **the new class at the University**. As of now, the plan is to share the task of teaching this class with my friend Jeff, also an American missionary. Please pray that God would bring people to the class to hear His word as we boldly try to share.

I LOVE IT HERE! And I love being a witness to the work of the Lord. I'm doing what I've always wanted to do with my life. The other day I was remembering back to when I was around seven years old. I remember telling my sister, "We need to have a

Bible study with the neighbor girl because she isn't a believer." I don't remember the details or what all was going on in my little mind, but I mentioned the idea to that teenage neighbor girl. Somehow, it never got off the ground). I think it's so fun (in a serious kind of way) to be doing something that has been in my heart to do. Who knew ministry could be "livin' the dream?" I've had my share of struggles but am blessed beyond measure. So many of you have been answers to prayer as you have given and prayed for me, enabling me to do full time ministry here. THANK YOU.

I'm so far away, but I think of so many of you so often.

PS: Since I wrote this yesterday there has been another huge praise. A young man received the Savior as his Lord at the Bible study last night, and it was such a joyful time! Just wanted to share that with you all. Praise the Lord for the many great things He is doing. He is hearing and answering your prayers!

Christ says, *"I am the Vine, ye are the branches" He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*" John 15:5 🌍

Love always,  
Kaylene



Cintia, Ramona, Rebeka, me



A bunch of my students from several different grades. The girl standing next to me is Viola.

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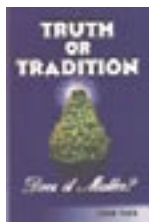


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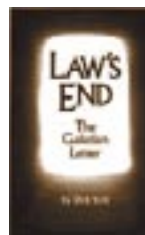


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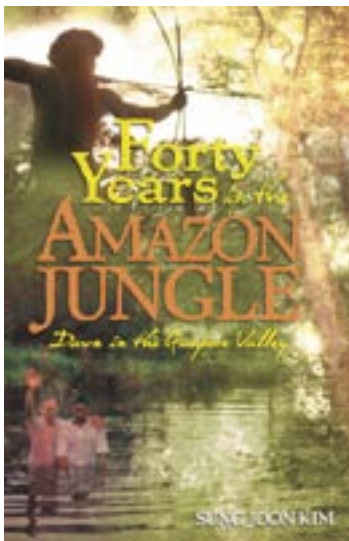
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# What Is the Greatest Need on the Mission Field?

By Dun Gordy

[*Editor note: Dun Gordy has served the Lord with New Tribes Mission since the 1970s. In 2010 Dun's wife Harriet went to be with the Lord. He has been a welcome speaker at past conferences. See Missionary News for an update on recent events.*]

What is the greatest need on the mission field? (Hint – it is not money).

I remember reading a children's edition of the life of David Livingstone. He said, "I have seen the smoke of a thousand villages where the name of Jesus has never been heard." And that was just a portion of the continent of Africa.

When Cam Townsend founded the organization now known as Wycliffe Bible Translators, he estimated that there were approximately 2,000 people groups without the gospel in their language. Then came New Tribes Mission in 1942, and, rather than make a new count, they took this number and began to ask God for enough missionaries to reach "new tribes until we reach the last tribe."

Wycliffe has continued to expand into more and more language groups and increased their production of New Testaments every year. New Tribes Mission has grown to one of the largest church-planting missions in the world.

BUT in spite of all the efforts the crisis still remains, about which our Lord prayed in His time here on earth. In fact, I think it is one of the very few personal prayer requests He left us. (Luke 10:2) "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

By God's grace, and for His dear sake, I want to have an active, aggressive part in helping to get this task completed. I still want to GO! But if I cannot GO in person, I want to GO by proxy. I want to send as many others in my place as I can challenge, recruit and help send!

Acts 15:36: "And some days after Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go again and visit

our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, and see how they do."

I am planning that trip to Papua New Guinea to visit our GRANDkids this spring. But I've told them that is not the only purpose of my trip. I have a great desire to visit again in some of the tribal locations where I have been over the years. I want to put my arms around some of those missionaries and tell them how greatly I appreciate them. I want to urge them to press on and not let up. I want to see Heti and Kokore and some other men and women in our Bena village that I've prayed for since Harriet and I spent summers out there. These folks are new creatures in Christ since I saw them last! I want to visit our school for missionary kids and thank the teachers and dorm parents, maintenance men and women in the offices for their service to our young people and their parents.

I also want to visit in the churches of the Pacific Northwest, where I have preached since 1974. I want to challenge God's people there to pray and to give and to GO! I believe there are more believers there who can and will step up and step out, and I want to help them catch the vision!

I am excited at the prospects which lie ahead!

## *Harriet's "Honey Do" List*

For the past year Harriet had been telling me "when I'm gone I want you to..." She did not write these ideas down on paper, but I wrote them in my memory and have begun to try to follow her instructions. Here's some of that list:

- Get back on the road *preaching*
- Go to Oregon to see our kids
- Go to Papua New Guinea and see our kids in Hoskins
- Visit our friends and our church in Baker City, Oregon

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## **A Testimony From a Brother in Texas**

The Lord has put it on my heart to go back down to the Alamo and preach. I haven't done that in a lot of years.

When there were opportunities to go, I never felt spiritual enough. Of course, that was the warfare. If we wait till we *feel* spiritual, then we won't preach much. Your example and the young men that were with you, God used to give me a kick in the pants. Today I went downtown and had purposed to go down there at 11 a.m. No reason that time was special—it was just the time I randomly picked. When I got to Alamo Plaza, it was packed with hundreds of people. The street to the north of the plaza was blocked off and hundreds of people were waiting as if a parade was coming soon. It was the start of the stock show and rodeo, and they were about to run the bulls they use at the rodeo down the street. Then Satan really started to pour the heat on. *They will arrest you, or you haven't preached for a long time;*

*and you won't be effective.* On and on he went. I was determined to go through with it (fasting and prayer helped to win the battles.) I told the Lord that it doesn't matter if I don't speak well. He is the one that gets the glory. I'm His vessel. He can use me however He chooses. The Lord also reminded me that grace comes when we need it, not before, so walk by faith and don't shrink back. Also *open your mouth and I will fill it.*

That was probably the clearest presentation of the gospel that I have ever given. I believe it was Jesus and not me. I could relax and think on my feet, and the Word kept coming. There were three different mockers who came, and God gave me instant wisdom as to what to do so that a good testimony could be maintained. There were Christians there from other fellowships passing out tracts. It was a blessing. I can't wait to go back! I also started preaching at the nursing home where my mom lives. That has also been good. Pray that the saints that meet with us will come. I know this would be a great discipling tool in their lives. 🙏