

April 4, 2015

Dear Don & Patti,

I greet you and write to you this month from the nation of Mexico on the eve of Resurrection Sunday. I have been preparing for my message in a great church tomorrow. Easter, as I have told you before, is the most important holiday or holy day on the calendar for Christians. It is the very foundation and cornerstone of what we believe and who we are.

Easter brings to bear the very veracity of God and whether or not we believe Him; whether or not He told us the truth or is this all just a fairy tale. Here is how the Apostle Paul presented the great dilemma to us. 1 Corinthians 15:3-8: *For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.*

Now, continuing in verses 12-22: *Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

So there you have it. Do you believe and confess that Jesus is the Son of God? That He was born of a virgin? Lived on Earth as a man? Died on the cross for you? Was buried in a borrowed tomb? Rose again on the third day and is very much alive today, and by believing this you can live with Him forever? If you do indeed believe that, then Easter is certainly a very, very special day for you. If not, then Easter is just another Sunday, another day off, commercialized by businessmen to make another buck. In addition, Paul said you are of all men most miserable. Of course those of you who are receiving this letter have the Good News and your faith and our teaching are not in vain. But then that's why I am a missionary... because half of the world has not heard of Jesus; they do not have these precious and priceless facts and believe them, have not called on the Name of the Lord, and are not saved. They are of all men most miserable and will be in torment in Hell for eternity if we do not reach them. Easter is not the sacred day to them that it is to us. We must reach them!

Please pray with us for all of our partners to be blessed and to stay faithful in their commitments. As you know, the Church is under attack, and certainly missions ministries are under attack. We have had several church partners who are hurting financially and have had to reduce or totally stop their missions giving. That hurts them even more as they are honorable people and good Christians and know how valuable missions is to the Kingdom of God. They are fighting the good fight of faith and need our prayers.

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While you are praying for our partners, pray and agree with us that God will add partners to us. Just like you and the rest of the world, missions is facing inflation and rising prices. Costs around the world have skyrocketed. What we used to be able to do with one hundred dollars now cost several more. Having said that... God always has been and is still our source. He always supplies. What He ordains He maintains, and where He guides He provides. The last time I talked to Him, He was not having a financial crisis in Heaven, His economy is just fine.

Apart from the rich ministry here in Mexico, we are maintaining a full schedule around the globe. Our South Africa dates have been changed three times which is challenging to work with and costly. Now the dates are the first week of May and the budget is \$35,000.00. This amount has not come in at this point but we are expecting and believing and stretching our faith. It is critical for South Africa right now to hear the Word of Faith as there has been a great reduction in that area in the last few years. Two pastors there told me you would be hard pressed to find ministers and pastors preaching faith in that nation. Surely there are some, but these friends are very concerned and asked me to please come and minister faith to the pastors. Please agree with us for this money to come in to bless that nation.

As we look at what is happening in our world, it is very obvious that the world's system is in trouble and in many places, chaos. You don't have to be a deep theologian to see that the nature of man is fallen and the darkness of the enemy is gaining great strongholds. Evil like we've never seen is moving across the nations.

The only hope is the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Church must be a great lighthouse shining that light where the light is dim and naming the Name of Jesus where it has not been named. The Church has the answer: the Power, the Name, the Covenant, the Spirit, and the Blood. We are the Church triumphant. We must be busy about the Master's work.

We love you and pray for you daily. Write to us. Send your prayer requests and praise reports. We receive testimonies all the time but never tire of them.

As the world has gotten more and more dangerous and yet missionaries are still risking our lives, let us pray that the Church is still willing to risk their prayers and their finances.

Your Missionary to God's Hurting World,



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