



Family Newsletter

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Blessed Is The Nation Whose God Is The LORD



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Since July 4th is the day we celebrate the freedom we have in America, here are two quotes from Patrick Henry.

"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religions, but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ! For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum,

prosperity and freedom of worship here."

He also said, "Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Because of our missionary ministry, Alice and I have had the privilege to travel a good portion of the world. In many of the countries we have visited, the media and the press would have us to believe that some of them hate the USA. Yet, we have never failed to meet people in those countries who would give anything to live here. No matter if it is politically correct or not, America is great because it was founded by our forefathers who gave God His rightful place. Psalm 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD."

If we are going to be America, "One Nation, Under God," we must return to the truth of Scripture that God's provision for our spiritual freedom is found in His one and only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

When was the last time that we prayed for America and for those in our government? When the Pilgrims landed on Plymouth Rock, they knelt down upon the shore and thanked God for giving them this new land. America still needs God, but not only in our churches. We need Him in our government, our businesses, our schools, our homes and in our hearts. Do you know him as your Saviour?

If not, remember John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Receive Him today!



Bruce Cook

Servant's Mission
By
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Missions has been around a long time. Jesus was the very first missionary when He visited Adam and Eve in the Garden. We know that the Lord sent prophets of old who were missionaries in their own right. When we think of missions, we find it is of One to Whom we serve. It is Christ that saved us, and it is Christ that directs us, and it is God through Christ to Whom we serve. Colossians 3:24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

I am reminded of the scriptures in Mark 12:1-11 and the servant's attitude in going. I understand that this is a parable toward the Jews rejecting the prophets and rejecting Christ. However, when put in perspective of missionary service we see some great truths.

Speaking in a parable Jesus told of a vineyard of which he desired the fruit of that vineyard, so, he sent his servants to obtain that fruit. In fact, he sent many servants. Each servant suffered; each servant did the will of the master.

When we consider our own servitude, we must realize there is a certain amount of dying that takes place in the work of the Lord.

Dying To Self – The first servant went. "And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty" (Mark 12:3). Each subsequent servant knew the perils associated with his service. They had to die to self to go. They had to lay fears aside and go to obtain the fruit for the master. I am grateful for the missionaries today who go to obtain fruit for our Lord, who die to self and go. Please, do not quit.

Dying To Situations – Each servant had to die to the situation, set the situation aside, set the dangers aside and go. The mission was tough and it was dangerous yet they went. How many of our fine missionaries today have entered into fields that are tough and dangerous and while they know the situations, they still go.

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By Bruce Cook
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Praise God for missionaries who go; and go despite the situation. They are like Jesus who despised the shame and went for the joy set before him. There is joy in every salvation; there is joy in the very fruit of the labor. Please, do not quit.

Dying To Service – In other words, they had to give themselves completely to the task of serving the master. Each servant gave his all to the work, they gave their very lives. As we muse over missions both past and present, we can only marvel at those who give and give and give again. Please, do not quit.

One day, your labor will be recognized and there will be a new vineyard, a new place for all to rejoice in the fruit obtained. "Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:24).

News From the Field

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Standing in the doorway of a thatched roof hut, we looked inside: there in a hammock was a Mayan mother with an abscessed tooth that was severely infected. Sepsis had gone to her brain causing immobility. What could have been a simple health issue had come to the point of certain death. For most Mayan Villages there is no medical help within several hundred miles. Our hearts were broken for her and so many other people in similar situations. We knew God would do something. God Moves: Government officials in our area gave us 10 acres of property to start a clinic.

Mrs. Yates and I plan on using the clinic to reach into the Mayan villages that otherwise would be closed to outsiders. Our plan is to have one main clinic and a mobile clinic. Please pray with us as we enter this new phase of our ministry. Together we can see many souls saved and churches planted.

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We praise the Lord that both of our churches are growing spiritually and physically. A family that was helping in the work while we were getting medical attention in the U.S. did some soul winning training in Xenacoj. The next day they went out in the village to practice and 7 received Christ as savior! The most precious thing was watching one of our ladies sharing the Gospel to a group of woman in their native tongue, Cachiquel! The Lord is working.

Praise the Lord a new family of five joined in Santiago. The husband is blind and cannot work so the family became homeless. The church voted to allow them to live in the back rooms of the church until a house is built on a small piece of land they own. We never presented this need publicly, but prayed God would meet the need and only told a couple close friends about it. A gentlemen heard of the need and gave \$1000 to build the house. Another family sent a donation to furnish the house once finished. We cannot express how amazing it was to sit back and watch God work and provide. God continues to provide every need and show Himself faithful.

Editor's Notes

Do you have teenagers in your church with a desire to serve the Lord? Mission Possible Camp was established specifically for them; to cultivate the desire God has already placed in their heart. With all the usual fun of teen summer camp, Mission Possible Camp focuses on the Word of God, through missionaries and other volunteers, to develop in your youth a better understanding of the call of God and his purpose for their lives. Time is running out to register for this exciting adventure filled week of outdoor fun and spiritual growth and discovery!

Mission Possible Camp, July 15-19, 2019
Twin Lakes Christian Camp, Asheboro, NC
For information or registration?
Please call 904-810-2005

Below are those who participated in Candidate Training. Please pray for each as they seek to fulfil God's call!

