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Please visit the IMCNews website often and submit your events, comments, classifieds ads, letters to the Editor, etc. You can also download a PDF file of the current issue, read national and international news, visit our many links and resources, and access the Church Website Directory for the Intermountain region. We encourage you to visit our business partners by clicking on their links.

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10th Anniversary Celebration of Treasure Valley/InterMountain Christian News!

The screenshot shows the Treasure Valley Christian News website. At the top, it says "FREE" and "20,000 copies distributed 11 times a year to Treasure Valley cities and by subscription." Below this is a navigation bar with links: "A New Creation?", "Newsboys in Concert", "Pastor Profile", and "Calendar". The main content area features an article titled "Do You Know How Much God Loves You?" with a photo of a woman and child. To the right, there's a "Pastor Profile" section for Bryan Fischer, Community Church of the Valley. Below the main article, there's a "Wisdom" section with a quote from Luke 2:10-11. The footer mentions "Treasure Valley Christian News 2002 H. Mountain View Drive, 2020 Boise, Idaho 83706".

Our first print edition of the Treasure Valley Christian News (December 2002) that eventually became the InterMountain Christian newspaper.

All praise to GOD for His help in sustaining me and my family and this newspaper ministry these last 10 years! It is truly a miracle only He could do! At the beginning of this ministry, I did not know if we would survive the first year, but to GOD be all the Glory.

While working in Christian ministry in Boise, Idaho, it became apparent to me that there was a need for a local nondenominational Christian news source that would serve the Christian community and give them a united voice in reaching the unchurched.

In November of 2001, the decision was made to develop the Christian resource website *Christian Resources & Events Directory* to help connect people to The Gospel message and to a local Christian church which eventually became *Treasure Valley Christian News* and in August of 2008 expanded into *InterMountain Christian News*.

The Christian Newspaper Association (CNA) in early 2002 was brought

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Treasure Valley Christian News started out as a website ministry under the name of Christian Resources and Events Directory.

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to my attention (the CNA was helping connect people to Christian resources and events through their member newspapers). It was an inspiration to me to know of other Christian newspapers. A volunteer of our paper Ken Cross and I traveled to Portland, Oregon later in the year to meet with one of the CNA member publishers John Fortmeyer and his advertising representative Eric Stiller with the *Christian News Northwest* (CNNW). John and Eric were such a great source of encouragement to me in the development of our newspaper.

On June 27 of 2002, the *Christian Resources & Events Directory* was renamed *Treasure Valley Christian News* and incorporated in Idaho as a nonprofit 501c3 printed newspaper. The initial Board members were Ron Coleman, Jeff Anderson and myself.

It was my prayer for a Christian graphic artist with experience in helping me to develop our newspaper. Shortly after I asked local Wedding Events Guide publisher Julie Kirkpatrick if she knew of someone to help me with our paper, she introduced me to her graphic artist Larry Patrick. Larry was that answer to prayer I thank GOD for and he joined me in the summer of 2002 to begin work on our first printed newspaper.

On June 24 of 2008 our newspaper expanded to all of southern Idaho, eastern Oregon, Utah and Wyoming and was renamed *InterMountain Christian News*. In January of 2009 IMCNews expanded to Colorado and in 2010 to Reno/Sparks, Nevada and the Big Sky state of Montana. *IMCNews* is now serving 7 states in our intermountain area.

InterMountain Christian News is distributed in the secular arena at airports, tire dealerships, doctor offices, etc., and online at www.imcnews.org.

Inside each printed issue of IMCNews and on our website, we have a "Who Is JESUS?" column where people can learn about Who the JESUS of the Holy Bible is and how to connect to Him as their SAVIOR and LORD.

August of 2003 was the beginning of our teen outreach newspaper *GroovinTeens* and the website www.groovinteens.com which later became *Treasure Valley Teens* paper and the website www.TreasureValleyTeens.com, then www.InterMountainTeens.com as of June 2008.

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What the Hell: How did we get it so wrong?

Eternity, Grace, and the Message of Love



Discernment Review

By Pastor Jordan Hall, Fellowship Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana

It seems as though the doctrine commonly referred to as Universalism is spreading quickly throughout the Evangelical world. Rob Bell made headlines last year for his book *Love Wins*, which purports a metaphorical view of the Biblical teachings on heaven, hell, and the afterlife. Bell may be blazing the trail for Universalism in the evangelical world, but he is not alone. Self-described “youth pastor and teaching pastor,” Jackson Baer has published a book eerily similar to Bell’s treatise, entitled *What the Hell: How did we get it so wrong? Eternity, Grace, and the Message of Love*.

Baer asserts that the Biblical descriptions of hell merely serve as a metaphor to describe a present reality brought about by poor decision-making. The Billings Gazette recently featured a column from local United Methodist pastor, Susan Otey, with the same general message. A common presupposition held by Universalists is that God is loving – and because God is loving, he would certainly not send anyone to a literal place of eternal, burning torment.

The first and most prolific attack against the doctrine of Hell by Bell, Baer, and other Universalists is their insistence that church orthodoxy has simply misinterpreted the words of Jesus and his Apostles. Speaking of the earthly origin of words like Gehenna and Tartarus (which Bible translators often render as Hell), Baer says “Jesus never said the word ‘hell’.” The obvious reason for this is that “hell” is an English word derived from a combination of the Anglo-Saxon and German ancient languages. Obviously Jesus didn’t use a word from a language yet to be contrived! This is exegetical smoke-and-mirrors at its finest. Should we have expected Jesus to use an English word?

The question is whether or not these places pictured by Jesus, which He described by using words native to Him, accurately portray the conceptual destination of what we call Hell. Considering that the contextual descriptions of the places include a pit of eternal fire and never-dying worms, one can easily understand that Jesus uses terms fathomable to the listener to describe a reality that is inherently unfathomable. Baer rests this argument on a related assertion that Scriptural descriptions of hell are metaphoric in nature. The fact escapes Baer that metaphors (although not literal in and of themselves) are used to describe a literal reality – a reality which is often more extreme than the metaphor used to describe it.

The next tactic by Jackson Baer in his book *What the Hell* (and commonly used by Rob Bell and other Universalists) is his argument that eternal judgment stands in contrast to the attributes of God. Like many evangelicals with a sloppy theology, Baer adopts a low view of God in his statement “At the same time, God is loving and merciful and He wants nothing more than friendship with you. This is why he made us, for friendship.” Apparently, in Baer’s view, the intimacy among the Godhead was insufficient and humanity somehow fulfills a need of God for companionship.

This fallacy is what leads Baer to state, “He created us for fellowship. Did He only create us for fellowship if we accept Him in this life? Are those who miss His precious gift of salvation lost for all of eternity and lost from His gift of fellowship forever?” The god of Universalism is one incapable of wrath or for that matter, even justice. Baer’s view is certainly conducive to the first third of John 3:16 (God loves the world), but does not recognize the rest of the verse (believers will have eternal life) and the truth to follow that verse – that those who do not believe are condemned.

What’s at risk in Baer’s unorthodox argument is the Gospel. *What the Hell* is full of emotional appeals that show an utter disregard for Scriptural soteriology. For example, Baer asks, “Wouldn’t it be more in line with His character to punish, correct, and restore? You know, like a good father?” Unfortunately, Baer has no understanding of salvific adoption or that only those who have received Christ and believe in Him have the right to be considered the children of God (John 1:12). Thus, the emotional appeal asking “how God could send his children to hell” doesn’t stand under simple, sound hermeneutics.

There’s no doubt that *What the Hell* (like any Universalist undertaking) comes from a place of misguided charity. No one wants to grasp the reality that countless numbers of people on the wide path to destruction will actually arrive at their destination. The answer, however, is not to pretend that Jesus or his Apostles got too carried away with their vivid storytelling and over-the-top word-pictures. Pretending Hell doesn’t exist doesn’t change reality.

The answer is proclaiming that Jesus is the Way, Truth, and Life – and that no man goes to the Father except through Him. Visit: www.fbc Sidney.com, www.reformationmontana.org.

NEWS BRIEFS

3rd Time a Charm for Colorado Personhood?

Charlie Butts – OneNewsNow.com

Upon the release of their plans for a 2012 personhood amendment, a third effort is under way in Colorado among pro-lifers who hope to protect the pre-born.



Keith Mason heads Personhood USA and tells OneNewsNow that the proposed language will be different this time and respond to the “scare tactics” used by Planned Parenthood in previous campaigns, particularly in Mississippi earlier this month.

Keith Mason (Personhood USA) “We’re listing out that this does not affect miscarriages, that this will not ban contraceptives that don’t kill unique human individuals, and things like that,” Mason explains. “It’s a little bit of a deviation from our normal personhood language, but the way the mainstream media picks on the lies of Planned Parenthood, we want to take that away from them.”

The bill will protect a child – born or pre-born – no matter what his or her size or age. And personhood proponents are calling on the church to play a major role in gathering signatures.

“We’ll have to get about 86,000 ballot signatures,” the pro-lifer reports. “Basically, we’re turning in the language, and by the beginning of January, we should be up and running to start collecting these signatures.”

Personhood Colorado will have six months to gather the needed signatures and gain a place for personhood language on a future ballot.

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Contact Personhood Colorado, PO Box 486, Arvada, Colorado 80001, Phone (303) 456-2800, www.PersonhoodColorado.com

Statement of Faith

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We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God. We believe in one God, eternally existent in three persons, - FATHER, Son (JESUS), and The HOLY SPIRIT. The Bible is the totally sufficient resource for learning how to live a Godly life.

We believe in the virgin birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, His sinless life, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of God the Father, and His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that only God The Son (Jesus) is the mediator between man and God The Father and The Holy Spirit. Jesus alone can save us from our sins, permit people entrance into Heaven, and is the only Savior and hope. Only a personal relationship with Jesus will bring true healing to people.

We believe that only Jesus is to be regarded as our spiritual Teacher and Father. We do not look to ungodly counselors for wisdom.

We believe our salvation is by grace through faith, in His shed blood, which is evident through our works.

We believe that Humans are a special creation of God and not as a result of evolution.

We believe in the sanctity of life and therefore oppose abortion and euthanasia.

We believe only in the Biblical view of marriage which is between one man and one woman.

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Snapshot above of our first teen help website Groovin Teens.



Screenshot of Treasure Valley/InterMountain Teens.com.

having our print paper inserted in secular newspapers, by airing our video commercial spots on secular radio and television and our own radio program. If you or you know of someone who can help financially in expanding our newspaper ministry, please call our office in Boise, Idaho at (208) 703-8688 or email me at drharper@afo.net.

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MISSION READY, INC. to support 2012 mountaintop prayer summit in Ethiopia

As told to IMCNews

Mission Ready, Inc. president Rob Morgan recently announced plans to expand the Idaho-based missionary support organization's activities in Ethiopia, Africa through a strategic partnership with Ambaricho International Prayer & Mission Movement (AIPM).

Ethiopia, a nation with a population of 85 million people located at the Horn of Africa, is considered politically, geographically and evangelistically strategic to U.S. and global interests. Its claims to fame include being the only African nation never to be colonized and the country which gave us coffee (named for the province of Kaffa where the beverage was first cultivated). Also noteworthy is the fact that Ethiopia is mentioned more than 40 times in the Bible, has more than 85 linguistically and culturally different people groups, is consistently affected by drought and reports a per capita annual income of only \$500. The current secular government gave the country freedom of worship and Ethiopia has over 35,000 evangelical churches with 17 million believers and an annual growth rate of more than 750,000 new converts.

The Ambaricho International Prayer & Mission Movement (AIPM) is a non-profit, faith mission and prayer organization operating in an inter-denominational domain throughout the country. The organization's founder and director Desta Langena was born in an animist (idol worshiping) family in the early 1960's and experienced great hardship in pursuit of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. In 1978 God gave Desta a vision to mobilize Ethiopia's young generation for prayer and evangelism so he began conducting prayer meetings all over the country while traveling as a preacher. After many years Desta left Ethiopia to travel to the USA to continue his formal education and pursue doctoral studies at Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon.

While attending Western Seminary, Desta befriended fellow student Nick Morgan who is now the Executive Director of Mission Ready, Inc. Desta shared his remarkable story and vision with Nick which centered around serving God by forming a prayer ministry and mission organization at the base of a mysterious and remote mountain called Ambaricho in his home country of Ethiopia.

Historically, Ambaricho Mountain (the name means "fortress of the sun") was a place of settlement for the original seven clans of the Kambatta people and from the very beginning of their settlement, and for 22 successive generations, the people worshiped the witchdoctors of the "Aba

Sarecho" family who lived on the top of this 9,934 foot tall mountain, conducting dark and demonic rituals each year. Even the mountain itself was revered and worshipped.

In 1929, the light of the gospel message came to this area by SIM missionaries resulting in the conversion of many of the Kambatta people to Christianity and thereafter missionaries, Christians and Bible School students periodically climbed to the top of this mountain on different occasions and earnestly prayed seeking freedom from the witch doctor's evil control and other spiritual bondages.

From 1974 to 1991, a communist government took over Ethiopian politics and destroyed most of the religious worship sites and churches, forcing Christians to pray more seriously than ever that God might protect them and bring His light to the darkness which had covered this country.

In 1990, God began to stir the hearts of young Christians to climb to the top of Ambaricho in groups, seeking God in prayer and asking Him for spiritual freedom and for the collapse of communism in Ethiopia. The number of prayer groups ascending Ambaricho Mountain increased tremendously over time and the Lord answered their prayers.

By the amazing grace of God, recently the 22nd "Aba Sarecho - Witch Doctor" accepted Christ as his personal Savior and after many years of prayer the first AIPM mountaintop summit was conducted on May 28, 1998 with about 350 Christians in attendance.

Since 1998, this prayer meeting has become an annual event held every January 19th and each year the number of attendees has tremendously grown. On January 19, 2012 the number of people climbing to the top of Ambaricho Mountain to pray and worship the Lord is expected to exceed 100,000. Upon reaching the summit of the mountain the participants will spend the day praying for the Christ's blessing on Ethiopia and the evangelization of all unreached peoples of the world.

By the grace of God and under Desta's leadership, AIPM has expanded dramatically and during just the last seven years AIPM has increased to 126 full time missionaries who's efforts have resulted in the sharing of the Gospel with over 70,000 remote people with about 7,000 of those publicly giving their lives to Christ.

Mission Ready, Inc. is honored to support the work of AIPM by helping to provide the tools and resources it needs to serve the Lord throughout Ethiopia.

Mission Ready Inc. was created to be an enabling ministry for those called to serve the Lord through evangelical missions. Our primary effort is to come along side and support those nationals who are already faithfully ministering to "unreached" or "remote" people groups around the globe.

Mission Ready Inc provides support in numerous areas to meet its goal of "Equipping Saints For Service." This support includes the establishment of Christian Learning Centers in remote villages, no-cost Biblical Training Institutes (BTIs), Community-Share Micro-Economic solutions for tribes and missions-organizations, and evangelism mobilization efforts.

To learn more about Mission Ready, Inc. please visit us at www.MissionReady.org.

LETTER To the Editor

There is great concern among many evangelicals that the church is losing its belief that the Bible is "the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God."

The pre-Reformation reformers such as Waldo, Huss, and Wycliffe wanted the Bible to have top authority in Christian life and doctrine and worked to get it into the hands of the people. The Reformation with Luther, Calvin, Knox, and others was part of this "battle for the Bible." In America the Bible was recognized as supreme — as "inspired, infallible, and inerrant" — until recently.

Today, especially in academic circles, the Bible is regarded as inerrant only in matters relating to salvation but having errors in other areas. They even believe the Bible is in error in quoting God in Exodus 20:11 and 31:17 — that He created everything in six days and rested the seventh. If they can't understand something, they say it's not fact.

Extremely intelligent men have declared the Bible inerrant. Dr. Robert Dick Wilson (died 1930) held a PhD from Princeton, was author of *A Scientific Investigation of the Old Testament*, could repeat from memory the entire New Testament in Hebrew and could do the same with large portions of the Old Testament, and spoke 45 languages. Dr. John Warwick Montgomery (born 1931) holds two doctorates and seven undergraduate degrees, wrote fifty books in five languages and 125 journals, and is a founding member of the World Association of Law Professors. Dr. Gleason L. Archer (died 2004) held a BD from Princeton and a PhD. from Harvard Graduate School, had a full law degree, spoke fifteen languages, and did extensive studies in archeology among other things. The conclusion of all was expressed by Dr. Archer when he said, "I have been confronted with just about all the biblical difficulties under suspicion in theological circles today... almost every problem in Scripture ... has been dealt with in a completely satisfactory manner by the biblical text itself." I add that archeology has verified time and again the historicity of Scriptural accounts.

The first I know of change began in the 1930's and grew until in the 1960's inerrancy came to be regarded as salvation inerrancy only. Today many of the Christian college religion professors teach this view.

An International Summit Conference of evangelical leaders in 1978 produced the "Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy." Articles XI and XII are especially specific in saying "We AFFIRM that... it is true and reliable in all the matters it addresses," "... Scripture in its entirety is inerrant," and "WE DENY that Biblical infallibility and inerrancy are limited to spiritual, religious, or redemptive themes, exclusive of assertions in the fields of history and science. We further deny that scientific hypotheses about earth history may properly be used to overturn the teaching of Scripture on creation and the flood."

To be consistent Christians, we must believe in biblical inerrancy.

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3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.

Hebrews 3:3-4 NIV

3. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.

4. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

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Matthew 1:23 NIV

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" – which means, "God with us."

Isaiah 9:6 NIV

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

John 8:23-24 NIV

23. But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.

24. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."

John 14:6 NIV

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The story of Mission Medical Clinic

By Bonnie Angotti, Monument, Colorado



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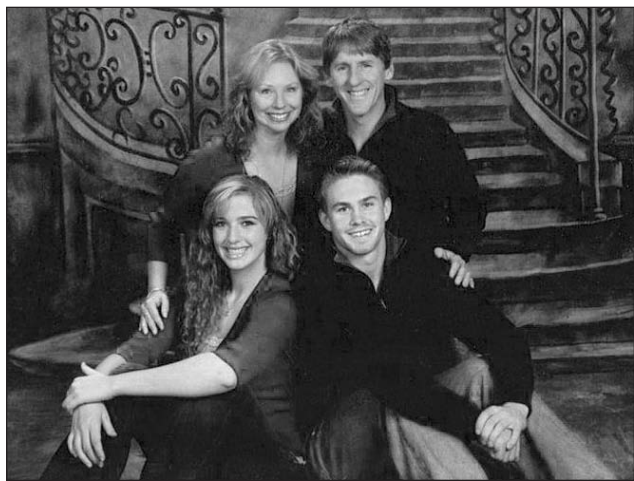
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Pastor Jim Silvey

Pinedale Bible Church, Pinedale, Wyoming

Pictured (back) right to left: Pastor Jim and his wife Lynda, (front) right to left their son Jeremiah and daughter Christina.

I was born into a strong Christian home. My Dad was a pastor and my Mom was very involved teaching Bible studies. But no one is physically born a Christian. “You must be born again!” Jesus said. At the age of three my Mom led me to the Lord Jesus and I prayed the sinner’s prayer. But when I was 13 I knew something was wrong. I didn’t feel saved.

Every night for a week I prayed for Jesus to come into my life, but still felt the same. Finally, I gave my life to the Lord, saying I’ll do whatever you want me to do. Instantly the restlessness went away and God’s incredible peace came in to stay.

Another major event happened my freshman year of high school when I went to Mexico with my youth group. I taught a Bible story to the children and a handful received Christ. I could really sense God speaking through me and using me. It lit a fire in me to want to do this the rest of my life. This led me to go to Bible College (Biola University) and pursue the professional ministry. Again while I was there, the Lord used a cross-cultural ministry to direct my life.

I went on a summer mission to Trinidad with a large group of Biolans. I thought the Lord would use this to direct me into missions. But instead, after serving in two small villages under two men who pastored there all their lives, I decided that’s what I wanted to do. I desired to faithfully pastor in a small church in a small town, come good or bad.

And so, after graduating from Biola and then from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, the Lord called me and my incredible wife Lynda (who I met at Biola) to the beautiful town of Pinedale, WY, a place I never knew existed before, but was the place of our dreams. It was a small town of under 1,000, and a one-year-old church of 30 people (counting the children).

Pinedale Bible Church was a perfect fit... not to mention the spectacular Wind River mountains with fabulous hunting and fishing! It felt like paradise to Lynda and I, as she had had a

year-long, life threatening battle with ovarian cancer, a couple years before while I was in seminary. This had rocked our world as it had happened after we had been married just a year. I learned that God allows His faithful followers to go through incredible hardships. He allows inexplicable bad things to happen to “good” people. So, God broke down the box that I had put Him in. He doesn’t promise to remove problems from us but to help us through them.

It’s been 26 years and, by the grace of God, we are still at Pinedale Bible Church. Our church has had growth spurts and downturns. I’ve had victories and defeats. There have been fantastic works of God in the church, and sad fleshly acts... but God is faithful! We have over 200 people who regularly attend. We have built a new facility. We have a youth pastor, a church administrator, and a secretary... all in the past four years.

I have learned not to take too much credit for when things go good in the church and not to overly blame myself when things don’t go well. Normal church life has ups and downs due to many different causes. We are called to be faithful through it all. (Of course, to have a loving, talented wife, a wonderful leadership team of elders and a great body of believers has made it easier to be faithful.)

The church has been a wonderful place to raise our two children, Jeremy who is a senior at Biola and Christina who is a senior in high school. Both of them know the Lord and have grown greatly in the Lord through our church family. I love the church, and it’s a good thing. The Church is the only organization that God died for! Jesus said, “On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it!” If you are ever in our beautiful small town on a Sunday, drop in and fellowship with us. We would love to have you!

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Pastor Brandon Ross

Gateway Church, Del Norte, Colorado

Pictured above left to right: Pastor Brandon Ross and his wife Janet with their two sons Micah Ross and Mason Ross.

Even though I had made a profession of faith when I was around eight years old, at which time I was baptized, it was not until shortly after I got out of High School that I got saved. Looking back on that experience now, I think I may have only gotten wet and not truly converted. Later in my life, after much conviction and soul searching, God showed me that I wasn’t where I needed to be in my relationship with Him. It was during this time that God helped me to understand that I could do nothing apart from Christ (John 15:5). I came to realize I needed to repent and trust Christ alone for my salvation.

God also helped me to take following Him seriously and I was led to the Savior at Birchman Baptist Church. At that time, I was baptized and began to hunger for God’s Word and truly live a Spirit-filled life.

Soon after this, I was led to become involved with an inner-city ministry in Fort Worth, TX called Beautiful Feet Ministries. While working with the Beautiful Feet Ministry, I began to learn the importance of prayer, the Holy Spirit and reaching out to the lost wherever they are.

Since then, God has been revealing His love and plan to me and has been helping me to grow like I never have before. The consuming desire of my heart is to serve Him with my whole heart and life as He leads me.

I know God has called me to a relationship with Him and He is teaching me that my ministry must come from the overflow of that relationship with Him. I love to experience God doing what only He can do through me. I believe God’s Word is without flaw and I also believe in a young earth that was made in six literal 24-hour days by the supernatural power of almighty God.

I thank God for saving me and being patient with me and opening my heart and mind to the wonderful understanding that Jesus came to seek and save the lost. Now I know my mission in life is to know God and to make Him known and to live for His glory.

If you would like to listen to a song I wrote and sang, here is the following link: <http://soundcloud.com/brandonross/01-track-1-96>. The name of the song is: Edge of Eternity.

IMCNews Publisher note: Brandon is the pastor at Gateway Church in Del Norte, Colorado where he has been pastor here since January 2008. Pastor Brandon states “It has been a blessing to serve the Lord here. We have seen God working in the hearts and lives of people in our church and pray that will continue as we abide in Him.” Pastor Brandon is married to Janet Ross who helps with the Children’s ministry and many other areas. They have two boys Micah(6) and Mason(4).

Pastor Brandon Ross’ Master’s degree is in Christian Education with concentration in Ministry Based Evangelism from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His Bachelor’s degree is in Interdisciplinary Studies from Texas Wesleyan University and Associate degree is from Weatherford College.

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Answering the Call

By Nathan Harmon

“They call Africa the ‘dark’ continent. Surely, Mozambique embodies this phrase through its ravaging civil wars, horrible catastrophes, and extreme poverty. Iris Ministries, though, is seeing the face of the nation changed by the presence and power of God.” – Journal entry, May 29th. 2011.

There is a reason for God being called the “Hope of the Nations.” It seems that as time goes on, the world gets worse! And despite man’s best efforts to repress the many crises, disasters and messes we seem to find ourselves in, true hope is only found in one name – JESUS. This is especially true for the country of Mozambique in which I spent three months this past summer. As a recent graduate of the School of Global Missions at Christ for the Nations Institute in Dallas, TX, I had the opportunity to do a missions internship in Mozambique with Iris Ministries, founded by Rolland and Heidi Baker.

While there, I attended a missions school, and also was involved in ministry such as outreaches to Muslim bush villages, teaching in a Bible school, and doing children’s ministry. As the above quote described, Iris Ministries is seeing the Lord radically change this forlorn African nation – not just through good preaching, great outreach strategy, or building big churches, but through His miracle-working power.

Let me give you an example! Near the beginning of my time there, we all had the awesome privilege to attend a pastor’s conference located in Mizee... a village with a large church about a 30 minute drive away from our base, Pemba. It was a great time and we saw the Lord pour into and refresh many pastors. But it wasn’t only pastors who were there. Around 2,000 more people from the surrounding village showed up to check things out. One of those villagers was a young mother who brought her baby

daughter, who was completely blind and had totally white eyes. A few students began to pray for her and eventually, so did Mama Aida (Heidi). In the middle of loving on and praying for the little girl, she suddenly said, “Does anyone have any water? I need some water.” After she got a bottle of water, and under the unction of Holy Spirit, she poured it on the baby’s eyes. After wiping off her eyes, we watched as they popped open... and they were a beautiful brown. No more white! Jesus completely restored her vision! We confirmed this by performing little tests on her eyes, like shining a flashlight into them, etc. She could see perfectly!

These are the kinds of signs, wonders and miracles that are ushering the nation of Mozambique into the Kingdom! The province that Iris Ministries is based in was completely Muslim just 10 years ago. Now, though, after thousands of churches being planted, outreaches to the bush villages, and multitudes of people having an encounter with the living God through this ministry, the whole province has declared itself Christian! And the Gospel continues to spread throughout the entire country.

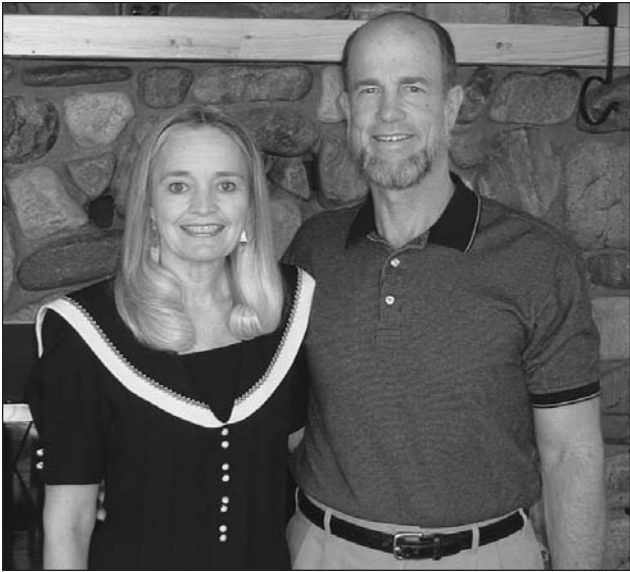
My prayer is that this article not only gives you a glimpse into my time in Africa, but also that it compels you to bring Hope to the nations. You carry Hope inside of you, and it is your job to release Him into the worst of the worst situations! And yes, there is a price to pay. When I returned from Africa, I ended up suffering in the hospital with dengue fever and malaria, a couple of bad diseases that I picked up there. But it is all worth it! And just like Jesus our Hope, we must look past the sacrifices, trials and difficulties in order to bring life to every tribe, tongue and people that He died for. I have answered the call to the nations.... will you?

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Pictured above: my wife Debbie and I.

Many a Christian has asked God, “Why am I going through all these difficulties?” These happenings are beyond my ability to handle them. I can’t endure anymore of this. Dear Lord, Hosanna (Save Now), Maranatha (Come Quickly).

Without going to my journals, I know that this theme has been continuing for 5 to 10 years and quite possibly longer in your case. When we think about it, it always has been God’s plan to perfect us and He will not stop until He finishes His Good work in us. Some of us have given up thinking something is wrong with all the adversity that we have been faced with. No, that is not the case. He will continue His Work as long as we are willing to submit ourselves to His chastening, which I believe is for our perfecting.

Have we experienced this great Harvest that is spoken of before His return? In my opinion we have not experienced the great Harvest, yet. We have seen some amazing moves of the Spirit in other parts of the world, but our time is yet to come. And quite likely the world hasn’t seen the Spirit moving to the extent He will.

Most all of us understand God’s Omniscience of His knowing the end of time even before time began. In other words, before He created the earth, Adam and Eve, and all the animals, He knew the people who would be living just short of His return. My sense is that we are that generation. He knew that we would be living at this time and He is giving us the necessary faith to accomplish what He wants accomplished before Jesus returns.



I hate writing my testimony. I know Jesus redeemed me, but the closer I get to God the more repulsive looking at sin and admitting to it becomes. Before I was saved I was a lying, thieving, slanderous, back-biting, sexually immoral, adulterous, goddess-idolizing, coveting, cheating, bisexual, arrogant, rebellious, disrespectful, selfish liberal feminist, known for making poor and hasty decisions.

Age nine, I was baptized in the United Church of Christ without the gospel. I did not have faith in Jesus. It’s easy for a girl to answer “yes” to a question of faith when bribed with a party and fine jewelry. I wanted attention. I was a “good little choir girl” for years and recited the Beatitudes in Sunday School. I was nice, but so what?

Later, I empowered myself by charming the hearts of men. I believed that anything I found fun was harmless to other people, “as long as it made me happy.” Happiness had feet and hid behind sin, yet I chased happiness because my sins weighed me down. Sometimes I found it, but only momentarily. I had a guilty conscience, and thought forgiveness was just a nice way of saying “I won’t hold anything against you until I’m unhappy with you.” When I received God’s forgive-

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Where Are We in God’s Plan?

For us individually and nationally....

By Christopher James, Cballis, Idaho

Most all of us sense the time we are in. Many theologians say “His Catching Away could happen at any time”. My sense is that is not the case. We haven’t seen the Great Falling Away or His Bride coming forth in the beauty of His Righteousness or even the power of God with signs and wonders that accompanied Christ’s coming and life here on earth 2,000 years ago. Even though many did not recognize His coming 2,000 years ago, they were without excuse. May it not be so for us.

Let’s get back to the difficulties that we have faced. Could these be the chastening that God has used to perfect (complete) or prepare us for the times ahead? We know that God works all things for good for those that love Him. I sense (believe) that this is where we are. For those of us who have chosen Him and who are still believing Him in spite of their great difficulty, we are ones who can better be used for “Bringing in the Harvest.”

Scripture says we will not know the hour of His return, but we are to know the season. Every day we are getting closer. The intensity of various natural disasters is increasing and the time span between these disasters is shortening. This clearly speaks to me about birth pains.

There is no doubt that it seems at times we are being tested (perfected) beyond our ability to endure, but we are called to be overcomers. If we endure the heat of these difficulties with God being sovereign in all things, quite possibly the real metal of Jesus’ Bride and/or God’s Harvesters will remain. I pray that it be so for us. Jesus deserves the best.

This is not only true for us individually, but also true for us as a nation. Where is the USA in God’s Plan? Currently there is a stalemate in our government. With Republicans controlling the House of Representatives, with the Democrats controlling the Senate, and a Socialist controlling the Executive Branch, the future of our nation is in question. Let us remember to pray that God will change their hearts to put God first, our families second and service to country before self.

In September, 2008, Amazing Grace Fellowship in Twin

Falls convened their Men’s retreat at Living Waters Ranch. Rob Owens, pastor from Reno, NV, was their keynote speaker where we discussed the upcoming election in November for the Presidency. He asked this very insightful question, “How do you suppose that God is going to transition the USA from a Republic to His government, the Kingdom of Jesus Christ?”

That question caused me to step back and think. My answer essentially has developed “Into whichever way the Lord chooses to transition it.” God is in control, but most definitely we have responsibility. Almost half of our citizens have become dependent on entitlements. Without God’s wisdom and direction, there is no hope or future.

Our country in 1607 and 1620 was dedicated to God for those seeking religious suffrage from Europe’s constraining governments. The Virginia and Plymouth Colonies suffered greatly with much loss of life to seek liberty to worship God in America. I sense that these days are just as critical and our very lives are dependent on our seeking God individually and collectively.

Even looking at the political arena where most of the networks are asking the question, “Which of the Republican candidates is most electable?” My sense is that God wants us to believe Him for the impossible. Does God want a candidate that will openly declare that he or she will wisely follow His commandments and trust Him for the outcome?

Political correctness has thus far turned God away from our country. Is there a candidate who will glorify God and unabashedly declare that Jesus is Lord while respecting everyone’s right to choose their own path? Nevertheless, sedition and anarchy are not welcome. Those people guilty of trying to destroy our country and its God-inspired form of government should be asked to leave.

May God Bless America and may our latter end bless God more than its beginning.

Yours Truly, Christopher James
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Lest I Should Boast

By Nicole Rose Vandeventer, Nampa, Idaho

Left to right: Nicholas, Azarel, Nicole

ness, the lies I believed became evident because I was no longer clouded by the weight of my sin.

One night, a man told me in detail about irrevocable salvation and absolute forgiveness through Christ’s death and resurrection. That man looked straight into my eyes with the fear of the God and told me that without knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior, my sin was leading me to hell. So many people worry about mentioning hell because it’s not pleasant, but hearing the truth was pleasant to me. That very night, I knew how unworthy of His forgiveness I was. I shook, my heart pounded through my chest, and my knees buckled under me as I felt a wave of electricity flow through me. How much love I felt terrified me! It wasn’t hell that scared me! It was God’s holiness, and realizing how unholy I was! I tried to run away from the invitation, but my legs walked forward as if I had no control over the receipt of salvation at all. He chose me. I said to the Lord in my mind, “I have no idea how to love You. I have no idea how to serve You. I don’t know how to turn from my sins. But if You will show me and teach me, I will obey You, because I cannot deny You. I cannot deny this.” I was seventeen, saved in someone’s basement.

The battle between good and evil raged in me. I agonized over my sin but didn’t yet have the prayer life, understanding of Scripture, discipline or discipleship to combat the lies of the enemy with the Truth. I fell into fornication, dishonored my mother, was raped, molested by a pastor, became homeless, and lived in poverty.

Even though my spirit hungered for purity, my flesh was weak. In a year, five men proposed to me. Life was harder for me than it was before I was saved. Persecuted often by people who did not understand the changes I was going through, I didn’t know how to explain myself. I had a lot of incorrect theology to weed through, too. God takes great delight in creating order out of chaos, though. He was faithful to help me

as I trusted in Him.

Eight years later, I have tools to combat my sin nature because Christ dwells in me. I have not desired women since I first repented as a teen. Old me is dead and she’s not being resurrected. I confess and repent daily, studying the living Word of God. Sanctification is a grueling but beautiful process, and everything my enemies mean for harm the Lord uses for good. I now disciple other women as He leads me, for by grace I have been saved through faith, and it’s not of myself. It is the gift of God, and not of works, lest I should boast.

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By Barry Hultgren, Fort Collins, Colorado

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Rev. Gregory C.V. Johnson and his wife Jill founded the ministry of *Standing Together in Utah* in March of 2001. Standing Together

seeks to advance biblical unity among evangelical churches and pastors in Utah and spiritual transformation throughout our community and state. Prior to founding Standing Together, Greg served as a pastor in three local Utah churches from 1992 to 2001, in Ogden (Washington Heights Baptist Church), Ogden Valley (Ogden Valley Baptist Church), and in Orem (Orem EV Free). It is because of Greg's passion for the Body of Christ to be ONE that he has given himself fully to the task of casting vision for unity, prayer, and strategic evangelism within the context of the Utah culture. It is his heart to see the Body of Christ committed to unity that the world might know that the Father has truly sent the Son (John 17:21). Greg has served as an At-Large Board Member of the National Association of Evangelicals since 2008, and was ordained by the Conservative Baptist Church in America in June of 1993.

Greg was raised in the Mormon Church and was born-again at a Christian camp just outside of Colorado Springs at age 14. Because of his background in Mormonism, Greg is passionate about building a relational dialogue with members of the Mormon faith, particularly with Mormon leaders and scholars. He facilitates and participates in LDS/evangelical dialogues between university students, scholars, leaders, and with his primary LDS dialogue partner, Dr. Robert Millet of BYU. Greg and Bob released, "Bridging the Divide: The Continuing Conversation Between a Mormon and an Evangelical" in 2007, and have held 60 public dialogues throughout the US and in Canada and England. Greg graduated from Westmont College in Santa Barbara where he majored in Social Science with an emphasis in Sociology and received a Minor in Religious Studies in 1989. After college, Greg graduated with Honors and received a Masters of Divinity from Denver Theological Seminary in 1992. He is married to Jill and they have four children, Indiana, Reagan, California, and America.

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ChurchLink will continue to do some of the events that Mission Media started such as Worship in the Park and other events to bring churches together.

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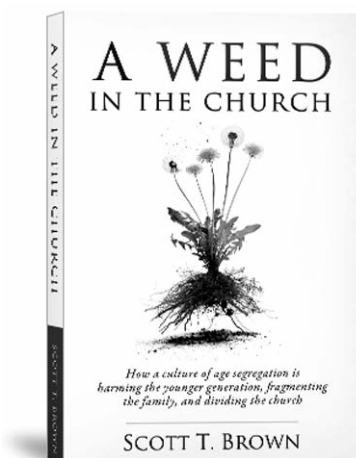
Churchlink will be hosting the *Gary Smalley* seminar coming up March 9-10, 2012 at Crossroads Community Church. Sign-up will be available soon on the website.

There will also be a free Pastors Lunch January 26th. More information to follow.

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A review of the book *A Weed in the Church – Honey or Vinegar?*

By Paul Thompson, Senior Pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, Twin Falls, Idaho



I have appreciated the well documented book by Scott Brown, *A Weed in the Church*. I am thankful that questions are being asked of the general condition of the church in America and how she is faring in this post modern day. These are questions I've been pondering over for at least the last 13 or 14 years.

I remember for the first time seriously considering the advice at a type of church growth conference or a leadership development conference I attended. The advice that we attract more flies with honey than we do with vinegar has been around for decades, maybe longer.

Where this may be true in the fly kingdom and flies everywhere would like us to continue promoting this belief, I began to question why we use such a metaphor? What are we saying about the Bible when we say something like that? What are we saying about Jesus? What are we saying about the church? These types of questions have lingered in my mind for over a decade.

Now there is a movement among evangelicals to do more than just think and ponder on this issue. It is now time (I pray I've not acted too late) to respond. Let me first define my issue. When it is all thought through and considered it is for me an issue of the sufficiency of Scripture. Meaning that I have had to answer a question that leaves most of us uncomfortable. It is what some might call a "Crisis of Belief."

Do I believe that God will do what He says He can and will do. Am I going to respond as Abraham and Sarah did when the Lord told them that the two of them would have a child? I think they believed God wanted to do this, but they were obviously going to have to help the promise out.

Have we somehow done a similar thing with the promise from our Lord when Jesus told Peter that the gates of Hell will not prevail

or when Jesus said that He would build His church? Have we become so enlightened that we dare to make such godless declarations that we can attract more flies with honey than we can with vinegar in relationship to the Lord's Church? What do we even mean by that?

The recent decision that Eastside Baptist Church made concerning age segregation is not the central point. It is a matter that we intentionally looked at and have corporately repented of, but the issue for us is the sufficiency of Scripture. I am in shock to discover that taking a stand on Scripture and to trust Jesus to build His church would evoke such a controversy.

When a church, who is responsible to preserve the gospel, looks to another source to accomplish her duty she has begun to slide down a slippery slope that we have been warned of from Scripture. (Most all of the epistles warn the church to be careful, even to the point of contending for this truth.) It appears from history that the church has been in this fight from the birthing of the church in the book of Acts. The apostle Paul is engaged in this battle with passion and clarity.

Years ago I had a ministry friend make a serious error. He decided he would lead his youth group through a study of the Lord's Supper. But he decided that the bible was outdated and needed to be made relevant (the ol' attracting more flies with honey than with vinegar advice had been given to him

by some well-meaning mentor.) He told me that after teaching on the Lord's Supper at a Wednesday night bible study for teens, he prepared to serve hamburgers and soda instead of the traditional (translated "boring") method prescribed in Scripture.

After he defended his reasoning to his pastor, he was rightly fired from the church. He later told me that he felt the church he was fired from was being too old fashioned, and that the bible didn't teach that you couldn't use burgers and soda for the Lord's Supper. "After all" he argued, "it's only symbolic of Christ's body and blood."

Don't we have a huge responsibility? The gospel is at stake. I am not at liberty to handle this gospel with such commonness. I am responsible to deliver it rightly today and preserve it for any generation to follow. What kind of church would I want to be part of? What kind of pastor do I want to have? Do I want a church that prefers methods of the secular world over Scripture?

Do I want a pastor who will use 'honey' to attract a crowd or do I want a pastor who will be bold enough to actually use "vinegar?" As for me and this church, we will choose the latter.

I say to the post-modern, world-embracing, honey spreading church as Moses did to Pharaoh - "Let my people go!"

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FAITH in the Workplace at the Boise, Idaho Airport

By Warren (Ski) Milanowski, Boise, Idaho



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The ministry is done by airline employees on the job. A small staff in the FCAP International office communicates, encourages, and provides literature and training to airline personnel nationally and worldwide.

Recently, FCAP Director Paul Curtas traveled to Boise, Idaho to conduct *Faith In The Workplace Training*. The meeting was organized by field staff representative Warren Milanowski (known as "Ski"), a retired airline employee who upon retirement opened a chapel at the Boise airport, and serves as chaplain to airport employees.

Some key elements discussed in the training follow:

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– "Workplace ministry is my going to an ordinary job, but with an extraordinary

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presence and power available to work in and through me while I am at work."

– "Workplace ministry happens as I see the people and circumstances around me as God's ministry agenda for my workplace."

Repeated several times throughout the session, we were reminded that by the time we retire from our jobs, we will have spent approximately 100,000 hours on the job, but only about 5,000 hours in church.

Considering that, we must

ask ourselves whether we describe our workplace as a spiritual wasteland or a spiritual harvest field. From a biblical perspective, we see that work has been

1) Ordained and designed by God (Gen 2:15);

2) Is a gift from God's hand (Eccl 2:24; 3:13, 5:18,19); and

3) Should be done first and foremost as unto God and not men (Eph. 6:5-7; Col 3:22-24)

In early 2012, Warren will be traveling to FCAP headquarters to further familiarize himself with the

training material and will be presenting this material to other airport personnel, and hopefully other locations throughout the Treasure Valley.

If you would like to talk to Warren about workplace ministry, or the airport ministry in general, you may contact him by phone (208) 371-8569 or email him at fcapboi@gmail.com.

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Would Europe Benefit from a Super Committee?

By Christopher G. Adamo, Wheatland, Wyoming

Somehow, the sun came up on Thanksgiving Day 2011, despite the shocking failure of the “Deficit Reduction Super Committee” to concoct a bipartisan program for long-term debt reduction in the federal budget. All of America, we were told, had pinned its hopes on the prospect of a miraculous agreement among committee members that would maintain all of the profligate nanny state handouts, vaporize the federal deficit, and otherwise burst forth with such promise that the nation’s beleaguered economy could rebound through the sheer power of optimism.

Amazingly however, the debate among committee members broke down right along its historical lines. Democrats refused to cut spending, and Republicans refused to raise taxes. The left determined to continue down its dark path and, for once, Republicans refused to go along with them. This, according to the pundit class, is what passes for moral equivalency. But in truth, absolutely nobody was surprised at the ultimate outcome.

Inside Washington, the die was cast last August 2 when the whole “super committee” scam was initially formulated. From the start, its implementation represented just another transparent ploy to divert attention from the intransigence of Democrats, enabled by the cowardice of Republicans, as both groups postured and tap-danced their way into raising the national debt ceiling by more than two trillion dollars over the next sixteen months.

The end game was never in question. Keep the spending going, while cleverly deflecting blame from the majority votes in both Houses of Congress by which it was facilitated. Now, the expectation is that everyone can wag their fingers at those wicked committee members, but not holding anyone in the House of Representatives or Senate directly responsible. And in their minds, these members of the “ruling class” have succeeded. Yet the electorate is much more informed than it was in the past, and the scam is not going to work this time around.

As the news of the “failed” committee effort is disseminated, and the nation is ceaselessly warned of the dire ramifications this all portends, the outrage that the whole endeavor has represented from its beginning, is once again being placed front and center for all of America to ponder. Some grim realities need to be highlighted.

First, the entire premise of a “1.2 trillion dollar” cut has always been a sham. This sum of money would ostensibly be “saved” over a ten year period during which time, even at

today’s spending rates, the federal government would squander another 40 trillion dollars, give or take a few trillion. Yet the duplicity gets much worse. Current and historical spending patterns are on track to bloat the budget significantly beyond that amount. So even if any feigned deference to the paltry “cut” directives were upheld, future budgets need only claim that they had originally been projected for higher amounts, then to be “reduced” according to the required committee “cuts,” and all is right with the world. Problem solved.

In short, no real effort at actually cutting spending was ever intended, and if the current crop of Beltway insiders (regardless of party affiliation) maintains its hold on power, none will ever be made. The cynics win this one, while Heartland America continues to pay the price.

It hardly takes a Nostradamus to foretell the ultimate result of such criminally injudicious actions. As ample evidence, the grave consequences of flagrant institutionalized recklessness are continuing to unfold across the Atlantic. Daily, the sums of money being demanded by debtor nations increase at an unfathomable rate. And daily, the prognosis for any financial restoration of the region becomes more bleak.

Europe is in an economic free fall. Yet major segments of its atrociously swelled underclass are either unwilling to relinquish their place at the public trough, or unable to comprehend that the situation is simply unsustainable. So, in response to the lack of available funds in one nation, calls go out to other nations to foot the bill. Ultimately however, collapse is becoming ever more inescapable since every major initiative focuses only on bandaging the latest fiduciary hemorrhage while preserving the system that created the problem.

Among those nations that are progressively more obligated to provide sustenance to the dependent class, the only question is how much they can afford to continue dispensing, with no possibility of compensation, before they eventually drive their own economies into default. Increasingly, speculation is not about if, but when the European Union scheme will implode under the massive burden of subsidized sloth on an international scale.

Euro zone ministers are looking to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a possible means of acquiring sufficient funds for a brief bailout, and Italy is selling its government bonds with the promise of nearly eight percent return. Yet even if the IMF doles out more cash and a sufficient number of investors are gullible enough to buy into Italian debt with a return promise approaching that of junk bonds, the underlying circumstances which led Europe to this dire precipice are all

still in place. The utterly flawed philosophies of socialism remain uncorrected. Thus, the dreadful conclusion of the current chaos remains unchanged.

The dazzling political “sleight of hand” that left the fate of America’s economic future in the hands of a twelve member “bipartisan” Super Committee is no more capable of eschewing that same financial day of reckoning in America. And this gloomy prospect remains fixed in the nation’s future, despite the committee’s vigorous efforts to shift blame away from the Congressional bodies whose total lack of principle and ethics spawned it in the first place.

America, Europe, and indeed the entire world have moved dangerously beyond that point in which mere adjustments and fine-tuning will initiate a magical fix that might allow the statist monstrosities to remain intact. Restoration of order and prosperity will come only by a wholesale rejection of the mindset that sanctions the illicit confiscation of one citizen’s duly earned wages by the state, to then be redistributed to another who produced no worthwhile commodity or service by which to earn it.

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Vision Beyond Borders Update, Bozeman, Montana

From our contact we work with in the refugee camps:

“We returned from a very blessed four days trip from the south. It was such a joy to meet up again and minister to the IDP families from the Southern Karen State, Burma. Things have been going tough for these families. Just before we were planning to leave for the south, we heard that the families might need to leave their new hiding place again and run from the Burmese Army. But God did a miracle although the Burmese Army came very close to the new hiding place of these precious families, they actually never found them and all families were safe. Thank you Jesus! Through all the difficulties and dangers these families are facing, their faith in God has grown strong. We saw many smiling and thankful faces. Our time of worship and prayer together in their hiding place was precious, there was such a strong anointing of God’s presence in this place. We are thankful to God for providing physical and spiritual needs for these beautiful Karen people in hiding.”

Current Needs:

Financial Assistance to establish a widows fund for Burma – We would like to establish a widow fund to support widows and their children.

Assistance with funds or clothing for Burma orphanage – We would like to bless the 79 year old woman and the 136 children she is caring for in Burma. Funds raised will purchase blankets for each child (\$2.50 each) and we would like to raise money for bunk beds, toiletries and basic items for each child. In addition we are collecting new sweaters and sweatshirts that will be carried over to the children, and collecting small toys such as beanie babies for each child.

Prayer Points at a Glance:

- Patrick and team in Southeast Asia
- Godly wisdom for leaders involved in negotiations with Burmese government
- Safety for those who are ministering to refugees in hiding
- Outreach opportunities for every Christian; that we will reach many with the Gospel
- Christians in Egypt will be salt and light and the Gospel will spread
- Continued opportunities to work together with Godly businesses or partners to further the Gospel

In Christ, Patrick and VBB staff

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We have heard it said for years “Evolution is a fact.” It is taught as fact in our public schools, reported as fact in the media, and addressed as fact in the scientific literature. But contrary to popular belief, evolution is not a fact, it is really only a theory. But folks, there is a big difference between what is claimed as “fact” and what is truth.

“Scientific facts” can change, but truth is reality and never changes. It used to be accepted scientific fact that the earth was flat, that the sun revolved around the earth, and bloodletting was a life saving medical procedure. These “scientific facts” are now in the trash bin of history. Why? Because, as time went on, more light was shed on these so called “facts” and the real truth (reality) was discovered.

Although evolution is the accepted dogma for man’s origin, there are many brilliant, first-rate, reputable scientists who do not accept the “fact of evolution.” They understand that there is adequate scientific and historical evidence that shows that the basic claims of Darwinism have been proven false by modern science. It was Darwin’s hypothesis that the fossil record would eventually show clear evidence of one kind of creature changing into a fundamentally different kind of creature through a step-by-step, gradual process. Today, the fossil record, containing billions of fossils found since Darwin’s time, does not support this theory.

What the fossil record shows is a massive explosion of life, wherein creatures appear suddenly, fully formed, without a trace of ancestors. Rather than finding the continuous, gradual change as predicted by Darwin, the fossil record shows stasis, followed by extinction. Stasis means that animals appear in basically the same form when they disappear as when they first appeared. This was predicted by the Creation/Flood Model. Example: bats have always been bats in the fossil record, complete with sonar.

All of us as individual, thinking, intelligent adults should realize that no matter what we believe, we ought to have evidence for our belief. We at RMCF believe that the question of origins (Where do we come from?) is one of the most important questions in our lives. We understand there is adequate scientific evidence that shows that the creation model, as told in the book of Genesis and other books of the Bible, is the correct, factual account that describes the origin of the universe, the plants and animals on this earth, and of man himself. We maintain the view that the fossil record is best explained by a devastating global flood of Noah, and is not the result of hundreds of millions of years of “accumulated evolution.”

The case for scientific creationism is not based on religious dogma, but on scientific investigation and observation. The fossil record is testifying evidence for creation and the failure of evolutionary theory. If evolution never occurred, there is only one other option open to us: Special Creation by an all-powerful, intelligent, loving Creator.

Folks, the existence and complexity of the universe demands an Intelligent Designer, and the Bible has told us who He is: Jesus Christ. If you are interested in knowing more about the “case for creation,” join us and become a member of RMCF, subscribe to our newsletter, and attend our monthly teaching seminars.

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By Josh Bales, Boise, Idaho

Recently, I had the privilege of traveling to Portland, Oregon with other Christians to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in the open air. An interesting trip to be sure. Cops, hecklers, and some interesting behavior that seemed to jump out right from the pages of the Old Testament. It rained the whole first day, but since it didn’t bother the Oregonians, we took advantage of the crowds at Occupy Portland, the Farmer’s Market, the city train, and Pioneer Square.

The next few days we went to the campuses at Portland State, Oregon State, and the University of Oregon. Depending on where we were, we pulled out the amplification system, but we always had gospel signs and tracts, and enough people to witness one on one with. Strangely enough, I was prepared for opposition from non-believers, however, I wasn’t prepared for the hostility that we received from those who called themselves Christians. It was a shocking thing actually.

We publicly heralded and worshiped Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and that through faith in His substitutionary death alone one can be saved from God’s righteous wrath in hell. Professing Christians, after hearing this message, were claiming that we were ‘driving away non-believers’ with that message. Really? The thing I would like to know is what gospel doesn’t drive away non-believers?


The scripture proclaims “...Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.” To true believers, and those who are being saved, the gospel is the sweetest aroma on earth, but to those who are perishing it smells like somebody died.

Jesus himself said that “If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you.” He’s not saying that we can therefore be jerks to unbelievers. I’m not saying that. We need to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. What He is saying is that because the sinful, unregenerate heart naturally hates Him, they will hate His followers also. The modern church has got this exactly backwards. The litmus test for success has turned into how much non-believers love us.

The entrepreneurial spirit of America has trained even Christians to be pragmatic in their approach to everything, including “how we witness.” The main contributing factor to being seduced into pragmatism is a failure to see the biggest theme in the Bible, namely the *Glory of God*.

Pervasive throughout the pages of Scripture is God boldly declaring that He is doing all things for His name’s sake or for His own glory. This is quickly becoming a foreign concept in many American churches. We fail to recognize that the main reason why God does anything that He does is solely for the spread of His own fame. This is even the reason for us being forgiven.

We are chiefly forgiven because it shows God’s magnificence. 1 John 2:12 says “I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven for his name’s sake.” It’s the same reason why others are not being saved.

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So whatever God does, whether He is granting mercy, or executing justice, it’s for the sake of making His name great. This should inform how we proclaim the name of Jesus Christ as well.

Do we want to see non-believers repent of their treason against the King and put their hope in the person and work of Jesus Christ alone? Yes. But their response to the gospel is not the chief reason we should proclaim the gospel. We should proclaim the gospel because Jesus Christ is the most admirable Being in the cosmos.

The Lord is a sight to behold, and when we admire Him unashamedly, it makes His name great in the earth. “Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” This must be the emphasis in our gospel. To preach in a way where our chief concern is that our King would be honored and glorified will keep our witness true to the pages of Scripture and in concert with the Holy Spirit.

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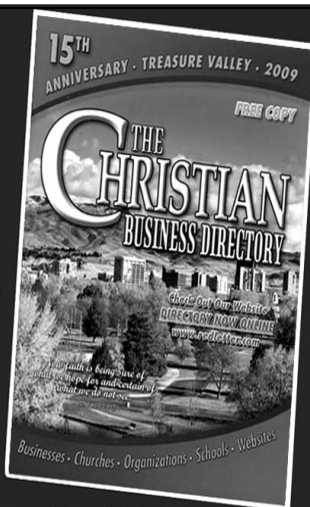
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Southern Baptists Still all About the *Salvation of the Lost*

By John Ring, Mountain Home, Idaho

The annual meeting of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention was hosted by North Ridge Baptist Church of Jerome, Idaho from October 24-26th. I attended as a voting messenger from my church, First Southern Baptist Church of Mountain Home, Idaho.

The worship was a wonderful mix of contemporary songs, hymns and updated hymns as Kent Burchyett led a number of corporate worship sessions throughout the conference. The special music was inspirational. The fellowship and snacks were sweet. Business sessions went smoothly. The reports were thorough and informative. Exhibits were helpful, convenient resources to have on site. No controversial resolutions were submitted and we stayed on schedule.

For me, however, the real blessings of the conference were in the many outstanding sermons that were preached. With a theme of “Building for the Future” from Nehemiah 4:13-20, a half-dozen preachers encouraged and exhorted us about the task of reaching the lost with the Gospel message. Noted speakers Ergun Caner and O.S. Hawkins were among them.

The following is an attempt at a collective summation of the sermons, with statistical excerpts from various reports that collectively hold a timely message for every Christian of any evangelical denomination.

The following statistics come from the International Mission Board of the National Southern Baptist Convention. The world population just reached seven billion. Southern Baptists have nearly 5,000 missionaries on the field in 168 countries. In 2010 they reported over 360,000 baptisms and over 29,000 churches planted. Yet, even when combined with the efforts of all other evangelical groups there still remain 3,800 unengaged people groups representing 1.9 billion people currently without access to the Gospel. “Doing the math” one can readily see we’re not “getting there from here” anytime soon.

The preachers reminded us that we Christians are to be a peculiar people – distinct, separate, special, unique, unusual,

and even odd from the world’s perspective. After all, according to Scripture we are blood-bought, Christ-redeemed and should be Spirit-filled and God-directed. What should make us different as Christians is that we preach the Word of God, the cross of Christ and the resurrection from the dead – in a word, the Gospel.

We, as individual believers, must be diligent in our fidelity to the Word of God, guard our heart, cherish our fraternity in the work and be ferocious in our witness. We stand on the work of countless others who gave their lives for the cause of Christ. We must count the cost of sacrifices necessary, do honest self-evaluation, make evangelism our priority and be intentional in our efforts. We must be unified whenever possible.

We must use our influence, whether we’re bankers, teachers, police officers, whatever, to share Christ, not to merely sit on boards or committees inside our churches. We must move outside our church “fortresses” where we speak a coded language that the lost don’t understand and find ways to engage the Gospel. Every believer should be ready to share their story of salvation. Church planting is an evangelism strategy; but it is also the natural result of believers faithfully sharing their faith.

While it is true that we must rescue souls from hell; we must also strengthen believers. A five-year church member should

know what they believe, have discovered their giftedness and know what their own personal ministry is to be. They should also be invested in giving of themselves and their substance to evangelize the world.

As those called by the name of Christ, we need reminded of a seemingly forgotten concept or principle, the “*Fear of the Lord*.” Coupled with an appreciation of God’s holiness and that He commanded us to also be holy, we must walk in the fear of the Lord. Throughout the Old Testament, in the Gospels, Acts the Epistles and finally the Book of Revelation we find this to be the controlling theme of God’s people. Do we have such a sense of awe, reverence and respect for our great Creator and Savior God so that like Paul the apostle, our greatest fear is disappointing the Lord and becoming unusable by Him?

Solomon perhaps summed it up best when he wrote, “Fear God and keep His commandments. This is the whole duty of men.” Christians who have this as their focus won’t lose the joy of serving the Lord and will faithfully labor to complete the Great Commission.

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Discerning Beth Moore

By Pastor Jordan Hall, Fellowship Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana

ists like Southern Baptists solicit her merchandise to consumers. God can speak however and whenever and to whomever He wants – I just doubt he’s calling Beth Moore “girlfriend” and chatting with her about Powerpoint slides.

At the end of the day, it’s not just about a New Age-promoting prophetess who hears from the mouth of God and writes under divine inspiration in order to increase the self-esteem of housewives. The real need for discernment with Beth Moore is not *what* she teaches (as suspect as that may be). The real need for discernment is with what Beth Moore does *not teach*. Moore’s teaching is full of folksy wisdom and matronly advice, and certainly much of it is good advice.

What it’s not is exposition of Scripture. There’s an unhealthy attitude out there that men somehow need solid doctrinal teaching and deep exegesis, but women need giggly banter, practical whimsy, and jovial wit. There are good female Bible teachers out there – Beth Moore is simply not one of them. Catering more to “felt needs” (IE “easy book and ticket sales”) than Scripture, Moore has become a motivational speaker rivaling anything the secular world has to offer.

The subtle danger of Beth Moore is that Moore has simply become the pastor of many evangelical women. When critiquing Moore in the *Pulpit and Pen* a year ago (specifically her promotion of Contemplative Prayer and a Universalist “everybody gets saved” soteriology), I realized quickly that hell hath no fury like a Beth Moore fan scorned. Like never before, the website was flooded with women incensed that anything discerning of the “Baptist Babe” would be said in a negative light.

In fact, a number of individuals who publicly defended my critique of Beth Moore are still on prayer lists at various churches, praying that they’ll be saved (you can’t criticize Beth Moore and be saved, right?). Sadly, this is no exaggeration. The truth of the matter is that many women who follow Beth Moore are more loyal to her than to their pastor, local church leadership, or even their husbands. This speaks to the danger presented by lacking discernment.

None of this speaks well for the level of teaching taking place in the local church. One can only wonder what poor teaching is transpiring from the evangelical pulpit that makes it appear Beth Moore has any substance or depth at all in comparison. One also has to wonder what poor leadership is taking place in homes and churches among pastors and husbands that evangelical women feel it necessary to receive their primary teaching from an itinerant preacher of any stripe, let alone such an expository lightweight like Moore. And perhaps most condemning is the truth that Beth Moore wouldn’t be known by the masses at all, if the Christian community had been more interested in promoting substance over style.

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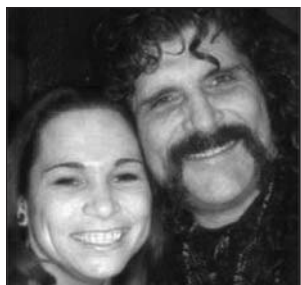
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I stayed at the Good Samaritan Mission for about 3 1/2 months this summer. Within a few days after I arrived in Jackson, I was



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Center because she had nowhere else to go.

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Paula is beginning to look forward to her future, because of the relationship she's building with the Lord. "I'm learning about God and Jesus Christ," she explains, full of excitement. "This is all new to me and it really makes me feel great!" Although her long-term goal is to find a job and get back on her feet, for

now she knows she's where God wants her to be. "I can concentrate on God and get strong. Then I can go do what He has planned for me. I think this is the best place ever for a sad, homeless person who needs to find their way!"

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Misty had what she called a "white picket fence life" – she was married with two children, had a career as a cardiac technician, and lived in a lovely home in Butte, Montana. But there were small cracks in her picture of happiness. On the weekends, she occasionally used marijuana, just for fun, and her husband drank far too much.

In 2003, those cracks broke up her marriage, and she divorced her husband and temporarily moved to stay with her mom in Idaho. She did move back with her ex, but their life together was dysfunctional. The sudden death of her younger sister brought Misty and her family to live in Boise, and into a life of anger, abuse, and eventually drug use. Her ex-husband gained custody of their daughters, and took them with him back to Montana, where Misty could not legally follow. Her drug problem became all she had, and she threw herself into it, selling and using drugs and going in and out of jail.

After a 28-day rehab program, she lasted seven days before using drugs again. She remarried, to a man who has been in prison most of the past five years, and became pregnant with her third daughter, whom she had in jail. Her father posted bond for her to get out, and she tried another 28-day rehab program. This time, she didn't even last a day before relapsing. She realized that the drug had taken over her life, and she needed help.



A month was just not long enough for a five-year drug user to overcome her habit. She applied to the New Life Program at City Light, but before she was accepted, her father tried to commit suicide. She spent eight days by his bedside while he was in a coma, and as soon as he woke up, she came to City Light. Misty did not believe in God, and she just wanted to fulfill the program and get out – she was not willing to sign her life over, but He was working on her heart and moving in His plan for her.

He brought Jean Lockhart into her life that summer, who shone with something that Misty recognized as what she needed. Jean told her that she had to ask God for it. She continued to show Misty love and loyalty, and the Mission stood by her even when family tried to derail her recovery. This dedication slowly began to make changes in Misty, but she still resisted God's call.

In January, she made a serious mistake based on fear, and God has used it to teach her the power of forgiveness through Jean and Reverend Roscoe. He has also used the generosity of two hard-working lawyers to demonstrate to Misty His power and plan. Layne Davis represents Misty in criminal court, and it is through his hard work that a judge has been convinced that a girl with a long record of rebellion and drug abuse is now trying to change her life. He was one of the first to point out to her that City Light was her only way out of the life she was leading. On July 22nd, she and Mr. Davis appeared in court, and the judge was very

impressed with her progress! Stephen Sherer is the attorney who is working with Misty to bring her two older daughters to live with her, and she is deeply thankful to him for his help getting her youngest daughter, Jassmyrn, safely into her custody. Last month, she was able to visit her older girls for the first time in five years! God slowly broke down the barriers in Misty's heart through all of these people – He finally made her understand His love. On Reverend Roscoe's birthday this year, Misty gave her life to Christ. Now things have become clear. She has turned from her past life and the sins she used to be enslaved to, and now fights to be the mother and the woman that God wants her to be. Misty is now a full-time employee of the BRM, using her talents to serve in our Ministry Center!

And, she will complete the New Life Program and graduate towards the end of this year! She says that the Mission is a foundation for her, and the four pillars are Jean Lockhart, Rev. Roscoe, and her two lawyers, Layne Davis and Stephen Sherer. Her prayer is to bring the rest of her family to God. She says, "I have a lot I don't want to jeopardize – much more than someone who has done what I have done should have been given."

"I know that it's by the Grace of God that the last 8½ years of destruction have been turned, in just one year, to a miracle."

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The Fabric of Their Lives...

People are who we are called to serve, to help and to love. Our purpose at the Montana Rescue Mission is to love them right where they are like Christ does. After that we offer the basic necessities of life – a meal, a warm bed and clothing (we call this our Core Services).

People are just like fabric, some are soft, some are coarse, some are delicate and some are frayed and tattered. Some find it hard to withstand the troubles of life, some are rough and at first glance it might look like they are coping, but give them time and just like you and me, they can fall. It happens to the best of us.

We are all susceptible to the pressures of this world. Loss of a job, a home or a loved one. Without the proper support, a network of family and friends, we too could become homeless. What would you do? Where would you turn to for help?

Many who come to the Mission have nowhere else to go! Fortunately the doors of the Mission for Men and the Mission for Women & Families are always open to those seeking help and solutions to their homelessness.

Robert and Megan had no choice but to seek help from the Mission.

They came for the meals, warm bed and clothing, and have stayed for the help, seeking a permanent solution. They came with frayed and tattered dreams; a desire for their own home again, jobs to provide the necessities in life and, woven through these, a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Today, Robert is enrolled in the disciple program and they are both attending bible studies and classes for their next step in life. And most importantly, through the "fabric of their life," a

relationship with Jesus keeps them focused and on track.

To be continued... watch for programs for the Next Step in the January newsletter.

To learn more about homelessness, may we suggest reading: When Helping Hurts, by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert



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Alliance Defense Fund – *Protecting our Religious Liberties*

Michael S. Oswald



As told to IMCNews

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ADF has a nationwide network of Christian lawyers ("Allies") who volunteer to represent individuals and groups whose religious liberties are threatened or infringed. Allies stand ready to write letters to city managers, school principals, and library staff to help them understand what the U.S. Constitution requires of them. In many cases, a simple letter is all it takes for a discriminatory policy to be changed.

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lawyers from ADF, have filed and won many court cases to protect our access to the public square.

These ADF attorneys... are meeting some of the most serious threats to religious freedom head-on. In fact, they regularly have well over 150 litigation cases underway, and consistently win more than three out of every four cases brought to conclusion: ADF attorneys won the reversal of a criminal conviction and a related federal lawsuit, striking down an unconstitutional noise ordinance – after a Phoenix pastor was sentenced to jail for ringing the bells of his church.

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If you feel your religious freedom is being suppressed, tell it to the ADF! Contact them to see what ADF can do to help: <https://www.alliancedefensefund.org/LegalHelp>

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*Are you looking for help in the
battle to keep the door open for the
spread of the Gospel?*

MY TESTIMONY

By Rusty Downey, Boise, Idaho

My testimony for Jesus Christ began at an early age. I was 14 years old when I asked Jesus into my heart. Sitting on the couch in my grandmother's living room I cried out to God to help me, He did and has.

I came from a dysfunctional home of fighting, daily arguments, my father an alcoholic. My father and mother divorced when I was nine and from there on I was used as a weapon to try and get even with the other parent. If my father gave me a gift I was not allowed to bring it to my mother's house and visa versa. When I had done something to displease her, I was chastised by my mother because I looked like my father. Both remarried the same day, the same hour and they put me in the middle once more by inviting me to both weddings.

By the age of twelve I decided I had to start making up my own mind on how I wanted my life to be. I knew that what I saw and heard from my family was what I did not want. In the divorce decree the judge ruled I had to move every three months and the longest time in one place was with my grandparents. Schooling was difficult for me as my parents lived far apart from each other. Living with my grandparents gave me my first exposure to church. I found friends there and I began to hear about Jesus. By the leading of the Holy Spirit I would tune in on the radio and here more. It was there, after a radio program was over that day, that I sought the Lord.

His mercy and love has guided me all my life. I did not begin to grow in the Lord until I was about 25. It was then after many bad choices in my life that I realized there was much more to Christianity than going to church and saying I am a Christian. At the age of nineteen I had married an unbeliever in my desperate need for security and love. He turned out to be an alcoholic. I was blessed with 4 children. That marriage ended when the children's father no longer wanted the responsibility of a home or the responsibility of the children. Taking the children as well as myself to church became a haven to me and my growing in Christ directed my life.

God allowed me to be blessed with many Christian friends and among them came forth the most wonderful, loving and caring man who wanted to take care of us. Rich came into our lives and brought us laughter and joy and unconditional love. The children gobbled up his love and guidance immediately.

Rich and I were married and our life together was bound by serving the Lord in any way that He led us. We soon found ourselves having a support group for people coming out of the cults or occult. God lead us from that service to moving to California to work with a Christian film company that made documentaries. When our work there was finished we returned home to Boise, Idaho and shortly thereafter Rich was diagnosed with cancer from Agent Orange that he was sprayed with in Vietnam.

Our home church, Treasure Valley Baptist, was a blessing to us during Rich's battle with cancer. When first we heard of the cancer I asked the Lord if I could have him for five more years and He granted me my prayer. At the end of five years I boldly and humbly went to the throne of God and asked for five more years and in His mercy He granted us that. At the end of that time God spoke to me and said, "Do not ask for any more, he's coming home now."

Rich went home to be with the Lord in August of 2008. During this time the Lord gave Rich and I a special daughter to raise. She came to us at nine months old and is now 13. What a blessing!

I praise the Lord for all His love and strength through all my life and He continues to this day to walk with me, talk with me and love me.

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rlccschool@qwest.net

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Central Wyoming Rescue Mission Main Facility
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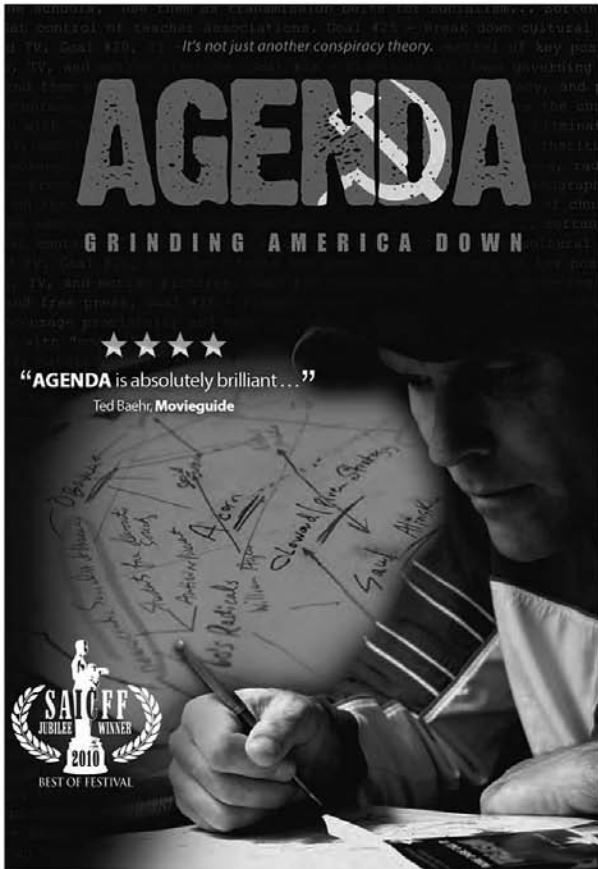
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For parking information and a map to the Rose Room,
see the web site: <http://roseroom.info/map.php>.



My name is Stephen Russell and I grew up on a potato and wheat farm in American Falls, Idaho. I played second base in little league, went to church on Sundays and was a starter on my junior league basketball team. Looking back, it's hard to believe that my early life led me to where I was a year ago – alone, broke and strung out on meth in an urban jungle – the concrete streets of Salt Lake City.

Early Drug Abuse

It seems almost ridiculous to say it, but my life really started to go downhill at age 9, when I tried marijuana for the first time. I was a third grader and a friend got some pot from his older brother. We both passed out after smoking. It was like my world was turned upside down.

By fifth grade I was smoking pot regularly with my friends. I eventually dropped out of high school and moved to Salt Lake where some of my relatives lived. Life wasn't any better in Salt Lake and at age 17 I started working for a traveling carnival. One day I got a call from my mother. My grandmother (who was like a second mother to me) was gravely ill in the hospital. I hurried back home to Idaho and visited my grandmother two times before she passed away from complications of diabetes. My heart was broken and my mother blamed me for my grandmother's death. My mom told me that my leaving Idaho caused my grandmother's health to decline. Her death pushed me off the deep end into drug abuse and addiction.

I got into cocaine, alcohol, LSD and eventually meth. I was



Stephen Russell was raised on a potato farm in Idaho. He never dreamed that smoking pot at age 9 would eventually lead him to being homeless on Salt Lake City's streets.

holding down some jobs – farming or driving trucks – but never stayed at one place too long. When I would get some really good meth I could stay up for weeks at a time. Once I was doing over-the-road driving for a delivery company. My route was from Idaho to Massachusetts. Before I would leave Idaho I would get enough meth so I could stay awake for the entire journey. I was driving over busy interstates after being awake for a week straight completely high on meth. Towards the end of those trips I was delirious, barely able to stay on the road. I thank God I never killed anyone.

When I was 25 I got married and had two step-kids. I settled down a little but my wife drank and soon our addiction problems boiled over into our marriage. We were separated and I started injecting meth – that's really when my world ended. Shooting meth (or doing dirt, as it's known on the streets) is intense and takes an addiction to another level. I lost all my friends, they said I was a junkie and wanted nothing to do with me.

Becoming Homeless

With no friends left in Idaho, I returned to Salt Lake where some of my relatives ran a small diesel mechanic shop with a loft in it. They gave me a job in the shop and let me live in the loft. Whatever money I made I spent on meth. After a few months I was so strung out they fired me and kicked me out of the loft.

With nowhere to go I started living on the streets. It was the middle of the summer so I would sleep on the grass in people's backyards – wherever I could find a place where nobody would notice me. To get money for drugs I would steal copper wire from construction sites and recycle it.

Finally, while I was smoking pot in Jordan Park, I was arrested and spent two months in jail. I really believe it was God's hand that put me in jail. Being locked up forced me to get sober for two months and consider my life. When I was released I still had nowhere to go but at least I now knew I needed help.

I tried to get a bed at the public housing shelter but it was full. I remember walking to Pioneer Park in downtown Salt Lake City, falling on my knees and praying to God. I don't remember what I said – I just knew that I was crying to Him for help. While I was praying someone came up to me and asked me if I was OK. They told me I could get help at the Rescue Mission. As I walked the half block from Pioneer Park to the Mission, the "Jesus Saves" sign that hangs over the

Mission's front door hit my heart. I knew the Mission was "home," that this was the place I needed to be.

Becoming Whole Again

As a child, I had a good relationship with God, but it was a relationship I had walked away from. Here at the Mission I have rekindled my faith in God and have learned so much about His love and forgiveness. I have learned to love again. I realized I had hated others for the things I had done. I blamed other people for things I should have blamed myself for. And while realizing my mistakes, I now know Jesus paid for them all and freed me from the burden of my own regrets.

Today I am an active member of Wasatch Christian Church and have been sober for over one year. Once again, my family is talking to me over the phone and through Facebook. Even in this tough economy, God has blessed me with a great job as an inventory associate at Walmart where I stock shelves and make merchandise displays. Through my connections there, God has used me to help get three other members of the Rescue Mission's recovery program get jobs at Walmart.

I am thrilled at how God has changed me from a selfish, inwardly-focused person, to someone who can be used to help others. Last month, on June 25, I moved out of the Rescue Mission and am now living at Freedom House, the Mission's transitional housing unit. I am planning on staying six months at Freedom House before graduating to completely independent living. Please pray for me as I make this transition.

While I am excited at how much my life has changed in one short year, I know that if I don't stay close to God, I could easily fall back. Pray that I would stay in fellowship with Him!

The Rescue Mission of Salt Lake

MISSION STATEMENT:

The Rescue Mission of Salt Lake exists to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the homeless, addicted and/or poor through humanitarian efforts and faith and maturity in Jesus Christ.

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We help those in need throughout the State of Utah regardless of their station in life, race, religion, or any other determining factor. We seek to help all those who ask help of us, just as the Lord Jesus would.

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- A Message Board where we post telephone messages for guests
- Mail reception
- Free clothing distribution
- Access to our Dorm facility three days a week for men to shave and shower
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S C R I P T U R E

Learn to do good;

Seek justice,

Rebuke the oppressor;

Defend the fatherless,

Plead for the widow.

"Come now, and let us reason together,"

Says the LORD,

"Though your sins are like scarlet,

They shall be as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson,

They shall be as wool.

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You shall eat the good of the land

– Isaiah 1:17-19 New King James Version

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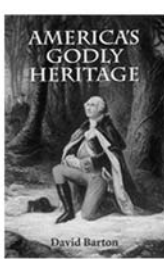
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NEWS BRIEF

Crosses across America

Russ Jones and Charlie Butts – OneNewsNow.com

Freedom Crosses USA new movement has been launched to restore America's Christian values "one cross at a time."

Freedom Crosses USA founder and president Mary King, a former member of the United States Diplomatic Corps, says she is a woman on a mission. She shares that her life was changed after she attended Glenn Beck's "Restoring Honor" rally in Washington, DC, on August 28, 2010, where she was convicted to do something that might impact the culture.

"Glenn admonished all of us to go back to our hometowns and pray for 40 days and 40 nights and ask God how we could restore honor to our personal lives, and then ask what could we do to restore honor to America," King recounts.

And on Easter Sunday 2011, she launched Freedom Crosses USA at the First Baptist Church in Naples, Florida, to encourage people to place crosses on their personal property all across the nation.

"I thought, why can't we do this all across America to reaffirm our belief in God and to show that even though in our public institutions, the visible symbols of Christianity are just disappearing, we can certainly put them back on our personal property? So, I decided I wanted to find a cross for my yard without having to make it," the movement founder remembers. "So I went online to find one, and I simply couldn't find one. So, instead, I decided, well, I'll just manufacture them. And that's what I'm doing."

Freedom Crosses are made in the United States, and King hopes the movement will "bring positive change throughout our country by uniting American patriots and Christians to take a stand for America by placing a visible symbol of their belief in God and love of country on their personal property for the world to see."

The anti-cross Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to consider a lower-court ruling against cross memorials set up for slain Utah Highway Patrol officers.

In the late 1990s, an independent organization began erecting crosses to honor 13 state troopers who had been killed on the highways in the line of duty. But Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) attorney Byron Babione tells OneNewsNow that American Atheists claimed the memorials are "a state establishment of religion."

A federal district court upheld the constitutionality of the crosses in 2007, but the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals later struck them down – a decision the Supreme Court has let stand.

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"It is baffling that the Supreme Court did not take this case in light of the fact that just last year they said that roadside memorials to fallen troopers would not violate the Establishment Clause," the attorney laments.

This leaves the families of the troopers to not only mourn their loss, he points out, but to face having the memorials torn down, just because an atheist group objects. Andrea Augenstein, the widow of Utah Trooper Daniel Harris, who died in a high-speed chase, is offended by the recent development.

"There are people, there's a family behind that cross; this matters to them," she appeals. "You're taking a swipe straight at our family and saying it's not okay for Dan to be honored. I just find that so offensive."

Meanwhile, Justice Clarence Thomas has issued a dissent that argues that the high court should have taken up the case because there are so many varied court opinions in Establishment Clause cases that have "confounded the lower courts and rendered the constitutionality of religious imagery on government property anyone's guess."

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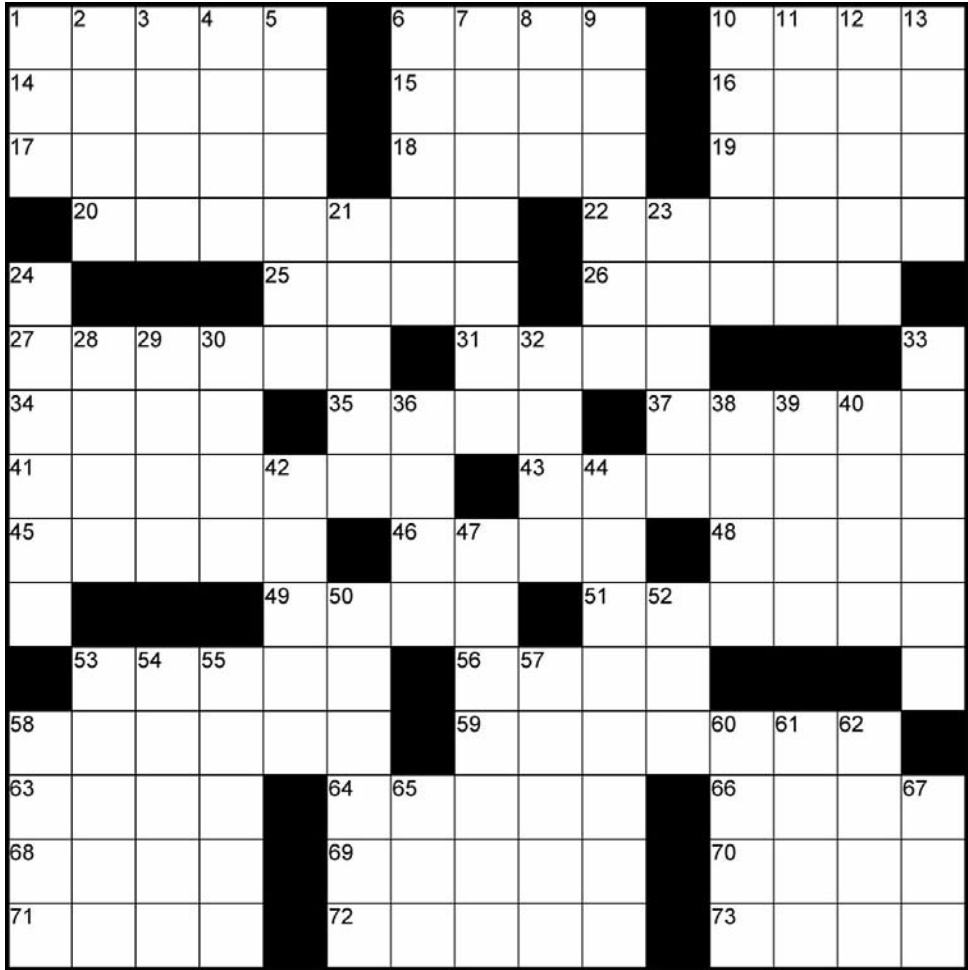
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Motivating – addressing spiritual growth issues and encouraging people to attend a bible believing church of their choice.

Equipping – Equipping churches by sharing examples of successful outreach church ministries to our community and how their church can replicate this type of ministry.



BIBLE CROSSWORD

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2012

ACROSS

1. venom of a snake, like that of a ____ (Ps 58:4)
6. will men take ____ of it to hang any vessel thereon (1,3) (Ezek 15:3) KJV
10. first month of Hebrew calendar (Ex.23:15)
14. bring it to ____ and cook the bones in it (1,4) (Ezek 24:5)
15. 10th letter of Greek alphabet
16. it is a ____ thing that the king requireth (Dan 2:11)
17. The ____ I saw resembled a leopard (Rev 13:2)
18. My people have been ____ sheep; their shepherds have (Jer 50:6)
19. bring forth ____, and thou shalt call his name JESUS (1,3) (Matt 1:21) KJV
20. Here comes that ____ they said (Gen 37:19)
22. The king's command was so ____ and the furnace so hot (Dan 3:22)
25. In your majesty ____ forth victoriously (Ps 45:4)
26. She saw the basket among the ____ and sent her slave girl (Ex 2:5)
27. pillars of the heavens quake, ____ at his rebuke (Job 26:11)
31. First son of Noah (Gen.7:13)
34. unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been ____ with (Jer 3:2) KJV
35. is to be based on the ____ paid to a hired man (Lev 25:50)
37. centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing for ____ (Acts 27:6)
41. The ____ of blood shall put the murderer to death (Num 35:19)
43. Demetrius, who made silver shrines of ____ (Acts 19:24)
45. Like a ____ of Lebanon he will send down his roots (Hosea 14:5)
46. one ram and one ____ lamb (Num 7:15)
48. he shall open, and ____ shall shut (Isaiah 22:22)
49. saw his star in the ____ and have come to worship him (Matt 2:2)
51. put them in an earthen ____ (Jer 32:14)
53. He brought out Israel, ____ with silver and gold (Ps 105:37)
56. I will bring them together like sheep in ____ (1,3) (Mic 2:12)
58. the voice spake unto him again the ____ time (Acts 10:15)
59. I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your ____ (Acts 3:17)
63. the devil threw him down, and ____ him (Luke 9:42) KJV
64. "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not ____ (Rom 13:9)
66. they cast ____ to see what each would get.(Mark 15:24)
68. whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ____ (Eccles 3:14) KJV
69. say unto this mountain, Remove ____ to yonder place (Matt 17:20) KJV
70. ____ the LORD, and ye shall live (Amos 5:6)
71. A state of confusion
72. it is hard for a rich man to ____ the kingdom of heaven (Matt 19:23)
73. sent me from Kadesh-barnea to ____ out the land (Josh 14:7) KJV

DOWN

1. a quarter of a ____ of seed pods for five shekels (2 Kings 6:25)
2. grandfather of David (1 Chron 2:12)
3. The ____ out of the wood doth waste it (Ps 80:13) KJV
4. Awake, and ____ to my defense! Contend for me, my God (Ps 35:23)
5. He removed the high places and incense ____ (2 Chron 14:5)
6. What ____ thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest (Ps 114:5) KJV
7. The ____ of the poor will find pasture (Isa 14:30)
8. That which groweth of ____ own accord (Lev 25:5)
9. controlled not by the sinful ____ but by the Spirit (Rom 8:9)
10. The king got up in ____ (1,4) (Est 7:7)
11. God's judgment against those who do such things is ____ on truth (Rom 2:2)
12. his feet with shackles, his neck was put in ____ (Ps 105:18)
13. She was ____ over and could not straighten up (Luke 13:11)
21. thou shalt make the ____ of fine linen (Exod 28:39) (KJV)
23. Whosoever sins ye ____, they are remitted unto them (John 20:23) KJV
24. the king returned from the ____ garden to the banquet (Est 7:8)
28. I ____ half of my possessions to the poor (Luke 19:8)
29. Whoever is wise, let him ____ these things (Ps 107:43)
30. a prophetess, ____, the daughter of Phanuel (Luke 2:36)
32. a time to kill and a time to ____ (Eccl 3:3)
33. For them I sanctify ____, that they too may be truly (John 17:19)
36. He trains my hands for battle; my ____ can bend a bow (2 Sam 22:35)
38. commanders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of ____ (Deut 1:15)
39. the book after Joel in the Old Testament
40. go to the lake and throw out your ____ . Take the first fish (Matt 17:27)
42. bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and ____ (Ps 92:14)
44. the Lord of kings and a ____ of mysteries (Dan 2:47)
47. ____ of pure gold is to be used for the lampstand (1,6) (Ex 25:39)
50. So I drank, ____ watered the camels (3,3) (Gen 24:46)
52. To this ____ I labor, struggling with all his energy (Col. 1:29)
53. Let love and faithfulness never ____ you (Prov 3:3)
54. ten ____ of vineyard shall yield one bath (Isa 5:10) KJV
55. But be ye ____ of the word, and not hearers only (James 1:22) KJV
57. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth ____ to men (Luke 2:14)
58. there shall come forth a rod out of the ____ of Jesse (Isa 11:1) KJV
60. Above all ____, guard your heart (Prov 4:23)
61. as swift as the ____ upon the mountains (1 Chr 12:8) (KJV)
62. Men stalked us at every ____, so we could not (Lam 4:18)
65. forty kine, and ____ bulls, twenty she asses (Gen 32:15) KJV
67. It will be fair weather: for the ____ is red (Matt 16)

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ADL is Wrong - Abortion and WWII Holocaust *Have Much in Common*



OPINION, November 11, 2011 /Christian Newswire/ -- This week the *Anti-Defamation League* issued a press release in which they condemned the film “180” for comparing abortion to the Holocaust, calling the movie “cynical and perverse.”

Gary McCullough, director of Christian Newswire, disagrees with the Anti-Defamation League and submits the following:
In 1992 I visited three death camps in Poland. On the walls of a building in Stuthoff and several buildings in Auschwitz, hang the portraits of over a hundred of the millions of victims of the gas chambers. At both death camps, you can gaze upon piles of shoes, thousands of pairs of shoes, in all sizes. And literal bales of women's hair, stacked like some many bales of hay. And next to the hair-bales are bolts of fabric that had been manufactured from the hair shaved from the heads of thousands of dead, murdered young women. And suitcases, piled to the ceiling, marked with white paint, the name, year of birth, and nationality of the owner. Many of the suitcases were of children; five, six, and seven years old. Another room was full of eye glasses, the next, brushes and combs, the next room, stacked wall to wall, floor to ceiling, were prosthesis all every sort, legs and arms, and wheel-chairs and crutches.

This collection, this shrine to “Never-Again,” displayed what was but a fraction of the booty gathered from the killing of millions of mothers, sisters and brothers, husbands and grandparents and children over the years we now call the Holocaust. These were the items that had not yet been packaged for shipment. These glasses, shoes, clothing, etc. were to be shipped to people in need, taken from useless non-persons, to go to the sustenance of the higher race. A guard would pick through the belongings of the still warm non-person for something to send home to his family; perhaps a needed pair of pants, or a Sunday-best dress that his bride would wear about town with him on his next leave, a pair of glasses that would be of use to his mother, she has needed a better pair for oh-so-long.

Of all these exhibits screaming of man's inhumanity toward man, one moved me to tears – a small pile of children's toys.
As our tour group exited the building, I approached our guide. Why didn't someone stop this? Why didn't the townspeople blow the place up? Why didn't our allied forces obliterate the death camps?

Her response was one well thought out. As a guide at Auschwitz for seven years, she is asked that almost every day. She stated, “Many people for years, much wiser than I, have debated that exact question. Survivors of this camp have said they would have gladly given their lives to see this place destroyed and the killing stopped. One thing that most all agree on though, is in regard to the three sets of railroad tracks coming to the camp. They should have been destroyed. They knew where the killing was being done. They had the ability, and even if the tracks would have been rebuilt in a matter of days, thousands of lives would have been saved, thousands of lives.

Immediately I responded, “You know, that's what we do.” Up to this point, she did not know that the entire group touring Auschwitz that day was part of a group in the USA called *Operation Rescue*. I went on to explain to her that when we “rescue,” when we hold a sit-in in front of an abortion clinic, we “take out the tracks.” We don't destroy the clinic/death-camp, we don't kill the butchers. But for a short period of time we keep the non-persons – the babies – from getting to the death-camp. We buy a little time for the innocent.

Two weeks later I was back in the US participating in a peaceful protest, blocking the doors of an abortion clinic. While handcuffed, from the back of a paddy-wagon, I tried to explain our actions to a group of police officers. While these officers were arresting and carrying away one limp rescuer after another I told them of my recent trip to the death-camps of Auschwitz, Birkenau and Stuthoff.

Officer, did you know...

At the Auschwitz death-camp:	At this (abortion) death-camp:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The Cyclon-B nerve gas was delivered in train cars marked with the Red-Cross as medical- A heart injection was sometimes used to terminate the non-person.- Many of the bodies were burned in crematoriums at the death-camp.- The availability of healthy, live bodies drew many researchers for experimentation and profit.- They disguised the gas-chambers as hospitals and medical clinics.- The Nazis dressed up in the clothing of priests, and mocked God.- Gruesome experimentation was performed, often simply for the sick entertainment of so called doctors.- Body parts were used for decoration and jewelry.- Many, because of their health condition, it was considered dignified and more humane to end their life.- All that remains are the ashes of millions of innocent people.- Most Christians purchased their freedom by co-existing with the killing.- Only a small segment of the Church took a stand against the killing and they were easily dealt with.- Most of the world could not, or would not believe that such a holocaust was happening.- Judges, Police, Guards all said they were just doing their jobs.- The Church said they were just obeying the law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The killing devices are sold and delivered, and even tax-deductible as medical equipment.- A heart injection is sometimes used to terminate the baby.- Many of the bodies are burned in crematoriums at the death-camp.- The availability of healthy, live bodies draws many researchers for experimentation and profit.- They disguise the abortion-chambers as hospitals and medical clinics.- Pro-abortion advocates dress up in the clothing of priests, and mock God.- Body parts are used for decoration and jewelry.- Gruesome experimentation is performed, often simply for the sick entertainment of so called doctors.- Many, because of their health condition, it is considered dignified and more humane to end their life.- All that remains are the ashes of millions of innocent people.- Most Christians purchase their freedom by co-existing with the killing.- Only a small segment of the Church takes a stand against the killing and they are easily dealt with.- Most of the world cannot, or will not believe that such a holocaust is happening.- Judges, Police, Guards all say they are just doing their job.- The Church says they are just obeying the law.

We have simply become more efficient in the disposing of our non-persons. In part, the job is much easier today because the bodies are smaller and more easily disposed of.

Then the paddy-wagon door shut and a truck load of Christian men finding themselves on their way to jail began to pray. Others prayed aloud, for the mother waiting to enter the soon to be opened clinic, for God to rescue the children who would be killed there that day. Then it was my time, before God, to open my heart...

“Dear Lord, I remember how angry I was, and still am over that pile of children's toys at Auschwitz. How these harmless steps we were taking this morning don't seem to be a match to the violent death awaiting our holocaust victims.

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“How could even a brain-washed Nazi death-camp guard take a toy off the still warm body of a dead child and give it to his child?! In that sentence, God answered my question with His question: “How is it that you, my son, washed by me, give your children toys taken from the children killed at the abortion death-camps?”

My crushing anger was now full-weight on me. How can this be, Lord? I am about to go to jail... again. I am doing all I know to do!

“For each child that is killed; his toys will instead be enjoyed by your children.”

Like it or not, I have to face the fact that each day I find something more important to do than saving an unborn child's life, I have chosen that my job, my comforts, my wife's clothing and yes, even my children's toys were more important than the life of an unborn child.

There is no “feel-good” end to this story; no secret solution. We have gone too far down the road to Auschwitz. We have a thousand Dachaus, Treblinkas, and Auschwitz in America, advertising in the yellow-pages.

As the death-camps reared their ugly heads during World War II, some of America's citizens recognized the threat and rose to the challenge. They didn't wait for our nation to enter the war, they went to Canada, enlisted, and went to fight Hitler and the Nazi War Machine. However, most of the nation waited for an official Declaration of War.

But when war was declared, every able-bodied, clear thinking man entered the fight. If a young man was not serving his country, his courage and manhood was called into question. Men and women came from the countryside to the cities to work in the factories as part of the war effort. Factories that produced automobiles and appliances re-tooled to make items needed to win a war. Housewives conserved everything from nylons to rubber-bands to help beat the Nazis. And still the ashes of millions of burned bodies testified that we did too little, too late.

When will the time come for us to do our duty before God and country in regard to the holocaust of abortion? When will it be time for every able-bodied, clear-thinking Christian to enter the fight? If a young man is not saving the lives of innocent children, is his courage and manhood called into question?

As in Nehemiah chapter three, everyone from merchants to shepherds set aside their usual job for a time, to rebuild the wall. Every Christian ministry God ordained and set apart for a particular need must re-tool to win this war. To continue to do business as usual while there are death-camps operating down the street is an insult to our Creator.

And still the ashes of millions of burned bodies will testify that we did too little, too late.

It was common practice to keep a few Jews, Poles, and others alive for six months. They would be forced to write home and lie to their friends or relatives about the conditions at Auschwitz. After the letter was written they would be taken to the gas chamber and killed like the others, then cremated.

Hanging on the wall today in Auschwitz is a fragment of an actual uncensored letter from Monika Dombke, born 1920, to her mother.
That letter reads:

*Electric wires, high and double
Won't let you Mom - you won't see your daughter
So don't believe those censored letters of mine
cause the truth is different; but don't cry, Mom.*

*And if you would like to seek out your child's trace
Don't ask anyone, don't knock anywhere:
look for the ashes in the fields of Auschwitz
It will be there. But don't cry, enough of bitterness here.*

*And if you would like to discover your child's trace
look for the ashes in the fields of Birkenau
They'll be there - so look for the ashes
In the fields of Auschwitz, in the woods of Birkenau,
Mom, look for the ashes - I'll be there!*

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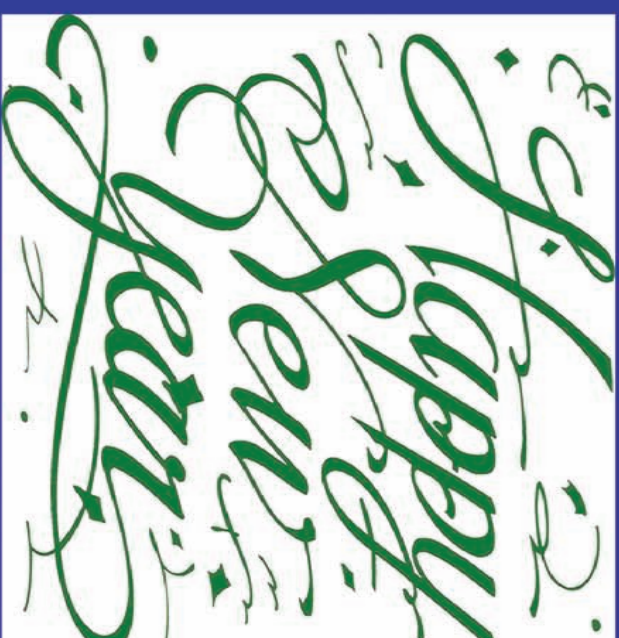
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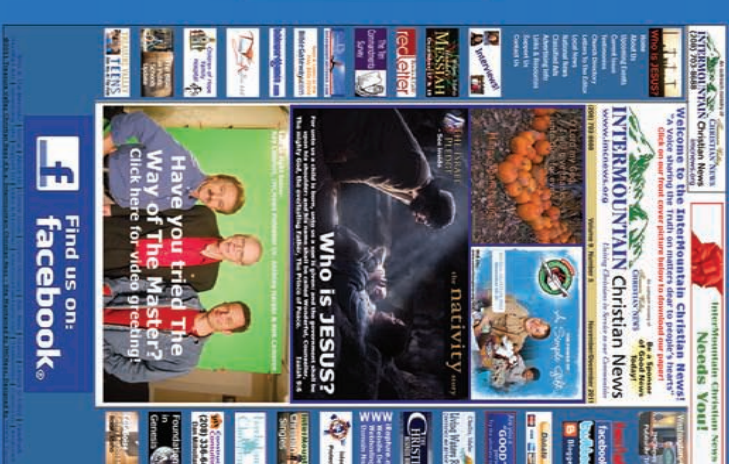


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