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March 2023 Newsletter

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Php 3:14

March and April are special months for me and Judy; March 28th marked forty-three years of marriage and May will be 48 years since we went on our first date in high school and it has been the greatest journey of our lives. April we will begin our 36th year as missionaries with the Rock of Ages and May is the 32nd year since the Lord led us to begin the foreign outreach of the ministry. As we think about the many faithful friends that have supported us over the years both financially, prayerfully and carried our burdens. We felt like the Apostle Paul did and just believed that we would **'press on'**. Each time we send out a newsletter we share what the Lord has done through our partnership together. I am so amazed at how the Lord has allowed us to see so many saved and so many now serving the Lord faithfully around the world. It is a great joy to look back and rejoice. However, that was yesterday and today there is still many that need to hear the greatest story ever told. We look forward to laboring together with you as we press toward the mark **'for the prize'**!

Praise the Lord again for a great meeting with our annual Alabama Campaign. This year marked the 13th year since the Lord laid on my heart to have a place where folks could come and spend a week on the mission field. This year was a great challenge. Three of our major institutions were locked down and with a team of over 95 volunteers we began to pray that the Lord would open doors to the other institutions. At the end of the week, thousands of pieces of material were passed out, over 900 men and women attended the services and 115 souls were saved, Praise the Lord!

It was such a privilege to be able to spend a week with several of the Rock of Ages missionaries and volunteers at the home office. We worked together in building a much-needed addition to the ministry's office. I pulled out my old tools and was able to do the electrical work and oversee the moving of the walk-in cooler. Praise the Lord for the most part, I remembered how to do the work. Following

the work week, it was back to Vice President work as I was privileged again to teach various classes in our new Candidate Class. Praise the Lord we had three new missionary families added to the ministry.

Prayer Request:

- We will be on the road for 6 weeks in April and May with meetings in Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, Alabama and Florida. Pray the Lord will keep us safe and use us for his glory.
- The Rock of Ages Annual Conference will be held this year at the Shenandoah Baptist Church in Cleveland, TN. Please pray for this meeting and pray about joining us. The dates are July 31-August 3, 2023.
- Ricky has been having some health issues again. Please pray that the doctors help find the reason for periodic fatigue. One doctor said, "Maybe you should consider slowing down a little". Well, with the prayers of God's people I believe, we will just press on.

Thank you again for your faithful friendship and support.
God Bless.

Your Missionaries,
Dr. Ricky Dunsford
Missionaries Ricky and Judy Dunsford

2 Corinthians 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.



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“And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.” Luke 5:7

Peter has just declared to the Lord that he and his partners had toiled all night and had taken nothing. In Peter's eyes, the place where they had been fishing was destitute of any hope of gain. Though they had the necessary experience and the present expectation of gain and the available tools (the boats and nets), they concluded there was no need to continue. They had already come to shore and were washing their nets. The scripture says that when the Lord had left off speaking, he told Peter to let down his net. Peter though doubtful anything would come out of his efforts, he followed the command of the Lord. The result was so overwhelming that immediately Peter realized he would need help. The net was breaking and the ships were sinking. Peter had gone out with one ship and one net, but the harvest was so plenteous the only way to accomplish the task would be with the help of his partners and the use of their ship. Every day we hear the cry of our foreign partners to come and help them. We realize that the harvest is so plenteous and only through faithful partners can we gather in all that the Lord has sent us to reach. Thank you again for partnering with the men and ladies on the foreign field to share the gospel to the regions beyond.

Papua New Guinea

The recent February trip to Papua New Guinea was an opportunity to introduce to teams of national pastors and their churches as to how they could reach their local schools and prisons, it was exciting. *“The Lord blessed our trip to Papua New Guinea with 8 professions of faith in Christ Jesus during the church services – Amen! The prison ministry began while we were there with Bible Baptist Church of Kimbe being the first church in five years to preach in the women and men's prisons. The team was able to preach, pass out hundreds of tracts and the Lord blessed*

with 112 professions of faith in Christ! Rock of Ages Missionary John Shelly

Ghana West Africa

The February report from our partners shares we are still getting Bibles and materials into the prisons. In the month of February our partners preached 51 services across the country with an attendance of 4753 and 251 professions of faith in our Lord.

Romania

Last year with our 95 volunteer partners we saw the following results:

1. 524 preaching services were held in 22 prisons
2. Over 2500 prisoners were in attendance
3. 201 prisoners made Professions of Faith
4. 154 prisoners completed the New Testament Prisoner's Bible Institute lessons.
5. We were able to help several Ukrainian refugee families with food, medical and housing.

We are presently working with partners in 20 countries and thanks to your faithful partnership thousand here the gospel in jails, public schools and prisons. Thank you again for partnering with us to share the gospel around the world.

In Christ's Service,

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