

April - May 2025 Newsletter

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:” 2 Thessalonians 3:1



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Over the past thirty-eight years as missionaries with the Rock of Ages, Judy and I have sent out hundreds of newsletters. It is always a great joy to share with faithful supporters what the Lord has done through our partnership. Through the years many have helped financially, or through a special need, but most of all through prayer. In every letter we try to express our thankfulness. We never get tired of thanking the Lord for our friends and to those that have invested both in our lives and ministry. Thanks to your faithfulness, the word of the Lord has had free course and we can truly glorify the work of the gospel. The greatest thanks we can extend comes from the many that have heard the gospel worldwide and now have an eternal home in Heaven.

The last couple months have been so busy on the road, we have traveled through several states and two foreign countries. In our last letter, we shared the trip to Africa. Through the teaching and working with our four missionary families, it is good to report that they are reporting souls saved in prisons and schools in their countries. Please continue to pray for the support of these men as they preach the gospel to their native people.

After Africa, it was home for a couple days and then I was privileged to be a part of teaching at the Lighthouse Children Home ministries in Tallahassee, FL. Judy and I enjoyed the three days with the workers. Please keep Pastor Mike Reason and all the staff in your prayers as they work to make a difference in the young girls' lives.

From Tallahassee it was off to Mt Airy, NC to start our semi-annual Bland Correctional Revival. For the last several years I have been able to work with a great team of men at this institution. It truly is one of my favorite meetings of the year. We have the greatest group of volunteers and some truly saved men in the prison. This year felt like old time church revival. Because of the size of the services, we had to hold our meetings each night in the gym. The crowd continued to grow each night with a total of 495 men out for the week and 14 saved. Over the

years, we have watched several men remain faithful serving while incarcerated. Many of these men have since been released and it is a great blessing hearing how they are serving the Lord now in their local communities.

It was then off to Cleveland, TN for a week of good old manual labor. For several years many of our missionaries have set aside time to come in and help with much needed repairs and maintenance of the facilities. It is always a great time to work together and praise the Lord for all he has provided for the ministry.

After leaving Tennessee, it was back home for four days then off to Brazil. The trip to Brazil went great. It has been over twenty years since my first trip to the country. The Lord has blessed the ministry over the years with hundreds of souls saved, many disciples and now serving the Lord throughout the country. The Lord has blessed the ministry with a great office facility and training center. There are 10 missionary families serving in the country and a few thousand inmates studying daily through the Prisoner's Bible Institute. With the continued growth, there is an ongoing need to advance leadership. I was privileged to spend a few days teaching on the subject matter of growth and leadership. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for the future.

Many of you have been praying for the youth meeting in Brazil. Each the night the church services were full, with several having to stand outside. The altars were full each night with young people making commitments to serve the Lord. One young family surrendered in the services to join the Rock of Ages. We praise the Lord for the four that were saved in the meeting.

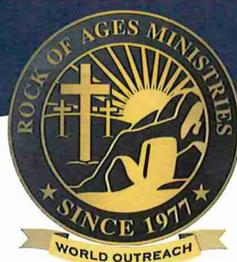
Thank you again for your faithful support and prayers.

Your Missionaries,

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.



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“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.” Proverbs 11:30

Strong's Concordance describes the word 'winneth' as to go and fetch. Growing up in the south I recall many times being told to go and fetch something. The idea was to go and get it and bring it back to the house or barn. Thanks to your faithful gift the Titus Partners Program enables our foreign partners to fetch lost sinners and bring them to the Lord. Not a day goes by that somewhere in the world someone has heard the gospel for the first time. Everyday, because of your faithfulness, souls are born into the family of God. Thank you for being a wise soul winner as we partner together to reach the world for the glory of our Lord.

From Our Partners Abroad

Middle East: Due to the delicate nature of the work in the Middle East, I limit the updates on the work. Rock of Ages Missionary Brother Aymen and his family face great persecution in a declared Muslim nation. Through the benevolent work in the prisons, the door is open to preach to hundreds on a regular basis. The church plant work is amazing since it has been decades since a Baptist church has been allowed in the region. Please continue to pray for the support of our missionary and for the ongoing needs of the church.

Africa: The work in 10 countries in Africa continue to grow with new open doors. Please join us in prayer for upcoming projects. The need to ship English Bibles to Ghana by August; with 44 prisons opened our partners are in need of Bibles and other printed materials. The Lord has opened the door for the ministry to hold a very large evangelistic campaign to thousands of refugees. A team of our missionaries will be joining several national partners in the month of October. The officials have already granted permission and the open door to preach to thousands is underway. Please help us pray for the needs to ship containers and to help with the national workers expenses for this trip.

South America: The Lord continues to open new regions throughout Brazil both in the prisons and public schools. Rock of Ages Brazil director John Alves recently met with the Secretary of State in São Paulo and the Lord moved on his heart opening up the doors throughout the nation. The Lord has just added a new family to the Brazil work giving 10 missionaries serving throughout the country. In a recent meeting, another young family surrendered to join the work. Please pray for the financial support of the Brazil ministry and the missionary families.

Romania: Please join us in prayer for a special meeting planned for August. I will personally attend the meeting along with key government officials. In addition, a Christian lady from England who specializes in trauma and mental health will be speaking in the daily seminar. There will be over 30 of our very faithful volunteers in these meetings. This is a great opportunity for us to share the value of preaching the gospel and what affect the gospel has when dealing with personal trauma and addictions. This could be the greatest opportunity for the Rock of Ages in several years.

There is much concern throughout the country of pending war in Europe and this could open tremendous opportunities to minister both in prisons and churches. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FINANCES. WE HAVE STEPPED OUT BY FAITH! We need at least \$5000 to meet the obligation to secure the facilities and other accommodations for the team.

Thank you again for having a burden for lost souls around the world

In Christ's Service,

Dr. Ricky Dunsford
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