



June-July 2024 Newsletter



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"And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them." Act 16:10

Judy and I have been involved in missions by both giving and going our entire Christian life. For years, we have heard mission messages and read articles where Acts 16:9 was the key verse. The Apostle Paul speaks of the vision received where he saw a man of Macedonia praying that he would come over into Macedonia, and help. I have myself many times preached that if the world is to be reached with the gospel, we must go where they are. While looking at this verse again my thoughts were directed at the next verse. Paul says after he had seen the vision, immediately or without hindrance or hesitation, he endeavored to go. Paul's vision of a people in need and an open door to preach the gospel pressed him. The thing that caught my attention was in verse 9; Paul says it was his vision. However, in verse 10 Paul says, *we endeavored*. Paul surely shared his vision and others joined him on his journey. Thanks to all that have joined us in our vision to go and preach the gospel to those that cry out for help.

I normally take the month of June to catch up on much needed work around the house. I was cleaning up around our place and took a few things out to the edge of the road where our county will do a pick-up of old household items and while putting out a couple old vacuums and some other small metal items a car pulled over and a man asked, *"Can I have that old stuff? I pick up old scrap for a living."* I then told him you are welcomed to it and if you like I have more in my back yard. As he was loading the material, I asked about his salvation and he shared with me a great testimony. I begin to tell him that I was a missionary to the prisoners. He looked at me and said have you ever been to a particular prison in Louisiana? I told him I had and what year I was there.

He began Praise the Lord and said, I thought I knew you. I came to your revival when I was incarcerated. The Lord sure has a way to encourage us and to refresh our vision.

The past couple of months we have been privileged to preach and challenge the work of missions in several churches. Please help us pray that more would get a vision of a world in need of the gospel.

Prayer Needs:

- Remember the Rock of Ages Annual Conference the end of July. This is one of the most encouraging times for our missionaries. Pray the Lord will give traveling mercies as our missionaries travel in from around the world.
- Pray for our upcoming candidate school in September. Pray that the Lord will send forth laborers.
- Pray for Ricky's trip to Brazil the end of September
- Please help us pray about the need to make a special trip to Romania. Pray the Lord will supply the finances.
- Continue to pray for the need for Bibles and New Testaments.

Thank you again for your faithful support in both giving and praying.

In Christ Service,
Dr. Ricky Dunsford
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.



June-July Titus/International

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 2Ti 2:2"

The Lord left us with the great commission to go into all the world and teach all nations. The idea is to teach others to become teachers. Paul is exhorting Timothy to look for faithful men and to commit to them, or to invest yourself in their life. Teach them to become teachers! But to do more than just instruct them about things, but bring them to a place that they themselves are teachers. The ministry then continues from one generation to another.

Thirty-three years ago, we made our first trip overseas as a ministry. In the beginning, our primary goal was to evangelize the prisons of the world. The Lord began to raise up men with the same burden to reach the prisoners of their nation. Time after time I received the request, "Please teach us how". We begin to teach how to approach prison officials, what to expect from prisoners and prison staff, safety concerns while in an institution, along with many more things needed to be effective in the institution. We then begin to realize that we had need to learn the various customs and cultural differences and of course the language barrier. The Lord then gave me the scripture to begin what has been the Titus Partner Outreach.

The idea was to partner individuals and churches in committing to faithful men. Over the years, your investments in the Titus Outreach has taught thousands of volunteers and partners that now teach others in their countries to become teachers. Many foreign families that began as volunteers have surrendered their lives and now serve as pastors, missionaries, and faithful servants throughout their countries. Many of these foreign families have faithfully served as missionaries with the Rock of Ages for thirty years.

Thanks to your faithful commitment to give and pray for the Titus Outreach the ministry has fulltime volunteers, partners and missionaries

serving on six continents. Every day somewhere in the world a Rock of Ages taught worker goes into a prison or public school and preaches and teaches the Word of God. Everyday somewhere in the world sinners are saved thanks to your faithfulness.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A FAITHFUL PARTNER!

- This year marks the thirty years that Brother Mircea and Sister Ronela Cristian have served as missionaries with the Rock of Ages. Brother Mircea is the first foreigner to be accepted as a missionary with the Rock of Ages. Thousands of Romanian prisoners have been saved and discipled through the work of this dear family.
- 257 saved in the prisons this month was the report from Brazil. Over twenty years ago, you committed to teaching faithful men in Brazil. Today eight Brazilian families serve as Rock of Ages Missionaries.
- Please remember the work in Papua New Guinea. The partners conducted 5 services, with 226 in attendance and 27 professions in Christ Jesus- Amen! There are 22 provinces in the country with a prison in each province. We have access to 5 prisons now and praying to reach all 22 in the coming years. Missionary John Shelley

Thank you again for being faithful to our Lord to go into all the world and teach all nations.

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