



March – April 2025 Newsletter

*"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:"*  
*Ecclesiastes 3:1*



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Dear Faithful Friends,

It's hard to believe we are headed toward May 2025! Spring is in the air and Easter is a few days away. The past two months have been filled with much traveling. We have spent over thirty days on the road traveling 2700 miles driving and approximately 10,000 miles flying. The Lord has again been merciful to us.

The first of February began with a week at the Rock of Ages home office. This was the second year the ministry has held what we have named; Ministers Practical Training. It is a time several of our missionary leaders and pastors from across the country come together for practical training. The instructors are evangelist, missionaries and pastors that have decades of experience in special areas of service. The past couple years have proven to be of great value to those that have attended. Please pray about joining us next year, the dates are the first Monday through Thursday of February. There are daily sessions for preachers and their wives. The sessions will also help those that serve on ministry staff.

It was then off to our Annual Alabama Campaign. It's hard to believe it was over 17 years ago the Lord laid on my heart to have a place where preachers and volunteers could come together with a common goal to reach souls for the glory of our Lord. For the past three decades I have traveled throughout the world leading mission trips. I have seen several people return home from a distant country with a fire in their heart to either get more involved in the mission program of their church or surrender to go to the field as a missionary. Our Alabama meeting has been that sort of a meeting. With an old fashion camp meeting setting to start the day, to afternoon soul winning in multiple institutions and then several preaching services at night. This year there were 13 institutions reached, 1698 in attendance in the services, with a total from the daily visitation time to the various services there were **231 saved**. PRAISE THE LORD!

It was then back to Tennessee for a week of teaching in Candidate Classes. Praise the Lord that he continues to add families to the Rock of Ages. It is a great blessing for Judy and me to be a part of helping new families as they set out on their missionary journeys.

I was then back to Florida for a week and then off to Africa. As I write this letter, I am in a hotel room in Accra, Ghana West Africa. Over the years we have been able to partner with men that have faithfully served as pastors and workers in their local churches. These men have volunteered with us in reaching prisoners and public-school children on a regular basis for the past 6 to 8 years. We are spending a week with the men training them to become full time missionaries with the Rock of Ages. I am very impressed with the spiritual insight of each of these families and their true desire to see sinners saved. Praise the Lord we now have fulltime foreign missionaries in Zambia, Nigeria, Uganda and Ghana, Africa. Praise the Lord for **35 souls saved** while on the trip.

When you receive this letter, we will be in three states in meetings the remainder of April and in the country of Brazil in May. 1. Please pray for our spring meeting in Bland Correctional Institution in Virginia. 2. I have been asked to come and preach a youth meeting in Brazil. There will be several lost young people in attendance. Pray the Lord will begin to work in their hearts. 3. During the day we will holding leadership training for our ten Brazilian Missionary families.

Next, I have been asked to attend a special meeting in the country of Romania the end of August. This will be a tremendous opportunity to share the burden of the ministry with many High-Ranking Romania officials and to share the gospel as well. Pray the Lord will supply the funds to host this very special meeting. This has just come up in the last few weeks and my budgeting is not quite there for it. Please pray for the funds for this meeting. I believe with all that needs to be accomplished, the costs are near \$7,000. If you can help in any way, the Lord will be pleased and the people in Romanian would be blessed, and we could see Senators, Statesmen, and Governors come to know Christ as Savior!

This month begins the 38<sup>th</sup> year for Judy and me as missionaries. Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support.

Your Missionaries,

*Dr. Ricky Dunsford*  
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February-March Titus/International Newsletter

**“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.” II Timothy 2:2**

The month of May is the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first trip to the country of Romania. Today, the gospel is being preached on six habitable continents. Every hour of the day, somewhere in the world, a Rock of Ages missionary, volunteer or full-time worker is sharing the gospel to prisoners, public school children, colleges and university campuses and helping their local church reach their communities. It has now been over 30 years since the Lord laid on my heart to develop the Titus Partners Outreach. By the faithful support of God's people, we have been able to 'commit to faithful men and women' both through financial and physical help to reach their nations. Not a day goes by that somewhere in the world the gospel is not shared through preaching, teaching, material distribution and the supplying of Bibles to many that have never owned one. There are hundreds of families now faithfully serving the Lord in local Baptist churches. Many men have been called to preach the gospel; some are now pastoring others are missionaries and several faithfully return to the prisons and jails to tell others that Jesus can change their lives. Thank you again to all that are faithful in supporting our foreign families through the Titus Ministry. Please help us pray the Lord will add new partners monthly as the work grows tremendously.

A team of five of us just returned from Ghana, West Africa. Often, after a national volunteer has served with us for years, there comes the time they feel the call to full time missionary service. It has been our practice over the years to bring these families to the states in order to receive necessary training and introduce them to local pastors and churches. With the rapid growth of the work overseas and the need to include local pastors on the field, it has been our burden to take the Rock Ages Candidate Classes to the foreign field. The trip consisted of Brother Ramsford from Ghana, West Africa who has worked as a volunteer for over 8 years and presently overseas the work in 12 prisons. Then Brother John Julage, who has pastored in Uganda for over 30 years. Brother John has started 18 Baptist churches and for the past 5-6 years has volunteered with us in the public-school outreach. Brother John has a burden to reach all the schools in

his nation. The third young man Brother Samuel Ugwu has served with his pastor father in Nigeria and volunteered with the Rock of Ages for over 6 years. Brother Samuel is presently working in two prisons and several public schools. He feels the Lord has called him fulltime with the Rock of Ages. Also, in the classes was Brother Kephas who has been a missionary with the Rock of Ages in Zambia for ten years. Dr. Ellis and I had already asked our Board of Directors to vote on accepting these men based on our recommendation following the classes. Praise the Lord we believe the call of God is on these families and have given full endorsement to them to be missionaries with this great ministry. I will be sharing more about these families in the coming months. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **SPECIAL PRAYER**

As I write this letter, I am preparing for a trip to Brazil May 12. I have been invited to preach in a youth meeting where several churches are coming together to reach young people in their communities. Please pray the Lord will begin to work in their hearts. Pray for souls to be saved and for young people to surrender their lives to His services.

We have a tremendous opportunity in the country of Romania the end of August. We have been invited as a ministry to participate in a meeting with our volunteers across the country and many high-level government officials. If we could host this meeting there will be representatives from other countries. Not only will we be able to share and expand the work in Europe, but we will be able to share the gospel to these top officials. Would you pray with us for the financial needs of such a meeting. I will need to make the commitment by the end of May.

Thank you again for being a faithful partner.

In Christ's Service,

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