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#### ISIS MASS CHRISTIAN BEHEADING



"Coptic Christians" or "Egyptian Citizens"

One of the concerns that I had in 1980 regarding accepting the presidency of Northeastern Bible College was leaving my pastorate. For over twenty-seven years, I had worn two hats that were important to me. One was the hat of an educator; the other the hat of a pastor, Although I readily accepted the importance of Christian higher education in the New York City area and had researched the Bible college movement and its influence (at that time it was said that over 70% of the active missionaries came from Bible schools/colleges), what would it feel like sitting in a pew on Sunday and not preaching sermons, holding revivals, and working actively in local Baptist associations and state/ national Baptist conventions?

I need not have feared. Soon after our arrival in Essex Fells, New Jersey, my calendar was full with few

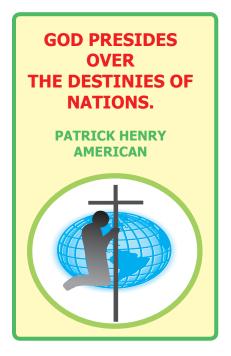
unscheduled weekends. Sue and I were on the road! We began to learn of very effective, influential agencies, ministries, and churches we had never heard much about. To me, it was like unwrapping Christmas presents! I really thought that God's servants of choice were Southern Baptists. For many years, I had avoided participating in the "liberal" pastors' meetings. I soon learned that God did have other believers and many were not Baptists. My ministry turned to the Body of Christ, Wherever and whenever God opened doors, I preached the same message that I had preached the past twenty-seven years. God blessed and many trusted Christ as Savior and Lord; churches and individuals testified that there was renewal and revival. When you get to Heaven, you need not look for a denominational subdivision; there

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## THE MAIN THING IS TO KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING!

More and more a guiding Scripture for my life and work is Acts 28:30-**31**: "Then Paul dwelt two years in his own rented house [under house arrest in Rome], and received all who came to him, preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ will all confidence, no one forbidding him." Dr. Frank Stagg (1911-2001), a "Cajun" from Louisiana who taught New Testament interpretation and Greek at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (1945-1964) and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky (1964-1978) entitled a book he wrote on Acts (that became a classic) The Book of Acts: The Early Struggle for an Unhindered Gospel. From the time I heard him preach on the subject "Unhindered" in the early '60s using the last Greek word in the book of Acts as his text, I adopted the premise that God's servants are free to teach the truth whatever the circumstances. Dr. Stagg reminded his theological students that "The Bible is relevant. We don't have to make it relevant." Well said!

Today, the effort to denigrate Christianity and Christians has never been so intense. In assessing the attack on Christianity, one of my friends recently noted that we should not be surprised since there is every indication that we are likely the Terminal Generation before the rapture of the Church. Perhaps one of the most helpful books I have written is **Spiritual Warfare**. Since I am not a formally "educated theologian," I determined to first dig into the Bible to learn about this area. Then I read what others had written already. We are all in a spiritual



battle, and our adversary knows his time is short, so he is pulling out all of the stops to confuse even the very elect of God. Over the past five years the world has become a boiling pot of violence. Everywhere you look in the world today people are dying through some form of violence.

Not only that, we are seeing the church accepting compromise, lowering biblical standards to walk in step with the world and its standards. Amos talked about God's plumb line that became the standard by which He judged us. There is no way that any objective student of the Word could conclude that God is pleased. My reference point is America and its churches.

A number of years ago, I was invited to First Baptist Church-Center Point, Birmingham, Alabama for a prayer

seminar. In those days there was little resistance to scheduling a one-day prayer seminar on Sunday using the theme "A Day in God's Courts." Today, there is much resistance to this idea. In my experience, the Sunday format (beginning at 9:30 a.m., lunch at the church, and ending at 4:30 p.m.) holds the greatest impact and touches more lives than any other format. Two things I remember about that Sunday at Center Point. The schedule was to go home at noon and return at 3 p.m. and go until 8 p.m. with a meal included. Amazingly, only thirty minutes was scheduled for the meal break. Since I knew that would never work, I simply stood aside and observed. There was a large crowd to serve, but four serving lines were formed and those who planned the event were right and I was wrong! There was no wasted time. The other thing I remember is the prayer time pastor and I had in his study prior to the beginning. This brother had served as a Southern Baptist missionary and had a heart for God and people. A plaque on the wall caused me to pull out my pen and paper to write: "THE MAIN THING IS TO KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING." He told me that this was his reminder to stay focused.

In an assessment of the prayer seminar materials, I found out that the five emphases of the early church could well be the "main thing" structure. One reason the prayer seminar has been well received is that the teaching deals with the main thing: (1) Word of God; (2) Spirit-filled; (3) Prayer; (4) Witnessing; (5) Stewardship. From the day of that understanding, my aim has been to keep these things prominent in my teaching, preaching, and writing.

The stronghold of prayerlessness

is a major factor in the powerlessness that is felt in many lives and in many churches. I see little hope for anyone to become a praying person who is not in the written Word of God. "Stronghold" can be looked upon as a military term "where the enemy is in control." The stronghold, addressed in 2 Corinthians 10:4-5, is in our minds (which are not born again). We are told in Romans 12:2 to renew our minds. I know of no other way to do this than to take actions to make the Word of God prominent. Hear the Word; Read the Word; **Study** the Word; **Memorize** the Word; and, Meditate on the Word. A basic requirement for anyone who wants God to look His way is found in Isaiah 66:2b. God is speaking and He says: "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit [humble] and who trembles at My Word." When a person puts the Word of God in his mind, the Holy Spirit will bring that word alive and it will become Rhema, which is simply the Word coming alive the moment when we need it. That is His provision and we must major on the majors instead of minoring on the minors a major trick Satan to defeat us.

For "two whole years" Paul was under house arrest in Rome. He was not able to travel as he had done so many years. However, "unhindered" is the last thought in the book of Acts. At this juncture of my life, whether I am on the road or whether I am in my own house in Lynchburg, Virginia, I, too, am unhindered. President Barack Hussein Obama arrogantly stated that he had a pen and a phone indicating that he planned to "rule" through "executive orders" independent of Congress. So do I. I have a pen, a phone, and a computer whereby I can touch lives

# Upon awakening, pray!

Master, speak! Make me ready When Thy voice is truly heard,
With obedience glad and steady
Still to follow every word
I am listening Lord, for Thee;
Master speak,

America was founded by people who believe[d] that God was their rock of safety. I recognize we must be cautious in claiming that God is on our side, but I think it's all right to keep asking if we're on His side.

RONALD REAGAN 40TH U. S. PRESIDENT

both at home and abroad.

My intention for the next few months is to emphasize the basics and keep the messages simple so that anyone who comes under the influence of any one of them will be able to understand and to run with it. For example, ideas related to the five elements of prayer following the easily understood A-C-T-S model: A-doration. C-onfession, T-hanksgiving, S-eeking for self (Petition) and for others (Intercession) will be highlighted. Notice, after **A-doration** comes **C-onfession**, the second element of praying following the **A-C-T-S** model. It is important to remember, however, that often C-onfession must come before **A-doration**.

Remember "THE MAIN THING IS TO KEEP THE MAIN THING THE MAIN THING!" You can be sure that once you make this decision that the Holy Spirit will be there to guide you forward. Isn't this exciting? We must hold fast to God's standards and stand strong in faith. This is not a time for us to sit back and throw in the towel, but it is a time for God's people to be in constant prayer for our nation and for the world. Through becoming a

LIGHTHOUSE OF PRAYER, we can push against the darkness. There is no other way!

Yours in Calvary love, J. Gordon Hong

SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND; CALL ON HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR (Isaiah 55:6)

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE (James 5:16).



REMEMBER GOD IS ONLY A PRAYER AWAY!

#### Out of this life

Out of this life I shall never take

Things of silver and gold I make.

All that I cherish and hoard away
After I leave, on earth must stay.

Though I have toiled for a painting rare,

To hang on my wall, I must leave it there.

Though I call it mine and boast it's worth,

I must give it up when I quit the earth.

All that I gather and all that I keep

I must leave behind when I fall asleep.

And I wonder often just what I shall own

In that other life, when I pass alone. What shall He find and what shall He see

In the soul that answers the call for me?

Shall the great Judge learn, when my task is through,

That my soul had gathered some riches, too?

Or shall at the last, it be mine to find, That all I had worked for I had left behind

#### Author unknown

THERE IS THIS WORD that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself said: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break through and steal. For where your treasure is there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

THEN, THERE IS THIS WORD through Paul to believers: "For we are God's fellow workers [PARTNERS

WITH GOD]; you are God's field, you are God's building. According to the grace of God that was given to me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire" (1 Corinthians 3:9-15).

#### -IN LOVING MEMORY-

Word has been received that our faithful DOORKEEPER Deanna Jones (Mrs. Paul), Berea, Kentucky is now Home with the Lord following a long illness.

A few months earlier, Paul's mother and one of the Henrys' best friends, Edna Reeves, was promoted as well. Edna was one of the Kerby Knob singers during Dr. Henry's seven-year pastorate at Kerby Knob Baptist Church, Jackson County, Kentucky. A favorite song that Edna loved to sing was "The Eastern Gate." If you hasten off to glory, linger near the Eastern gate, for I'm coming in the morning; you will not have long to wait." We sorrow, but not as those who have no hope. Psalm 116:15.

#### Spiritual Journal

Generally, the Through-the-Bible plan each year calls for reading chapters Monday through Saturday leaving Sunday as a time to think back over the week's reading. The following notes are from Sunday, February 19, 1984.

Numbers 32:23: "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out." Galatians 6:7: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." 2 Timothy 2:13, 19: "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; for He cannot deny Himself. Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, The Lord knows those who are His." Philippians 1:6: "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

Knowledge is gained through the Word of God. We are under the authority of the Scriptures. "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and discernment." I COMMIT MYSELF TO A STUDY OF HIS WORD AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH DAY I LIVE.

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NOTES from my BIBLF

N o t e 2261. The future is

as bright as the promises of God [and the faithfulness of God's people]. Adoniram Judson

Note 2262. God doesn't need your help. Just sit before Him and be loved. And then, when you're filled up, go and give it away. Steve Brown Note 2263. The beginning of men's rebellion against God was, and is, the lack of a thankful heart. Francis Schaeffer

Note 2264. We are often so caught up in our activities that we tend to worship our work, work at our play and play at our worship. Charles Swindoll

Note 2265. A religious revival is nothing else than a new beginning of obedience to God. Charles Finney

#### DOORKEEPER REPORT

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers."

1 Thessalonians 1:2 January 16--February 19, 2015

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WELCOME, NEW DOORKEEPERS!
Richard Shorter (NJ)

Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA)
Partners with God 1 Corinthians 3:9

#### PRAYER CALENDAR

#### **MARCH 2015**

"I will give myself to prayer..."

Psalm 109:4b

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Mae Adams (NC)

Marie Adams (VA)

Robert & Susanne Adams (TN)

Wayne & Jennie Agee (VA)

Norma Ailes (NJ)

H. L. & Janie Allen (SC)

#### MONDAY, MARCH 2

JOSH 1-3 (Antigua 91,295)

Tommy & Pat Apple (NC)

Eldon & Gayle Armstrong (SC)

Leonor Avila (MD)

Bill & Karen Baker (OK)

Mike & Joyce Baker (VA)

Marilyn Barry (VA)

Tim Bash - GCCC (NJ)

Stan & Emily Baskin (TN)

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

JOSH 4-7 (Argentina 43M)

Jean Beasley (TN)
Tommy Bell (TN)

Wayne & Barbara Belt (TN)

Johnny/Juanita Bernard (FL)

Ron & Teri Bernardi (IL)

Beverly Blankenship (TN) Ed & Loretta Bolen (VA)

Robert/Hilda Bondurant (NC)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

#### JOSH 8-10 (Armenia 3M)

Everett/Deborah Boston (MD) William/Debbie Bowden (MD)

David & Marna Boyd (OR)

Curtis & Carol Bradbury (NJ) Ed & Jean Bradshaw (VA)

Emilee & Kim Bradshaw (VA)

Nancy Bretz (PA)

Clint & Dorothy Brooks (VA)

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

JOSH 11-15 (Aruba 110,663)

Henry & Ruby Brown (AZ)

Arretta Bruce (TN)

Joe & Martha Bruno (CO)

Freddie/Yvonne Brunson (DE) Don & Gayle Buchanan (KY)

### George & Janet Buck (NJ) FRIDAY, MARCH 6

#### JOSHUA 16-20 (Australia 22;5M)

Janice Bugg (TN/Chin)
M/M Vernon Bundt (IA)
Sunday & Grace Bwanhot (IL)
Don & Lucy Campbell (VA)

Mary Campbell (ID)

Laura Cannon (FL) Joeretha Capers (FL) Robert & Anne Carroll (VA)

### David & Martha Cecil (VA) SATURDAY, MARCH 7

JOSHUA 21-24 (Austria 8.2M)

Gus/Janice Christofield (VA)

Harry & Nancy Coffee (VA)

Vernia Coleman (MD)

Mary Columbus (VA)
Kathie Connolly (VA)

Foster/Georgia Covington (VA)

Terry & Sonja Craig (TN)

Jerry & Joan Crain (SC)

Dan Cravey (VA)

Robert & Charlotte Crout (SC)
Dufrene/Peggy Cummings (NC)
Barbara Custalow (VA)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Ida J. Davis (GA)

John Davis (VA)

Harold & Tama Decker (NY)
Alan & Rebecca Dockrey (KY)

Mary J. Dugans (LA)

#### MONDAY, MARCH 9

JUDGES 1-4 (Azerbaijan 9.7M)

Paul & Joyce Eggleston (VA)

Lynn Elkins (TN)

Don & Mary Enoch (FL)

Gene & Shirley Farley (CA) Fellowship Baptist Ch (FL)

William & Virginia Green

Larry & Cara Fields (VA) James & Ruth Flanagan (GA)

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 10

JUDGES 5-8 (Bahamas 321,834)

Claire/Mary Ann Fredstrom (NE)

Ronald & Brenda Fristoe (VA)

James Fugate (CA)

Estelle Gabbard (KY)
Mike & Lerlyne Garcia (VA)

Pauline Garrett (NJ)

Frank Geiger (HI)

Sara George (GA)

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

JUDGES 9-12 (Bahrain 1.3M)

Gloucester Co. Community Ch

(NJ) Bruce Sofia, Pastor Ron & Carol Godwin (VA)

Ronald & Maryann Gold (ND) Chad & Wendy Goodner (OK)

Sam/Michele Graisbery (NJ) Velma Graven (KY)

Dale & Mary Gray (IL)
Odether Gray (GA)

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

JUD 13-16 (Bangladesh 166.3M)

Linda Gregory (UT)
George & Joy Harper (VA)

Bruce & Vivian Harris (TN) Uel & Hazel Hartless (VCA)

Jim Hengoed (FL/CT)

Gina Henry (VA)
J. Gordon & Sue Henry (VA)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

JUD 17-21 (Barbados 289,680)

Jacqueline Henry (VA) Jack Henry (TN)

James & Kathryn Henry (MS)

Mark Henry (TN)

Melody Henry (VA)

Roger & Sara Henry (OH) Sean & Bethany Henry (VA)

Steve & Donna Hensel (MN)

Jerry & Sandra Hodge (VA)

Joanna Holland (VA)

John & Glenda Holland (VA)
Russ/Dorothy Hornbaker (MI)

Anita Horton (VA)

Mike & Sonya Hosick (VA)

Coy Hunsucker (NC) Joyce Hunt (TN)

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 14

RUTH 1-4 (Belarus 9.6M)

Wilbert/Almaretta Hupp (PA)

Ed Hurlow (IN)
Jide & Bunmi Iware (MD)

Gerald/Tanny Jackson (WA)

Oliver & Janie Jackson (NY)

Gene/Rose Marie Jeffries (AR) Vernelle Jenkins (MD)

Paul & Suzanne Jennings (TN)

William/Marsha Jester (DE)

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 15

1 SAM 1-3 (Belguim 10.5M)

Millicent John (NY) Bob & Rhonda Johnson (WA)

Dan & Jayne Johnson (KY) Gwen Johnson (AZ)

Jim & Penny Johnson (KY)

Dave & Debbie Jones (VA)

James Jones (FL)
Paul Jones (KY)

W I & Eloise Jones (SC)

Mohan Katta (IL)

#### MONDAY, MARCH 16

1 SAMUEL 4-8 (Belize 340,844)

Howard/Suzie Kauffmann (GA) Harper/Shelia Keebaugh (PA)

Kerby Knob Baptist Ch (KY) Daren Hisel, Pastor

Larry & Janet King (NC) Robert & Andrea Klepper (TN)

Quintin & Mary Knauer (OH)

Kenneth & Amy Kollar (NY) TUESDAY, MARCH 17 1 SAMUEL 9-12 Benin 10.2M) Irwin & Joyce Koopman (MI) Korean Branch: Dr. Shin Kwang Suk Joel & Jackie Kramar (VA) Woodrow & Linda Kroll (NE) Steeve & Dawn Lambert (NC) Craig & Molly Lampe (AZ) Phil & Edra Landers (OK) Charles/Cynthia Larson (MI) Bob Lawrence (MD) Del & Mary Leach (VA) Raymond & Janet Lemay (VT) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 1 SAM 13-15 (Bermuda 69,839) Liberty University (VA) Jerry Falwell Jr., President Mike & Earlene Lips (MS) Vincent/Mary Lobisco (MI) Ray & Bobbie Long (WV) Don & Betty Lowry (SC) Ed Lucas (VT) Rachel Mann (NC) Manship Chapel (DE) Bruce & Vickie Tribbett Wilma Marcum (KY) THURSDAY, MARCH 19 1 SAM 16-19 (Bhutan 733,643) Reg & Gloria Martin (OH) Larry & Sue Mason (VA) Deborah Mathias (NY) Murray/Loretta Mathis (TN) Dan & Fay McConville (VA) R. O. & June McHaney (VA) Don & Barbara Meduna (CO) Memorial Christian Ch (VA) Virgil & Sue Knipp, Pastors Terry & Sandra Metzgar (VA) FRIDAY, MARCH 20 1 SAMUEL 20-23 (Bolivia 10.6M) Betsy Miedema (MI) Gwen Miller (VA) Earl & Marvel Mills (VA) Roger & Nancy Minney (VA) Ted & Natalie Monroe (KY) Bill & Sharon Moody (VA) French & Laura Moore (VA) Ronald & Wilma Moore (NC) Joseph & Doris Moos (NJ) SATURDAY, MARCH 21 1 SAM 24-26 Bosnia/Herz 3.9M)) Elaine Moser (MN) Bob & Diane Nichols (VA) Chet & Betty Nichols (WA) Ann Palumbo (PA)

Raleigh & Janet Parker (VA)

Roger & Kay Pede (VA) Jim & Barb Peterson (MI) Willis & Joyce Pillow (VA) Mildred Pittman (NC) SUNDAY, MARCH 22 Ben Poplin (VA) Ayers Porter (TN) Barbara Powell (NY) Marshall & Lois Powell (KY) Jeanne & Maggie Pribble (VA) Dave & Marilyn Rainey (VA) John Reed (NH) Dave Ricker (ME) Alice Riddick (NC) Joyce Riley (KY) MONDAY, MARCH 23 1 SAM 27-31 Botswana 2.2M) Calvin & Valerie Ritchey (VA) Cynthia Roach (VA) John & Sandra Roberts (NC) Bo & Betty Robinson (MS) Isabel Robotham (NY) Clark & Marie Rogers (VA) Fred/Jeannette Rolater (TN) Bob & Marlene Rose (MI) Sandra Rumore (VA) John Saint (PA) Don/Marie Satterwhite (FL) Dwayne Schmaltz (WI) Gary & Sandy Schnittjer (PA) Frank & Alta Schollaert (PA) TUESDAY, MARCH 24 2 SAMUEL 1-4Bragzil 202,7M) Phil/Wendy/Steve Schrank (WI) John & Peggy Seibert (AL) Dennis/Monica Shannon (OH) Shenandoah Valley Baptist Ch (VA) Gene Jones, Pastor Nellie F. Shepard (CT) Richard Shorter (NJ) Charlie & Liz Sill (VA) WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 2 SAM 5-7 (Br Virgin Is 32,680) Faye Skaggs (KY) Bobby & Cindy Smith (VA) Mildred Smith (VA) Ron & Bonnie Smith (VA) John & Helen Sourlis (MD) Leroy/Suk Hi Standifer (WA) Tim & Pam Steger (ID) THURSDAY, MARCH 26 2 SAM 8-10 (Brunei 422,675) Carol Snow Stewart (CT) Jerry & Reba Stinnett (VA) Charles Stinson (VA) Johnny & Rose M. Street (TX) William Suttles (NC)

Bob & Sandy Swain (VA)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 2 SAML 11-14 (Bulgaria 6.9M) Brian/Janice Tarraferro (TX) Billy & Sharon Taylor (PA) Ron & Mazie Taylor (VA) Stephanie Taylor (GA) Rose Tengstrand (VA) Mona Henry Thomas (VA) W. D./Jackie Thomason (TN) Montez Thompson (WI) William & Katie Toney (NC) Virginia Trask (VA) SATURDAY MARCH 28 2 SAM 15-18 ( Burkina Fa 18.4M Carrol/Ouida Troutman (KY) Clay & Lisa Troutman (KY) Kelly & Janice Troutman (KY) Joe & Benita Troutman (KY) Malcom Troutman (KY) Marshall/Mary Troutman (KY) Willie/Diane Troutman (KY) SUNDAY MARCH 29 2 SAM 19-20 (Burma 55.7M) Tommy/Frances Turpin (VA) Sara Underwood (TN) Patrick/Patricia Vaden (TN) Harris/Jane Verkaik (MI/FL) George/Jeanette Vernarchik (NJ) Sam & Rita Verghese (NJ) Keith/Doris Snyder Verrall (FL) Walter/Mary Ann Voss (DE) Horace & Becky Ward (NC) Michael/Sandra Ward (IN) Beau/Ashley/Willow/Will Ware (VA) MONDAY MARCH 30 2 SAM 21-22 (Burundi 55.7M) Kay Warmerdam (TX) Don/Joyce Warpoole (TN) Rodger Watts (WI) Frank & Nell Weer (KY) Gale & Nancy Wetzel (KY) Kay Wice (TN) Paul & Diane Wieland (PA) TUESDAY MARCH 31 2 SAM 23-24 (Cambodia 15.5M) Reg/Mary Ann Wilburn (VA) Jeff Williamson (FL) Ken & Carol Willis (VA) Julie L. Wilson (PA) Neil & Melinda Wilson (VA) Eva Winebarger (VA) Amos & Celia Wipf (GA) Jonathan & Selena Wood (PA) Natalie Wood (b12-22-14) Greg & Lori Worley (GA) David & Lili Wykle (VA) Fred & Susan Zeller (MD)

#### **DAILY INTERCESSION**

We are eager to pray with you and then supply needed prayer support daily. You do not have to bear your burden alone. Keep us updated.
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Milcie Arnold [Carrol] (VA)
Margarie Coffee (VA)
Uel Hartless [Hazel] (VA)
Sam Hough {Linda] (VA]
Betsy Johnson [Rick] (TN)
Lowry Miller [Marjorie] (VA)
Earl & Marvel Millis (VA)
Katherine Morgan (VA)
Sam Simpson [Lola] (NY)
Mary Skiles (KS
Jean Smith [Jim] (KY)

MISSIONARIES/NATIONALS

Shem & Deborah Kamla (Nigeria)

Mulumba Placide Kituta (DR Congo)
Nuhu & Mercy Leo (Nigeria)
Alexis & Noraida Montero (Venezuela)
Leslie/Tabitha Motsalane (South Africa)
Enock & Patience Mulomba (Botswana)
Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Andrew & Celestine Sakari (Kenya)
Martin & Anne Shikuku (Kenya)
Joseph & Esther Tan (Singapore)

Paula Tipton (Thailand)
Joseph & Lily Veres (Malawi)
Cliff & Marcia Vincent (Brazil)
Roberto Waismann (Brazil)
Silas & Comfort Yashim (Nigeria)

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

"Go ... make disciples... TEACH" (Matthew 28:19-20)

KENYA: Martin Shikuku and his teams continue to conduct prayer seminars as we serve as ROPEHOLDERS!

VENEZUELA: In Caracas, Adam Nathanson and Alexis Montero are conducting seminars.



2015: May 8-22

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Push Against
The Spiritual
Darkness

CELEBRATING FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL MINISRTY!

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is no such thing. On Sunday, March 24, 1982, I was invited to preach at the Vroom Street Evangelical Free Church, Hoboken, New Jersey. Two things were memorable about that Sunday. An elderly lady came in who had been mugged on her way to church. Observing the love and devotion extended to her in her distress touched my heart as we began the morning services. I will never forget that incident. When Sue and I returned for the evening service, we arrived early but parking places were filled already. When we went inside, we discovered that Coptic Christians from Egypt were having their service. We slipped in quietly to take a seat and a scene was burned into my mind that I have never forgotten. Here were at least one hundred believers bowed worshiping the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer. From our view, it was one of the most beautiful sights of worship everyone with head and body bowed sitting in the pews. The presence of the Lord was in that place!

Fast forward to a recent incident in Libya. Twenty-one Coptic Christian men who had left their homes in Egypt to seek work in Libya were marched along the beach by militant Muslims (called ISIS) in orange uniforms. The twenty-one Coptic Christian men were then lined up on their knees with executors standing over them in black. Twenty-one Coptic Christians (each precious in the sight of God for you will never meet a person God does not love!) were beheaded. The act was performed in the name of Allah. The explanation ISIS gave was that these were "the people of the cross, the followers of Christianity from the hostile Egyptian Church. These men, as

are all Christians and Jews are infidels to be killed.

What does this mean? During our time living in Tennessee, my home state, JGHM was the designated leader to promote the National Day of Prayer. We took this seriously investing time, energy, and resources to organize prayer breakfasts in towns and cities. We provided promotional materials and planning strategies. A major event was the annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast in Nashville. At every place setting, we had a beautiful placard for everyone to take home providing suggestions for the National Day of Prayer. We chose speakers and musicians to lead us in worship. One of the most stirring speakers was Charles Swindoll. He spoke from 1 Chronicles 11-12 about David's mighty men. He highlighted the ability of King David to inspire loyalty in others, one of David's greatest gifts. As usual, his message was a masterpiece. As he unwrapped the Scriptures, Dr. Swindoll spoke of "the sons of Issachar who had understanding of their times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command" (1 Chronicles 12:32).

The United States desperately needs a leader like David who surrounds himself with "mighty men" like the sons of Issachar. Isn't it is time for all of us to feel and express **RIGHTEOUS INDIGINATION** that leads each Christian to become a LIGHTHOUSE OF PRAYER to push against the spiritual darkness. God Himself is ready through His Word and through the leadership of the Holy Spirit to show us what is appropriate action. The doctrine of "strategic patience" is likely to fail motivate us to be ready for action. It is a dangerous doctrine.

Dictionary definitions. **RIGHTEOUS** 1. Meeting accepted standards of what is right and just; morally right; virtuous. 2. Having justification or good reason: righteous anger. MORAL 1. Of or concerned with the judgment of the goodness or badness of human action and character. ... 3. Being or acting in accordance with standards and precepts of goodness or with established codes of behavior especially with regard to sexual conduct. **INDIGNATION** Anger aroused by something unjust, mean, or unworthy. **ABOMINATION** Something or someone that causes great revulsion or abhorrence.

The Scriptures speak of a **righteous vengeance** that involves the pursuit, virtue, and the defense of God's majesty. God declared that only He can seek this type of vengeance. "Vengeance is Mine" (**Deuteronomy 32:25**). But He often uses people (nations/governments) to carry out His vengeance.

# QUESTION: 'HOW CAN I KNOW FOR SURE THAT MY ANGER IS RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION?"

We can know for sure that our anger or indignation is righteous when it is directed toward what angers God Himself as revealed in the Bible. Righteous anger and indignation are justly expressed when we are confronted with sin. Good examples would be anger toward child abuse, pornography, racism, homosexual activity, abortion, the ISIS Mass Christian Beheading, and the like.

Look at the picture again. WHAT DO YOU THINK? WHAT DO YOU FEEL? May this drive us to our knees and to cry out to God. The hour is late and the times are desperate! STAND UP FOR OUR NATION ON YOUR KNEES. ASK GOD TO PUT A PROTECTIVE SHIELD AROUND US AS WE DO HIS WILL!

#### **AMERICA'S LEADERSHIP**

Dear Father, in Jesus' name, I lift up our president to You. I know that our leader's heart is in Your hand, so I ask You to guide the head of our nation in the way You would have him to go.

Father, I pray that You would surround our president with wise counsel--men and women of integrity who place Your agenda and the good of this nation above their own and whose motives are for that which is right;

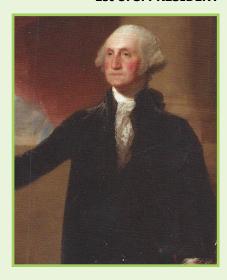
I pray that You would give our leader discernment, understanding and knowledge so that our nation may know stability internally and abroad.

I give thanks for our president according to Your Word and thank You for in and through his leadership so that we might lead peaceable lives in goodness and honesty.

#### **Peter Marshall**

Direct my thought, words and work, wash away my sins in the immaculate Blood of the Lamb, and purge my heart by Thy Holy Spirit. ... Daily frame me more and more into the likeness of Thy Son Jesus Christ.

### GEORGE WASHINGTON 1st U. S. PRESIDENT



"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Psalm 127:1a); "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock" (Matthew 7:24-25).



#### **BLESS THIS HOUSE**

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Bless this house, O Lord we pray,
Make it save by night and day;
Bless these walls, so firm and stout,
Keeping want and trouble out;
Bless the roof and chimneys tall,
Let Thy peace lie over all;
Bless this door, that it may prove
Ever open to joy and love.

Bless these windows shining bright, Letting in God's heavenly light. Bless the hearth, a blazing there With smoke ascending like a prayer Bless the people here within Keep them pure and free from sin Bless us all that we may be Fit Oh Lord to dwell with Thee Bless us all that we, one day, may dwell Oh Lord, we pray.

"Bless This House" is a song published on October 19, 1927. The words were written by Englishwoman Helen Taylor. The music was composed by Australian Mary Brahe, a friend of Taylor's.

Since April 2002, Sue and I have made our home at 1127 Lakeview Drive in Lynchburg, Central Virginia's "Hill City." During the early seventies, we grew quite attached to this area, especially the beautiful views of the Blue Ridge Mountains that surround the city. Since it is not on the beaten path, we have not had the visitors that we had in Murfreesboro, Tennessee where we lived for nineteen years. We live within fifteen minutes of the airport and Liberty University. If any of you are in Central Virginia, you have a standing invitation to visit us. We chose the house because of its two levels. We live on the upper level; the JGHM offices are on the lower level.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9)