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Missionaries to the Deaf - South Africa



Dear Friends,

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Romans 13:11-12

Laying aside the distractions of life and taking an honest view of what is happening around us will bring the conclusion that the world is in desperate need. In South Africa, people are faced with corruption at all levels of government, the consequences of which are rampant crime, lack of basic needs, and a hopeless view of the future. Every continent of the world is faced with the same problems, bringing the resultant loss of optimism at what the future may hold. In the USA, school shootings, suicides, floods and storms, corruption, drugs, alcoholism and an endless list of that which follows a godless society are reported every day by the news media. Having arrived in the US just a little over two weeks ago, Lucinda and I see a country that is falling; imploding for lack of God's Word. Pride, idolatry, self-centeredness, materialism, and spiritual adultery among the people of God have opened the door for the destruction of this land in which they are living. When will God's people awake? Is it too late? What must God do to bring this country to it's knees before Him? The symptoms of this implosion have been stripped bare for the world to see, but the cause is being neglected. If God's people fail to realize the cause of these symptoms, there will be little opportunity to prevent the judgment that comes on any people that reject God. As Paul admonished the Christians in first century Rome, so he admonishes us today. It is high time to awake out of sleep! Sleep? Paul is not talking about the sleep that we need after our daily work, but the spiritual sleep that affects those who replace their walk with God with something else; Christians who are not living as Christians but are compromising their faith in exchange for the things of the world. The sins of the church of Corinth are still prevalent today! Paul encourages us to cast off the works of darkness – Satan's deception extends even to the people of God. Let us put on the armour of light! We are to be a light to the world; living Christ before the lost, magnifying Him wherever we live. During this time of connecting with our supporting churches, we are praying that God will use us to shine the light of God's Word on those we meet, enabling them to see once again the glorious Saviour and the great work we have before us of being witnesses of the glorious message of salvation through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As we begin these few months – We are in preparation for our Bible College graduates that will come to join us on the 19th of April. We will be travelling with them to several states, presenting our "Final Judgment" drama and Deaf choir. In preparation for their coming, we have a specific need and are praying that God would provide by the end of March.

We need a good reliable van – We will be traveling from Missouri to Nebraska to Ohio to Georgia from 2 April until the 27th of June. This past Sunday evening we visited with one of our supporting churches and the pastor suggested that we rent a van and divide the cost so that any of our supporting churches that would like to help cover one week of rental could do so. He said their church would take the first week. We thought this was a good idea and found that we can rent a van for \$2800 for 12 weeks. Since his church will pay for the first week, would you be willing to help us for one of the other weeks? This translates into about \$235 per week. If you would be willing to help us, would you please make your contribution as soon as possible? Please phone me at 1-740-731-1495 and I will explain to you how to send the funds.

We look forward – What a blessing to see as many of our supporting churches as time will allow. If you would like us to come report, please phone me at the number listed above.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers. The work in South Africa is continuing in our absence with men and women who have been trained in the Bible College. Pray for Sipho, Matthews, and Mosa as they work together to reach the Deaf. God is great, the Gospel of Jesus Christ being the only answer for the problems faced in society today. Let us live it, breath it, and preach it continuously until our Lord returns!

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