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John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”



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Dear Friends,

It's amazing to me how you can read the Bible through so many times and yet always glean new truths. There are times when I read the Bible and I see passages I have seen before and those passages speak to the situation I'm going through. Recently I was struggling with criticisms from people. I was thinking I was alone in my battles as people were flinging insults and criticisms. As I was reading the Bible through I saw how often people who did God's will were criticized. Even Jesus, who is the Son of God was criticized.

After Lazarus died, Jesus went to see Mary and Martha. The scripture says "Jesus wept." The people standing there criticized Jesus asking why Jesus who is all powerful, didn't keep Lazarus from dying. It seems that people will always find fault especially when they are not willing to help. I'm thankful for God's Word as I was comforted knowing that God's people often endured ridiculing, mocking, and or criticism.

The other day while reading, I saw that God sent His angel to go before the children of Israel as they wandered through the desert. I believe that angel was Jesus. Once again I'm blessed to see God's provision of guidance for His people. It's reassuring to me to know, that the Holy Spirit leads and guides us even today. When I'm open to the Holy Spirit's guidance and direction, He will lead the way. These are just some of the reasons that I love God's Word and have passion to get His Word around the world. Especially to those in persecuted countries. I believe there is no greater gift than giving someone the Gospel and the Word of God in their language.

Since the beginning of this year God has blessed us to get 11,000 Spanish Bibles into Venezuela. The reports, pictures and testimonies we receive back are truly encouraging. One Customs officer saw the Bibles coming in and he said that the Bible was the best gift for the Venezuelans because it contains the hope of Jesus Christ! We have partnered with a ministry in Europe and have just sent 50,000 more Spanish Bibles in and they have been safely delivered. Our contacts are working to distribute them now. While working to get them in, our contact reported that many people came together to move 20,000 Bibles. She offered to pay the two workers at the warehouse who helped them but instead they asked if they could have a Bible of their own. She gladly gave them a copy of God's Word.

Our teams continue to carry Bibles into closed countries and by God's grace our teams get safely through customs and then on to deliver the Bibles. I wish you could see joy on people's faces when they receive a Bible in their own language. This year we have been sending out more Bibles to help strengthen the Church and help equip the saints to share the Gospel with the lost, those without God and without hope.



Teams going to Honduras have carried Bibles donated by your generous giving. These Bibles have been given to school kids who have put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Bibles have gone into jails in Mexico and Venezuela and even into jails in a restricted country, proving that God's Word is not chained but rather, is sent forth to accomplish His plans and purposes. Bibles have been delivered to believers living in cities and in remote villages. Young and old are receiving God's Word because of the love and compassion of God's people. In one country, over 13,000 Bibles were provided to more than 13,000 men who formerly were Muslims and have come to faith in Jesus Christ. These men are being trained as church planters as the Gospel spreads throughout their country. For years we helped send Bibles to Iran and provided Bibles to Iranian refugees living in Turkey. What a joy to hear of the revival taking place in that country. We plant the Word and God brings forth the growth. In tribal villages throughout Southeast Asia many of the Hmong Christians have a Bible because of generous donors and people willing to carry God's Word in.

Almost 30 years ago we were asked if we would help get Bibles to 300,000 Hmong people in SE Asia as they only had 600 New Testaments for 300,000 believers. God continues to bless us as we have worked diligently to get Bibles to these precious saints. The work continues on as there are over 700,000 believers in just one country; but estimates say that there are more than one million believers now.

The number of believers grows and so does the need for scripture. One Bible can impact so many lives! With the increased persecution of Christians in China we can only trust that the value of God's Word will increase. In a closed Latin American country we continue to work to gather teams who will carry Bibles and much needed supplies to help strengthen the Church and reach the next generation with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (As I write this I'm flying to meet a team and together we will deliver more Bibles to these wonderful brothers and sisters). God could have accomplished His work with Angel's but He gives us the opportunity of sharing in the work, whether, praying, giving or going, we all have a part to play.

In Pakistan we are excited for the opening of Safe Haven, a children's home with the purpose of providing a safe place for children. We are working to rescue kids coming off the streets but also trying to protect orphaned kids from being homeless on the streets. God has blessed us to be able to provide tens of thousands of Urdu Bibles for the people of Pakistan. Our goal is to share the hope of Jesus Christ with the Pakistani people and to see God raise up a glorious Church that longs for her Lord and Savior. As we reach out in Pakistan the need for more Bibles continues to increase. We need your help to provide more Urdu Bibles. The Bibles cost \$4.40 each and our goal is to help the poor Christians who cannot afford a Bible. (Many of these people make \$1-\$3 per day which is barely enough to put food on their tables). These Bibles will also be given to those who are searching for the truth of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to support this project our goal by the end of December is to raise \$88,000. to provide 20,000 more Bibles to help strengthen persecuted Christians in this country. Thank you for letting us be ambassadors for Jesus Christ.

God bless you,

Patrick and Staff.

