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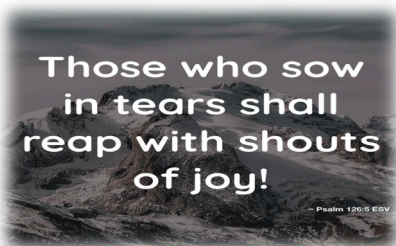
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Dear Co-laborers in Christ Jesus the Lord,

Notice these precious words, which the Holy Spirit inspired the prophet Isaiah to pen over seven centuries before the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ, "And He bore the sin of many, and MADE INTERCESSION for the TRANSGRESSORS". The ministry of evangelistic intercession is sometimes called "The triangle of prayer"; for evangelistic intercession always involves the person who is praying; the Person to whom he is praying; and the person for whom he is praying. The faithful evangelistic intercessor identifies with the unconverted sinner to such a degree, that he is willing to get personally involved in fervent and faithful prayer for their conversion. One of the most precious privileges we have, as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, is to take part in God's great work of making sinners His holy habitation, through the means of evangelistic intercessory prayer. Therefore, while hoards of contemporary churches are constantly seeking more carnal techniques and tactics to reach people, God is seeking for resolute and impassioned 'prayer warriors' who will stand in the gap, to intercede for the lost souls of people within their sphere of influence. At the same time, we would all have to admit, one of the most challenging battles in our walk with the Lord is to remain passionate and persistent in this vital area of evangelistic intercession for the unconverted people, which God has placed within our particular circle of impact. Charles Spurgeon has well said, "We are best equipped to testify to men and women, when we have been wrestling with God on behalf of those men and women."

Isaiah 53:12b reveals that the intercession of the Lord Jesus Christ was a vital part of his entire life and work. For the Great and Final Prophet was not only interceding for the mocking mob, when He prayed, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing". The intercessory work of our Great High Priest refers to all that was involved in His sinless life; His substitutionary wrath-bearing death; His triumphant resurrection and His ascension to the right hand of the Father, where He ever lives to make intercession for the saints! Our Lord and Savior stood between Holy God and sinners, by enduring and exhausting the full equivalent of an eternity of the just wrath of God in the place of and on behalf of every sinner who will repent and believe the Gospel. Moreover, Jesus was interceding for us when He lived a perfectly righteous life, which we could have never lived. He was interceding for us in John 17, only hours before He would go to the Cross, not only as the Great High Priest, but also as the Lamb of God! Even at this very moment, He is at the right hand of the Majesty on High interceding for the love gift that the Father has given to Him.

Precious brothers and sisters, our Great High Priest has fulfilled His finished work in sacrifice and He continues to fulfill His work of intercession even now! Oh, but we have an essential responsibility to be a faithful intercessor, as one of God's ordained means to gather in the bride of Christ. Our prayers for any sinner, who is still breathing God's air, are in perfect concert with God's earnest desires that they would come to a saving knowledge of the Gospel. (1 Timothy 2:4) Therefore, if our lives are being moved along by the Spirit of God we should be in concert with God's earnest desires for the salvation of sinners. Are you experiencing, at least to some degree, the travail of the Lord Jesus for lost souls? Is this anguish of heart for the lost compelling you to be involved in passionate and persistent intercessory prayer? How long has it been since you wept for one lost soul? **(continued)**



The psalmist declared, “He who continually goes forth WEeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.” The weeping intercessor shall eventually become the rejoicing winner of souls. For the Lord who wailed over Jerusalem will not be indifferent to an intercessor with has an anguish of heart over lost sinners. God will turn that weeping into rejoicing, when He employs that intercession as one of His sovereign means in the redemption of that soul! Passionate and persistent prayer is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior. Our Savior welcomes intercession on behalf of any sinner, because that prayer is consistent with His nature as a Savior; His sincere desire for the sinner’s salvation; and His sovereign purpose to put the glory of His amazing grace, marvelous mercy and astounding love on eternal display.

INDIA ZOOM CONFERENCE

Recently, I was privileged to teach pastors and church planters from all over the nation of India through a Zoom Conference. Our study focused of this vital issue of “Evangelistic Intercessory Prayer”! There was a large gathering of brothers in attendance via Zoom, from all over the mammoth nation, in which the dominant religion is the deep darkness of Hinduism. Yet, the glorious Gospel is going forth through these dear brothers and sisters, in the face of extreme persecution from Hindu extremists. The ministry of OPEN DOORS reports that, “Christians are accused of following a ‘foreign faith’ and blamed for bad luck in their communities. These believers are often physically attacked and sometimes killed, as well as being under constant pressure from their family and community to return to Hinduism. If they do not ‘re-convert’, their community may boycott them, with a devastating effect on their ability to earn an income. Many believers are isolated and are not in personal contact with any other Christians”. And yet, in the face of this constant threat of persecution, these precious pastors and church planters are faithfully employing God’s means to carry out God’s great mission.



It was a tremendous joy to my soul to see a multitude of brothers, whom God has allowed me to teach in past years, eagerly gathering to attend these Zoom meetings. The continuing threat of Covid-19 has made it impossible to teach in person. As a matter of fact, I was in a particular state in India, which maintains anti-conversion laws, holding a secret conference with 150 church planters, when the outbreak of Covid-19 occurred! But, I thank God for these opportunities to hold ‘Zoom Conferences’ in both India and Africa. I long for the day when the ‘face to face’ opportunities will open once again. I stand on the sovereignty of our Lord, in relation to these presently closed doors of ‘in person’ conferences. I can trust that ‘the counsel of the Lord stands forever, and the plans of His heart is for all generations.’ I have absolute confidence in the promise that God’s counsel shall stand, and He will accomplish all of His purposes.

TWO CHURCH MEETINGS AND MANY ONE-DAY OPPORTUNITIES

The Lord gave me a blessed time of ministry in four churches in three different states, since our last newsletter. I have had an ongoing and precious relationship with Woodside Baptist Church in Ocala, FL for many years. Pastor Kenny Rodrigue is a dear brother in the Lord with an evangelistic heart; and a passion to feed and lead the local flock of Christ. I was privileged to teach five sessions on the subject of ‘True and Spiritual Worship’. It was thrilling to see a consistent and hungry crowd throughout all of the services, even in the midst of Covid-19. Also, I was graced with the joy to minister, for the 1st time, at First Baptist Jonesboro, LA in a 4-day meeting. Again, the people of God were faithful to come under the preaching of God’s word and they responded in a wonderful manner. Furthermore, I was blessed to preach ‘One-Day’ meetings to the precious brothers and sisters at Grace Baptist in Grand Bay, AL and Christ Evangel Church in Milton, FL. I am so very grateful for believers who are not afraid to continue to hold ‘special meetings’ in the midst of the ever-constant threat of this pandemic. All of these churches trust on the truth that our risen and reigning Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His Kingdom rules over all –including this current pandemic. No virus nor fear can diminish His worthiness to be worshipped by the people of God!

**'CHRIST-CENTERED EVANGELISM' OPPORTUNITY
AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF MOBILE!**



I was absolutely honored to fulfill the request of our precious pastor, Dr. Jay Robertson, to teach the 'Christ-Centered Evangelism' workbook in his 'Global Disciple-making Class' at the University of Mobile. Dr. Jay, as the students call him, is the professor of Systematic Theology and a number of other courses. I was overjoyed to accept his invitation to teach this study to his students. Each one of them is enrolled in 'The Center for Christian Calling'. The teaching encompassed nine 'one hour and twenty minute sessions', in which I was privileged to pour the truths of 'Christ-Centered Evangelism' into their ears and their lives. Please pray with me, that the truths of this study will give them a passion and a purpose to do 'God's work; God's way; for God's glory!

I am so grateful that this particular study has now been translated into Russian, Romanian, Luganda, Swahili, Spanish and a number of different languages in the states within India. Brothers and sisters, you are an intricate part of all that continues to occur in the advancement of the Gospel in these opportunities within various nations. **Thank You!**

ONGOING MINISTRY AT THE MISSION OF HOPE

Brothers and sisters, at a time when opportunities for evangelism seemed to be shutting down among many, we are absolutely thrilled to watch God's mighty activity in the redemption of souls! I am having more glorious and continuous 'Gospel opportunities' and discipleship opportunities' than I have ever known! I have been given a weekly teaching and evangelistic ministry, (when I am in town), at both The Mission of Hope in west Mobile, AL. and The Home of Grace in Vancleave, MS. There are 5 faithful brothers, who regularly accompany me every Wednesday evening, to both evangelize and counsel these needy men. Usually, they are approximately 60 men who are in this program. We have witnessed the grace of God in the transformation of the lives of many men, who have been 'set apart from' their former life of addiction and 'set apart' unto a new life of following the Lord. This has also blossomed into a tremendous time of discipleship of the men who accompany me in this outreach.

MEN'S AND LADIES' COMMUNITY GROUPS

Both Dianne and myself have been privileged to begin a teaching ministry at our home church. Dianne and I are seeing the Holy Spirit do a wonderful work in the hearts of both men and women, from the ages of their early 20's to their early 80's! We are seeing answered prayers, salvation of souls and the edification of the saints. When I am called away to serve in other meetings, we are blessed to have other wonderful brothers worshipping with us, who are well able to 'rightly divide the Word' and feed the hungry men who are weekly coming under the Word. We are blessed indeed!

**ONGOING MONTHLY SUPPORT OF
CHURCH PLANTERS AND MISSIONARIES**

The 5-day 'evangelistic outreach meetings and revival meetings' in the U.S. have been few and far between, because of the concern over the pandemic in these unusual times. Yet, our Heavenly Father has enabled us to continue, and even expand our support for many church planters and missionaries in 4 different nations; along with various people groups throughout India! **(continued)**

It is all because you have not waned in your passion and purpose to stand alongside of this ministry in intercessory prayer and ongoing support! **Thank You!**

OUR HEARTS ARE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE FOR YOUR LOVE FOR US!

During this season in which we celebrate the greatest gift of all human history, we want to once again express our heart-felt gratitude for the precious sacrifice of love, prayers and giving to this ministry. It was 37 years ago, that our Lord gripped our hearts with the promise that He was going to be our Provider for every door of ministry, which He would open. Now, almost 4 decades later, we can testify that He has been faithful to allow us to be a channel of blessing in over 20 different nations, over 200 foreign mission trips, scores of evangelistic outreaches and church planters' training conferences, ongoing monthly support to many church planters in very difficult places of service...etc. We are very aware that God has chosen to use His children to stand with us in love, prayer and monthly support. As we contemplate on the greatest gift that has even been given, we also ruminate upon how our Heavenly Father has used many of you, to support all of these various areas of ministry that He has initiated in our lives. Dear friend, when our Sovereign Lord initiates ministry in our lives, He has always been faithful to supply for what He has initiated! Many of you have been willingly involved in the joy of giving to His work through these earthen vessels named Ed and Dianne Lacy. You have made friends for yourselves, whom you did not yet know, who will be your welcoming committee when you arrive in glory. You invested your love, your prayers and your gifts in the advancement of the Gospel and the training of Gospel missionaries. You have honored the Lord, by investing into things that have eternal value! Our hearts are overflowing with gratefulness that our Father has so worked in your hearts to co-labor with us. **Thank You!**

MAY YOU KNOW A JOYFUL AND WORSHIPFUL ADVENT SEASON!

It is our prayer that you may be gripped with the heart-transforming truth that Christmas is infinitely more than family gatherings and gift giving. It is dramatically more important than Christmas lights, holiday movies and sports ad infinitum. May each of our hearts be overwhelmed with the blessed truth that Jesus has come to save His people from their sins.

We find ourselves living in an atmosphere in which the vast majority of people have no clue of the glorious purpose of the celebration of the incarnation of God the Son. The condescension of God the Son in a stable in Bethlehem has been confused with the frenzied and materialistic commercialization of the world. Oh, but born again believers should be captivated with the glorious reality of 2 Corinthians 8:9, **"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."** Friend, it is that blessed motivation that will continue to energize me to GO and MAKE DISCIPLES, as long as God gives me the breath and the mind to do so. There is coming a day when we will rejoice forever in the eternal work that our Lord has accomplished through your love, prayers and faithful giving, which continues to allow me to herald the glorious Gospel. **Thank You!**

May each of us walk through this Christmas season with a heavenly perspective. May we set our affections on things above and not the things of this world. May we follow the path of our Lord and Savior to be fervent intercessors and faithful heralds of the good tidings of great joy.

Your Servants for Jesus Sake,

Ed and Dianne Lacy