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ROCK STANDING



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Later, God has given some words to me about the future work of HIM and we have been in study of 1 Kings recently at Homer's. The earliest chapters deal with the reign of King Solomon. As I began thinking about this Rock Standing column for you, I was drawn to this direct and firm reminder given by God to Solomon the King. *"Obey my rules and keep all of my commandments"*

A daunting request then and maybe even more daunting for all of us today. For me, God has been reminding us that despite the disparate health-environment in various countries, the impoverished reality of many people across the globe, and the circumstances of the "woke" cancel-culture, the worldly conflict is seemingly underway everywhere. That He has all of this turmoil in His hands and He will "make a way" for us. Solomon's ultimate demise was his LOVE OF HIMSELF more than God. This personal selfishness that most all of us struggle to contain, is exactly what I'm reminded of by God. His will not my will.

These words from 1 Kings also suggest that we focus our minds on the question of "calling" and purpose since this is what God instructed us to do.

Friends, we have each been given this purpose to *"obey and keep the teachings"* and further fulfill the work we have been instructed to do in the Kingdom of God. We should be diligent to perform the work and we should also be expectant in being supplied the resources by God to achieve the work.

Charles Spurgeon the great Baptist preacher in the 1800's said this: *"In Solomon's court all his officers had a service to carry out, 'every man according to his charge.' It is exactly so in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. If we are truly his, he has called us to some work and office, and he wills us to discharge that office diligently. We are not to be gentlemen-at-ease, but men-at-arms; not loiterers, but laborers; not glittering spangles, but burning and shining lights."*

My prayer for the community of HIM is that we rely on the strength of the Holy Spirit to move within us, helping us to OBEY AND KEEP the commandments and like King David have lives "lived for the heart of God". Amen

To God Be the Glory.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Byron Whetstone".

Byron Whetstone, Executive Director

¹¹Now the word of the LORD came to Solomon,

¹² "Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes and obey my rules and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father."

1 Kings 6:11-12



NOE G'S MINISTRY IN THE PHILIPPINES



Noe G. is from the southernmost province of Mindanao, Philippines. He is a ministry and community leader that has faithfully and boldly stood for Christ while reaching those in need. For over 25 years Noe has worked hard to build a network of churches and outreaches throughout all the islands of the Philippines. He has planted churches, directed Bible schools, taught many seminars and discipleship programs. He has a special gift for developing many livelihood projects for local pastors and leaders to support their family and create opportunity for others in their community. One of his projects is purchasing old cars and

transforming them into a Taxi business for pastors.

Over the last year Noe has seen much devastation, not only from the pandemic but also from Typhoon Goni. The typhoon barreled across the Philippines in November that brought catastrophic winds



(140mph) and rain. Many people have died amid the storm surge, flash floods, and power outages. He and his staff have started Operation Build Up to help the victims of the Typhoon rebuild their houses. Some of the people have been without housing for over 2 months.



His Covid Relief Operation has helped hundreds of people. Getting relief and supplies to the less fortunate tribes has been a struggle. Many of the areas are only accessible by horse. He is feeding the children and building a tribal church for those that he has shared the Gospel with and are now following Christ.

Please help us pray for and support Noe G. as he continues to inspire and help others with his ministry.



RAMAYON AND RIMIS' SHALOM MINISTRY



On the border of Myanmar is a region of India known as Nagaland. The Naga people are a unique ethnic group that were originally headhunters until Christian missionaries converted the first of this tribe nearly 100 years ago. The Naga region is still in an ongoing conflict with the Indian government due to feelings that India failed to effectively integrate Nagaland with the rest of the country. There is also reported discrimination and the feeling of being alienated by the current Hindu Nationalist government. The majority of Nagas are Christian.

Ramayon and his wife Rimis were born and raised in the mountainous region of India. After attending Seminary in the United States, they returned home to fulfill the calling that

was placed on their lives. Their Shalom Ministry has been a blessing for so many. The undertakings include youth camps, outreach programs, bible study, leadership training, women fellowship and discipleship training.

But perhaps one of the most significant programs is the

Shalom Girl's Hostel. The goal of the Shalom Girl's Hostel is to provide a safe and secure environment for young girls while attending school. Many of the children in this remote region must travel great distances to attend public school. Some students have family to stay with but numerous others must stay in hostels which can put them at risk. At the Shalom Girl's Hostel, they receive food and Bible education in a Christian environment. They receive assistance with their studies as well as their spiritual, emotional and physical health taken care of. Some of the girls are orphaned or less fortunate. Ramayon said, "It's such a blessing to witness and be a part of the growth of these beautiful girls. They have grown so much spiritually and to bring them just a step closer to Him brings us so much joy!"



SUPPORTS GIRL'S HOSTEL IN NAGALAND



Dozens of girls have been able to safely attend school because of the beautiful work of Ramayon and Rimis.

Shalom Ministry has helped many people during the Covid-19 pandemic. Even though the lock down has affected the ability to attend church, Ramayon and Rimis have found new ways to share the Gospel. They are reaching out through social media to check on people and having zoom Bible studies. They created a Covid Relief program for the poor and needy to provide food and basic necessities. Shalom Ministry is lifting up those that are suffering. They are serving the people in countless ways, through financial support of the

quarantine centers and spiritual support in new and innovative ways. Ensuring that everyone is staying safe and healthy, has access to basic needs and are supported spiritually

are their highest priorities. Please continue to pray for and support Ramayon and Rimis as they continue to extend God's kingdom through Shalom Ministry.



FROM FRED'S HEART

Most people understand the idea of "fox hole" religion. When things unexpectedly get tough and you're in a life-and-death situation, suddenly you get spiritual and begin to pray!! It's better late than never. When I was 20 years old and in the Army, the Lord called me out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9) Since those early days I have had key life verses that have kept me anchored and secure.



Psalms 90:12 - Lord teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts onto wisdom.

Hebrews 9:27 - It's appointed onto a man once to die, and then the judgment.

Amos 4:12 - prepare to meet your God.

Romans 6:23 - The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is given by inspiration from God...

Contrary to popular opinion, I believe these Scriptures are absolute truth, universal and apply to every person. 2 Peter 2:8 reminds us that Lot, living in the midst of a perverted culture, was tormented/upset daily in his own heart. Do you ever feel upset in our crazy world?

I am so aware that ... "all our righteousness is filthy rags" in the presence of God, (Isaiah 64:6) but still the Holy Spirit convicts us and reveals to us the moral devastation and destruction all around us today. It's shocking but not new. Jeremiah wept. Jesus wept. Paul wept. Many weep. Tears are a 'language' that God understands. (Psalms 56:8-9) Eternity is always our perspective.

HIM continues to express God's heart and love in so many ways. It is impossible to put all the stories and statistics of our influence in this short letter, but God knows. Once again I would humbly

challenge you to be involved with us. Begin by specifically and regularly PRAYING for our team and staff. We meet in our office every Wednesday morning - to seek God's face and pray for you, partners, staff and the world. We are flooded with so many requests and needs nearly every day, that only prayer to our living God can sustain us. Thank you for your help.

My role as Minister-at-Large for HIM led me to devote four weeks on the road. I was able to reconnect with friends and colleagues, meet new people, and share the Gospel and the vision of HIM. Thanks to all who provided hospitality and sweet fellowship along the way. Barb and I have been serving the Lord, in full time ministry for over 46 years. Thanks especially to all who are part of our personal prayer/support team.

PRAISE THE LORD!!

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Anthony, of Bangalore India, slipped into eternity on May 29, 2021.

She has been a partner of HIM and Director of the Love In Action Orphanage for nearly 20 years. Her intense love and devotion for the Lord and the children has been contagious to all of us. PRAY for this transition time. We launched a "Nancy Anthony Memorial Fund" to help assure her heart and legacy live on and the children continue to be cared for.



GIFTS FROM THE HEART

There are times in this life's journey when words can't express the feelings of our heart. The following gifts were made in thoughtful memory of or in honor of a special loved one or friend.

Delmar Yarrow

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- Donate \$10** – A Bible given to someone in a developing country.
- Donate \$50** – A month of school, supplies and food for a child.
- Donate \$120** – A sewing machine for someone to earn a steady income.
- Donate \$550** – Provides food, shelter and medicine to an orphanage.
- Donate \$1,000** – Delivers funds to help build a school or church in impoverished communities around the world.

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