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"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed."

II Corinthians 4:8-9

Last month we talked about how important it is to keep our spiritual passion alive as we live for Christ. It's a virtual impossibility to live for God without a deep, personal, growing spiritual relationship. Paul said that very clearly in II Corinthians 4:6, *"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of the darkness,' has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."* Service for God is only possible when we keep the supernatural alive in our hearts.

Chuck Swindoll shares these words from Sonny Jurgenson, who football fans will recognize as one of the great quarterbacks for the Washington Redskins. Sonny was being verbally attacked by fans and sportswriters because the team was in a slump. Somebody asked him if all that flack was getting to him. Sonny flashed a big, toothless grin and replied, “Naw, not me. I’ve been in this game long enough to know that every week the quarterback is either in the penthouse or the outhouse!”

There are ups and downs in everything... especially serving God. There are the joyous times when someone comes to the Lord, and then there are the down times when we face problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable and that make us want to give up. The only thing that can keep us going during the down times is the supernatural hand of God. Look at how Paul describes it in vv.8-9, *“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.”*

Paul gives us four military comparisons here that show how God was sustaining his ministry through the difficult times. Look at what he says he faced in his ministry: affliction, perplexing situations, persecution, and even physical blows. Those were not easy things to go through. But through it all God had sustained him in supernatural ways, and Paul never lost heart and never gave up.

He was afflicted, or hard-pressed, but he was never totally hemmed in where he had to give up. When I was in junior high we had a chess tournament in math class one day. I knew nothing about chess other than the basic moves that each piece could make. In my first match I ended up capturing all of my opponent’s playing pieces except for his king. I knew I had to get checkmate on him because I had seen some of the other matches, but I didn’t have the foggiest idea what

checkmate meant, and I certainly didn't know how to get it. So I got him cornered and every time he moved I would put him back in check, but I didn't have checkmate. Finally he got tired of me fumbling around and he showed me where to move so that the game could finish. I had him afflicted, everywhere he moved he ended up in check, but I didn't have him defeated. Paul was hard-pressed but he always had another move to make because of God's supernatural intervention.

"Perplexed" means that Paul often faced confusing situations where he didn't understand what God was doing, and he didn't understand what his next move should be to stay in God's will. A different translation of this phrase could be "at a loss, but not totally at a loss as to what to do."

"Persecuted" could also be translated "pursued." Paul was often a hunted man, hounded by those who hated the Gospel he preached. Many times he had to leave a city because of the persecution and find another place to minister. But he was never left alone. God never abandoned him. The idea expressed here is reflective of I Cor. 10:13 which says that God never allows us to be tempted beyond our capacity to resist. He always provides a way of escape. Paul always had that avenue of escape.

Paul faced physical violence. At Lystra he was taken outside the city and stoned and left for dead. But he was never destroyed by the violence. At Lystra he was able to get up and continue on with his ministry. The supernatural power of God was on display big time at Lystra.

When we are faced with opposition like that faced by Paul, it's only the supernatural hand of God that keeps us going and allows us to serve. We don't have that kind of strength in ourselves.

The Christian life isn't about us and what we can do for God, it's about

what God can do through us. When we let God do the ministry then the supernatural power of God's glory is what's seen. God uses our weakness and imperfections to make His glory even greater. That's why He doesn't transform us and make us perfect the moment we get saved. When the supernatural power of God works in the midst of, and in spite of, human weakness, people begin to recognize how great and how beautiful the power of God truly is. The supernatural is what empowers our service and displays the greatness of God. His power, and His power alone, is what makes ministry possible

Blessings,

Pastor Randy

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER AND BEYOND

EVENTS CALENDAR 2024:

Sunday's

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Fellowship

10:45 a.m. Sunday School for the Whole Family

Tuesday's

1 p.m. Women's Bible Study at BVBC

Wednesday's

6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. AWANA Ages 3 - 8th Grade

8 p.m. Youth Group 9th - 12th Grade

December 25, No AWANA or Youth Group

Thursday's

December 12, No Women's Bible Study this week

December 26, No Women's Bible Study this week

Saturday's

December 7, 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study via Zoom

December 21, 8 a.m. Men's Bible Study via Zoom

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 30, 10 a.m. Decorating the Church

Monday, December 2, 6 p.m. Spiritual Vision Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2 p.m. Discipleship Team Meeting

Saturday, December 14,
Sunday School Christmas Program Practice

Sunday, December 15,
Sunday School Christmas Program Presented

Sunday, December 15, Newsletter Articles are Due

Sunday, December 15, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Open House at the Kramer's

Tuesday, December 24, No Outreach Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 25, Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 31, New Year's Eve

Wednesday, January 1, New Year's Day

MISSIONARY UPDATES

AMANDA BENSON - PHILIPPINES



November 1, 2024

STUNNING

The rising sun peeking over the mountainside, illuminating the wisps of cloud rising off the lake to meet the low-hanging cloud above it.

The deep pink of the setting sun with a sliver of orange moon rising

An ear-to-ear smile on the face of a child swinging “skyscraper high” on a tree swing.

Forests of trees with yellow leaves glimmering in the bright sun lining the mountain stream.

Shopping and sight-seeing with a friend who used to work with me in the Philippines

The sun’s rays break through the fog as the tree-lined mountain silhouettes the sky.

Deep conversations with a close college friend and getting to be Auntie Amanda to her kids

Trees reaching to the sky, filled with bright red leaves.

The smell and taste of fresh-squeezed apple cider

Rows and rows of apple trees with such a variety of delicious tasting apples

Golden fields as far as the eye can see, filled with herds of cattle, antelope, and deer

Long, encouraging conversations with a friend over breakfast

The encouragement of a supporting church of people I had never met

A hike through the mountains to a lookout of a valley

Pumpkins in all shapes, sizes, and colors lined up on haybales

Stunning

This word kept popping up in my mind as I traveled to the Pacific Northwest at the beginning of October.

My drive from South Dakota through North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, into Washington was absolutely stunning. God is such a creative artist, and these states are filled with beauty, especially during Fall when the colors of the trees are changing. There were times I tried to capture the beauty in a photo, but most photos do not do justice to what I saw with my eyes.

Not only were these sites beautiful, but I was also blessed by the beauty of the people I was with. The first church I spoke at was a very small church in central South Dakota. This was such an encouraging stop to me! I knew some of the members of this church and met a few new ones. Though it is a very small church, it was evident that God is at work there in the hearts of the people. They were also very supportive of what God is doing in my life and ministry in the

Philippines.

During my overnight stop in Billings, I was able to have breakfast with someone who has retired from teaching at Faith Academy. She worked there for many years, and her father also had dementia, so she was a great encouragement to me. I then headed to Spokane, where I spent a couple of days with a college friend and her family. I was able to take a hike with another friend, and then a different friend came over to chat. I spent the last few days with a couple who used to work at Faith Academy with me and were part of my "Condo Family." These visits filled my heart and encouraged me in so many ways.

My next stop was Conrad, Montana. I was able to visit some friends and then speak at a church there. I have never been to this church, but they started supporting me during my last furlough. It was such a joy to be welcomed with open arms to this church. I was so encouraged by everyone who talked with me there, and I was also able to meet a couple of other missionaries who were there for the mini missions conference.

As I traveled, taking in these stunning sites and spending time with these wonderful people, I felt my heart longing for Home. Not the Philippines or South Dakota, but Heaven. My parents and I are reading through Heaven by Randy Alcorn, and I am reminded that God designed this world to be our home. Sin has messed it up from this perfect design. However, He promises in His Word to restore this Earth to what He designed it to be and then to dwell with us on it for all eternity. I was stunned by the sights I saw for these brief moments of time. But someday, those stunning moments will be reality all the time, and we will never grow tired of it. What I saw will pale in comparison to what we will see. And the people that I love seeing and spending time with, who also follow Jesus, will be there with me. Together,

we will be with God for all eternity. There will be no more goodbyes. Conversations can last for hours. We will no longer struggle with sin and trauma and lies. All will be made new and whole.

Oh, how my heart longs for this.

And yet, the Lord still has me here. I resonate with Paul, who said, “If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account” (Philippians 1:22-24, ESV). I cannot wait to be with Christ, but I also am excited to see what He still has for me on this earth. I know that while He has me here, He has a purpose for me and wants to use me to bear fruit for His Kingdom, even as He continues to mold me more into His image.

And so, as I continue on this journey, I keep Heaven on my mind. I share with others the joy that awaits if we have given our lives to Christ. And I enjoy even now the tastes of Heaven that He gives me through what I see and the people I can spend time with.

*I believe that I shall look
upon the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!*

*Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!*

Psalm 27:13-14, ESV

Amanda

Upcoming Scheduled Speaking Engagements:

- ~ November 3 - First Baptist Church, Eagle Butte, SD
- ~ November 17 - Brandon Valley Baptist Church, Brandon, SD
- ~ January 26 - McIntosh Baptist Church, McIntosh, SD

If you need information about attending one of these services, please email or message me to ask!

If you are interested in partnering financially with what God is doing at Faith Academy through my ministry, you can give online. Click the link below to set up a recurring donation or to give a one-time gift. If you would like the one-time gift to go towards home service and other one-time expenses, please write “project fund” in the “Gift Notes” box.

Please email or message me if you have any questions about giving or how to set it up! You could also call SEND at 248-477-4210.

Praises

- For the safe travels and great times I had with friends and supporters!
- I have been able to speak at multiple churches, and God continues to encourage me, both in my work and in the work He is doing in these churches.
- I have been learning so much from the classes I am taking for my new degree. I’m only in the middle of my second class, but I can see how God is shifting my thinking about how to be a good leader.

Prayer Requests

- Pray for continued safety as I travel to speak in Eagle Butte this weekend. Pray that I would be an encouragement to the church there.

- Pray for balance with my time as I do my classes (which include internship hours), travel, and help my parents.
- Pray that God will provide the staff we need for the upcoming school year. We also need a middle school English teacher for the remainder of this school year.
- Pray that God will continue to draw me closer to Himself and mold me more into His image.

SHAN REED - JAPAN



November 2024

IMMEASURABLY MORE

Praises

- Praise the Lord for his abundant grace and love.
- For God's work in the lives of the women who participate in the ladies' seminars throughout the Japan Baptist Conference.
- For the partnership NAB has had with the JBC for all these years as we have shared the love of Jesus together in Japan.
- For the lives of the precious young people who attend and lead the youth gatherings.
- For the opportunity to visit Karuizawa, to enjoy the beauty of the mountains and say thank you and goodbye to friends.
- For the opportunity to rejoin Anointed Gospel Choir to sing praises with these friends and fellowship with them.

Prayer

- Pray with us as we approach the Christmas season, for opportunities to share the true meaning of the season.
- For the youth of the JBC, and throughout Japan, to grow in their love for Jesus and for boldness to share that love with their friends and families.
- For me as I experience more ‘lasts’ in Japan; please pray for me to continue to be the aroma of Christ as I meet with friends one last time.
- For Yuri and me as we walk through the legal journey of paperwork and meetings and waiting as we seek to close the legal entity with integrity and kindness.
- For Komyo Christian Church to continue to shine the light of Jesus in our homes, schools, and neighborhood.
- For the JBC as they continue to seek a deeper walk with Jesus and desire to serve him faithfully in their churches and neighborhoods.

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

EPHESIANS 3:16-21 (NIVJ)

This quarter has been full of God's abundant grace! One of the many joys of the past three months has been the privilege of co-leading three ladies' seminars with Yuri in Osaka, Kyoto, and Aichi. God graciously guides us as we prepare for each seminar. We are grateful for the ladies who participate in the learning, conversation, and fellowship as sisters in Christ. Through our times of study, we are learning more about our hearts, how God designed us, and how to walk with him more closely. The Spirit is at work, helping us to pay attention to the places where more transformation is needed and to learn to encourage one another. We are praying a break in the rhythm of the seminars during the year of Yuri's home assignment will not dampen the desire to meet, learn, and fellowship but instead deepen the desire and ignite a deeper passion for Jesus.

The first missionaries sent to Japan from the North American Baptist Conference arrived in Japan November 21, 1951. After language school, scouting trips, and various trials, the first church was established in Ise, Japan. Since that time, many missionaries have come and gone, but the church remains. In 1978, the Japan Baptist Conference was organized, and our partnership strengthened as we have worked together to share the love of Jesus and build his church in Japan. Although the partnership between the NAB and JBC will change, we desire to continue working together for the Kingdom of God. It has been an incredible honor to work with the pastors and churches of the JBC throughout my time in Japan. God continues to be at work in his people, his church, here in Japan. Please pray with us for these brothers and sisters as they walk with Jesus and shine his light in this dark country.

In October, the autumn youth gathering was held in Suzuka. The theme was eating! The speaker shared from Matthew 4 about Jesus's temptation, especially focusing on Jesus's words that humans do not

live on bread alone but on the words of God. She encouraged us to remember that the Bible is our spiritual nutrition and we cannot live on one meal a week. Following our morning of praise and study, we spent the afternoon outside enjoying the beautiful weather as we made pizza in the pizza oven made by one of the university students from the Suzuka church. Even though it was a hot afternoon, and it took a long time to bake pizzas for thirty people, the students enjoyed hanging out and creating pizzas without complaining. Pray with us for the students to learn what it truly means to be fed by the Word of God.

There are many steps in the process of preparing to return to the US next spring. Some were sped up by the Christmas fire last year - getting rid of things I do not need! Other steps include filling out paperwork for the process of closing the legal entity - which is mostly done by Yuri and our legal advisor. Then there are the steps of saying goodbye, the 'lasts.' In October, I was able to go to Karuizawa, where I attended language school November 2001-March 2004. What a joy to visit with friends from that season of my life. Playing basketball once a week at the community gym during those years helped me build relationships with people that continue to this day. It was fun to have dinner with some of them and their children. I also stopped in a few of my favorite shops to greet the owners and say goodbye.

During those years, I also hosted a Bible study in my apartment, which Melissa Ewing helped me lead. It did my soul good to spend time with two of those ladies who have encouraged me over the years as sisters in Christ. Along with spending time with these friends, I spent time with Jesus enjoying his creation and reminiscing about my years there while walking around town.

I am grateful for another year of life! Through all the surprises and twists and turns of life over the past year, God has remained faithful

and present. He continues walking with me each day, each moment, encouraging me, guiding me, protecting me, and laughing with me.

What a wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord!

Shan Reed

BRANDON & MARCI JONES - BRAZIL



November 2024

WHEN HOPE SPRINGS NEW

Praises

- For a successful backpack project that gave school supplies to 450 Kids in the Rio Branco neighborhood.
- Our new partnership with Hispanics for Christ, which will help us train and support new church planters.
- Daniel and Marci's mom are coming to visit us for Christmas this year.

Prayer

- God's guidance and wisdom as we seek to expand into new partnerships here on the field.
- Marci as she continues to work toward an MDiv: for time and mental space to do this in the midst of many other things.
- Our Seminary graduates who will continue to serve in their respective churches.

Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter, you will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth you will again bring me up. You will increase my honor and comfort me once more.

PSALM 71:20-21 (NIV)

As November rolls around, many of you are preparing for cool weather. I imagine something like having a pumpkin spice latte while waiting for the season's first snowfall. Meanwhile in Brazil, we are busting out iced tea, winding down school semesters, and anticipating the arrival of summer. Even though we live in opposite worlds, one thing we have in common during this season is the anticipation of Christmas. My favorite time of year is Advent. It is a season to focus on the hope, peace, joy, and love we find in our Savior Jesus Christ.

As I think about this past year and the amount of destruction and pain we witnessed when the floods came, I am drawn even more to the hope and restoration found in Jesus. I want to thank everyone for your generous response to our call to the crisis relief fund. With these funds, we have been able to share the hope of Jesus through restoring homes, replacing lost items, feeding communities who lost their grocery stores, helping kids get back to school by providing school supplies, and supporting local organizations like YWAM and CRU, whose teams have cleaned hundreds of homes and cooked thousands of meals.

One neighborhood of focus is Rio Branco in the city of Canoas, which is home to over 30,000 people. There are two rivers, one west and one south of the neighborhood, that swelled to over 15 feet (4.5 meters) within twenty-four hours and completely engulfed the neighborhood. As the water rose, those who could flee their homes left with just a few items they could carry or fit in their cars. Everyone in this

neighborhood lost everything. When you think about a neighborhood being destroyed, it is not just the homes but also the restaurants, pharmacies, and grocery stores. It is the clinics, the social service offices, and the schools, too. After thirty days, the waters receded to reveal the destruction underneath. The smell in the neighborhood was palpable and hard to inhale.

It would be impossible in one newsletter to share with you all the stories from the flood, so I will focus on one family, the Dalcins. Ricardo and Márcia Dalcin have lived in Rio Branco their entire marriage. Ricardo grew up in the neighborhood. They raised their two kids there and ran a local business. Several years ago, one of Ricardo's employees began to talk to him about Jesus. After several discussions, Ricardo accepted Jesus as his Savior. From this time on, he found himself increasingly dissatisfied with running his business. For months leading up to the flood, he had been praying that God would allow him to be in full-time ministry, so he took the building he had bought for his business and began to hold church services there.

As the flood waters rose, Ricardo and his family sought refuge at a local shelter. Within twenty-four hours, the family had lost everything. As he lay in an open room with 300 people, listening to children cry and the murmurs of people restless through the night, he felt compassion for them. He wanted to help, but how? He didn't have any money. He lost everything the same as them. But God kept telling him to help, so he did. He began to listen and to pray with people, bringing the message of hope in Jesus to those at the shelter. He would go to the pharmacy to collect medication for the elderly and to look for formula for hungry babies. He would pray for a need, and God would provide.

Months after the floods, Ricardo's little church plant has become the center of help for his hurting community. God provided literal tons of food and water that he has distributed. When sharing his testimony

of all that has happened, Ricardo said with tears in his eyes, “If I had known that giving up all I had was what it would take to serve Jesus full time, I would have done it months ago.”

Thank you so much for your prayers and support. It is always amazing to see how God takes what is offered and multiplies it over and over. Ricardo’s family was helped by the Crisis Relief fund, and they are on the ground sharing the love of Jesus with their neighborhood.

Warm Advent wishes from hot Brazil,

Brandon & Marci Jones

RICK & DEBBI BARDIN - CAMEROON



November 2024

WITH THANKFUL HEARTS

Praises

- Brendaline was finally discharged at the end of October after a long battle of closing the amputation site.
- Ten applicants for the two positions being advertised for Pathology lab staff.
- Rick received several boxes of equipment for the path lab on the last White Cross container that arrived last month.
- Good health and strength.
- Volunteer doctors who continue to come and support our training programs.

Prayer

- For Brendaline's stump healing so she can be fitted for a prosthesis as soon as possible and for her diabetes to be controlled.
- For wisdom in choosing the best candidates for the path lab positions.
- For more volunteer pathologists to come during our furlough.

- Continue to pray for peace and the end of the conflict.
- For our furlough from mid-December to mid-March - safe travels and good family, friends, and church connections.

I will thank you Lord among all the people [. . .] Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds [. . .] May your glory shine over all the earth.

PSALM 57:9-11 (NLT)

Greetings from lush, green Mbingo!

We are at our favorite time of year. The heavy rains are diminishing, the temperatures are still very moderate (60s-70s), and all is very green and no Harmattan dust yet!! Even though we have passed through times of unrest here, we are amazed and grateful that God has called us to serve in such a beautiful place, a place where we can share our faith freely and often see lives healed physically and spiritually as well.

Rick recently received for his pathology lab several boxes of equipment in the NAB White Cross container that arrived in October. Southwestern Medical Clinic Foundation provided the items seen above and to the left. Thank you SWMF!

Another exciting happening in the pathology lab is they will soon be receiving some lab staff to help with processing tissue. An ad was placed last month for additional pathology lab staff. Ten people have applied. An exam will be administered, then interviews will be conducted. Two people will be chosen. This will help prevent the crisis that always occurs when either of our two more skilled staff go on leave.

Pray that God will give wisdom and discernment to the committee and the best will be chosen. Rick's main desire is that those chosen will have a heart for God and for the work.

Rick is continuing his mentorship with Dr. Mbanga. Rick is grateful for his great attitude and teachable spirit. Even though we spoke in our last newsletter of the backlog of work for Rick when he returned from our visit stateside, it would have been worse if Dr. Mbanga had not been on seat.

Debbie is also grateful for Olivia, who is the person who was hired to help her in her data entry work last November. She is now full-time in her department, so that's why Debbie has some freedom to be involved in other activities, as you have been seeing. Even though Debbie's role in the department is still primarily data entry for patient claims so the hospital can be reimbursed by grant funds given to HIV care, her favorite part of being there is seeing the patients and encouraging them spiritually through Bible verses and prayer.

Bertrand, the young man Rick has been discipling, is now headed for a university in Bamenda to pursue a degree in Pharmacy. He has completed the Navigators Topical Memory System with Rick and also memorized several chapters in Romans. He has a real heart for God and His Word. Pray for him to stay strong as he enters university.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to All!
May Christ be the Center!

In His Matchless Love,

Rick & Debbie Bardin

HARLAN MOSS - PRISON LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY



November 2024

***“Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today...For it is no empty word for you, but your very life.”
Deuteronomy 32:46 & 47***

Reading the Bible is vital to changing one’s life and growing in Christ! In Matthew 24:35 Jesus said, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means will pass away.” The Holy Spirit uses the Bible to change hearts and minds for the glory of God! We cannot know the mind of Christ without it.

I visit Jake, a middle-aged man regularly in administrative segregation. I had not seen him for three weeks, since the prison was locked down. Jake had a lot of good questions about the Christian life and the Bible. He said, “I have been looking for peace in my life, because it has been filled with chaos. Since you gave me the Bible a few months ago, I have been reading it a lot every day. Whenever I talk with my mother she tells me to read the Bible. I have found real peace in reading the Bible and praying! My desire is to get baptized when I am out of segregation.” I explained to Jake the meaning of baptism and communion. He asked me if I could bring him communion. God

has changed Jake's hard heart by the living Word of God! His Word is powerful!

I was in the hall when a man who had just showered asked if he could talk with me. As we visited he told me, "I really want to change my life, could you explain to me what I have to do? I have been feeling so empty inside." I explained the gospel to him as his tears were flowing freely. He mentioned that he had given his life to the Lord a few days earlier, but as we talked, he had a better understanding of what it meant to be a Christian. I gave him a Bible study lesson and emphasized reading the book of John. As he left the office he told me, "Those tears I shed today was the best shower I have ever had."

James's life was filled with work, seven days a week. James's father died when he was a young boy and his mother remarried. His stepfather liked alcohol and was abusive to him. James could never please him, but his brother was always getting complimented for his achievements. James said, "So I became an overachiever, working seven days a week. A few years ago, I ended up in the hospital because my body wore out. I never thought I would end up in prison!" I explained the gospel to him, that all his achievements would not benefit his relationship with God. We talked about Romans 6:23. "The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord." Then James said something interesting, "You just peeled me back like an orange." Yes, the Word of God is powerful and will get to the heart of our problems! With tears James prayed to receive Christ into his life.

Thank you for your generosity in your prayers and financial support! The information below is for those who would like to donate to the inmate Christmas sack program.

Blessings, Harlan

Please mail donations to:

SDPCA Christmas Sacks, 601 West 57th St.

Sioux Falls, SD, 57108.

Please put “Christmas Sacks” in the memo line of your check.

Missionary Contact Info.

Amanda Benson:

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Brandon, SD 57005

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to: SEND International
PO BOX 513, Farmington, MI 48332
Missionary #169352

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How To Give To North American Baptist Missionaries:

Step 1: Go to the NAB's new missions webpage **nabonmission.org**.

Step 2: Click on the "missionaries" label.

Step 3: Click on the national missionary to whom you would like to designate your support.

Step 4: Click on the "give to.." button on the national workers page.

Step 5: Fill out the form. All gifts given through the NAB are tax deductible.

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