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REJOICE! BE ENCOURAGED! GOD IS ON THE THRONE!

Many years ago, as a young (and very green) Pastor, I was **growing** through some trouble in the church and for weeks I was very distressed about it all. Eventually, the issues were resolved, the trouble passed and the following Sunday morning I bounded into our small church auditorium with a confidence that I had not felt for weeks. As she always was, Ms. Cloteen Estes, a dear white haired saint of God who now adorns Heaven, was sitting in her place waiting for the service to begin. I knew that she had been praying much for our little church and especially for me and I cheerily shouted out to her, "Well, Ms. Cloteen God is STILL on the throne." She graciously smiled (undoubtedly laughing inside at my circumstantial faith) and replied to my exuberance in a sweet yet cracked voice, "Well, Pastor, HE NEVER GETS OFF OF IT." I learned something that day!

It's easy to feel a sense of anguish, righteous indignation, and even despair as we watch the effects of corrupt politics, Covid, and the spirit of anti-Christ at work in the world – especially in our America. But, I want to encourage you today with some good news from a far country. There is also a mighty work of REVIVAL going on in foreign missions right now. I believe revival can come to individual local churches but I fear that it's ruin for America as a nation and personally I believe we are all imminently close to the rapture of the church. Still, in this late hour God is working in genuine MIRACULOUS fashion. EVERY missionary I talk to is giving testimony of souls saved, churches that are growing and God's grace being experienced in their ministry IN SPITE of the unprecedented challenges that Covid has presented. Technology is being used like never before to get out the gospel! Missionaries are not experiencing a drop in financial support but just the opposite, are experiencing record giving. Just this week we received over \$8000 to help purchase a utility truck. Three families that we have prayed for personally have had huge jumps in raising their support and will be on their field by Spring. Pastors in the US are leading their churches to go forward and to remain faithful refusing to give in to discouragement or be deterred by hardship. Pastors and churches in Canada and California faithfully press on in spite of intense government overreach. Undoubtedly, corporate persecution is coming to Christendom all around the world (and in an unprecedented way in our America) yet the work of the gospel goes on!

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.
Matthew 5:13

I just want to use this prayer letter to give a shout out to the mighty power of our Great GOD and the faithfulness of HIS people. Every one of you who pray for every one of us are a part of the amazing work that God is doing in far off places and only Heaven will tell the whole story. Here again is a bullet list of some of the wonderful things the Lord is doing at this time here in our part of the world:

- Ms. Pamela has started visiting and working with an orphanage, a new avenue of ministry for us
- Work has begun on the new church property. We have four weeks to construct semi-temporary structures and hope to begin services there on March 7th
- \$9000 has been promised for the purchase of the utility truck!! Only \$3000 more needed to finish the purchase and fit it with a hitch, side panels, and a pipe rack.
- 11 kids came today (in pouring rain) to a new Kids Bible Club on the new church property
- We just spent a week with Gladys planning a survey trip to the Northwest part of the country where we will send a church planter to support her efforts to evangelize the San (bush people) tribes in that remote region
- Cindy and I celebrate 30 years of marriage and ministry together on February 9th. What a wonderful life the Lord has given us together. We had no idea what it would be, where it would take us, or how it would challenge our faith but we're glad we let the Lord write the script!

We're working on a video update to be sent out soon that will feature the ministry team, the new property, and show a little "behind the scenes" stuff we hope you'll enjoy. **In closing, we'd like to encourage you to consider a mission trip to Botswana.** We can handle any group big or small and you'll find it to be the trip of a lifetime. Come and see firsthand what the Lord is doing and enjoy a hands-on opportunity to serve here in Africa

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