



March 2024 Newsletter

“In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;” 2Co 11:26



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Surely, we cannot compare ourselves to the perils of the Apostle Paul in the above verse. However, we do understand the statement of ‘journeyings often’.

Since we began our journey with the Rock of Ages, 36 years ago this April, we have driven over a million miles and flown over two million. We have worn out at least 10 vehicles (some almost worn out when we started with them), and if memory serves, we have flown 15 different airlines. As I think on our journeys, I just praise the Lord for all that have given that we may go, that prayed often that our journeys have been with very few perils and those who travel with us at times to encourage us on the way. Thank you again for journeying with us as we share the glorious message of our wonderful LORD.

At 66 years old, though a little slower, I still have the desire to stay on the journey. Since our last letter we have traveled over 4000 miles and been on the road for 38 days. The Lord again has given us safety and has supplied all our needs.

We completed our first annual Ministers Practical Training Classes at the home of office of the Rock of Ages. We have gotten great response from the missionaries and pastors that attended. This is a great time to hear from different men of God on dealing with practical needs in the ministry. The classes will be held the first full week of February each year. Please pray about joining us in 2025.

It was then off to our annual Alabama Campaign. The Lord answered so many prayers this year. The Lord gave us great favor with the officials opening the door to places we thought were closed. There were over 1100 men, women and juveniles that attended the services, and thousands of pieces of literature were given out during visitation and Praise the Lord there were 182 saved. I believe that next year’s meeting will be one of the greatest we have experienced. Put in your calendar the last Monday through Thursday of February, 2025 and come join us in this great mission field.

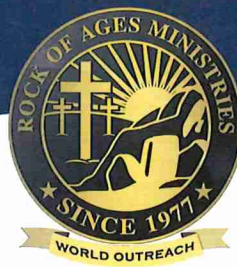
As I write this letter, we are teaching in our Missionary Candidate classes. We have five families here this week preparing for their journeys as missionaries. Please pray for the Lord to continue to add families to the Rock of Ages.

The next few weeks are packed with mission conferences, special meetings and our Spring meeting at the Bland Correctional Institution in Virginia. Pray the Lord will begin to work in the hearts of men and women.

Thank you again for being faithful as we journey together with our Lord in sharing the greatest story ever told that Jesus Saves.

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



“Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.” John 15:16

Dear Faithful Partners,

For over three decades, the Rock of Ages has been working on foreign soil. Not long after the first trip abroad, the Lord laid on my heart the concept of the Titus Partner outreach. Understanding the great commission of our Lord was for all believers to go into the world and make disciples. I began to pray how we could help God’s people to be personally involved in teaching others. Through the faithful giving and praying of God’s people, we could all invest in the lives of a foreign national to help them reach their schools, jails and prisons. Many of you have been faithful from the very beginning and several have joined in recent years. As a result, we have trained hundreds of men and women; that today continue to reach their countrymen with the gospel.

In the above verse, I thought on fruit that remains. Thayer says the word ‘remain’ means to stay or to abide. Of our foreign national missionaries, there are five families that have faithfully served with the Rock of Ages over 20 years and Brother Mircea Cristian in Romania has served with the Rock of Ages for 30 years. Truly, they are fruit that remains. Several of our national men have gone on to start churches in their countries and continue to teach their people to reach their local jails and prisons.

At the present time, we have three new national families that are praying about joining the ministry as missionaries. It will be such a blessing to invest in their lives.

From the Field:

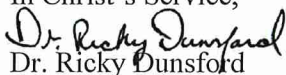
For the past two years, we have partnered with several national pastors in Papua New Guinea. These men are working faithfully in their local jails and prisons and are seeing men and women saved on a weekly basis. In addition, they are discipling the new converts, and many are faithfully attending church services.

Even with turmoil in the Middle East, our national Egyptian missionary is seeing tremendous growth in his church and is able to preach the gospel to hundreds of prisoners on a regular basis. This is amazing considering this is a Muslim nation. The Lord has truly shown this dear missionary favor. Please pray for Brother Aymen, he totally depends on receiving support from the states. He has nowhere to raise the funds in his own country.

The Lord has added several new missionary families to our Brazil team. We now have seven families serving in the country. Pray as these new families set out raising support. Thanks for all that have been helping us pay off the loan on the new Brazil office, Praise the Lord we are halfway there.

“Recently we held a State Minas Gerais Prison Campaign, with over 15 volunteers and missionaries we preached to over 2000 inmates. During the three-day revival, we preached 15 preaching services and saw 158 men pray to receive Christ as their Saviour. In addition, we were able to share the Prison Prevention Program to 400 students in a local public school.” Missionary John Alves, Brazil

PRAISE THE LORD FOR FRUIT THAT REMAINS!

In Christ’s Service,

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Vice President

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