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GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

*Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
For thou hast made
A provision for me;
Though steeped in sin,
You still reached down from heaven,
Loosed Satan's bonds,
Setting this sinner free.*

*Great is thy graciousness,
O God my Father,
To send your Son
As the ransom for sin;
Through His shed blood,
Adam's race now is covered -
Perfect atonement
Can reconcile men.*

*Great is thy love for us,
O God my Father,
Unworthy creatures
We loud sing your praise;
Through the Lord Jesus,
We have life eternal -
Great is your faithfulness!
Great is your graciousness!
Great is your love for us,
Ancient of Days!*

 Tina Rollins 

Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

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NFL NOW IN INDIA

DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS, GOD HAS BLESSED WORLD MINISTRIES' APPROACH TO DISCIPLESHIP AMONG THE DALITE PEOPLE (THE UNTOUCHABLES) IN EAST, CENTRAL AND SOUTHEASTERN INDIA. FROM SMALL CHURCH-BASED TRAINING CENTERS IN THE PROVINCES OF ANDHRA PRADESH, TAMIL NADU AND ORISSA, MISSIONARIES BUD AND NANCY PEDERSON AND KEY INDIAN STAFF MEMBERS HAVE WITNESSED A HARVEST OF MORE THAN 25,000 BELIEVERS. HOWEVER, THE INCIDENCE OF SUFFERING AND DEATH FROM PREVENTABLE DISEASE PERSUADED WORLD MINISTRIES (WM) TO EXPAND ITS VISION TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY HEALTH EVANGELISM.

"TRAINING MEN TO MAKE AND MULTIPLY DISCIPLES OF CHRIST THROUGH PLANTING & REPRODUCING CHURCHES."

Purpose statement – World Ministries



Nancy & Bud Pederson



Partnering with *Life Wind*, another in-country ministry that spent 40 years developing a program called *Community Health Evangelism* (CHE), World Ministries plans to send select church-planting leaders from its Bible training program to CHE workshops to learn the basics in sanitation, hygiene, and water purification. When the leaders are adequately trained, they will begin training members in the newly planted churches in order to reach out to their communities through this ministry. The believers in the churches will be fully equipped to be the "hands and feet of Jesus" in their communities.

Interestingly, Christ's earthly ministry consisted of three intertwined elements, which World Ministries seeks to follow in its training of church-planting leaders:

Proclaiming God's Word through teaching, preaching and counseling.

Demonstrating the compassion and power of God by meeting very real needs.

Training disciples and disciple making leaders to carry the "Good News" to the outermost parts of the earth.

health information and easy solutions to critical sanitation problems as an outward expression of God's love. Parents who witness a sick child returned to health through the provision of clean water will have hearts softened to hear about the God who cares for their most basic needs. The unbreakable cord of "proclaiming, demonstrating, and training" will capture and draw many more precious souls into Christ's kingdom.

Now you may be asking, what does all this have to do with the NFL? In India under World Ministries, NFL represents the "demonstrating" strand in the cord of evangelism: N = mosquito **nets**

infused with insect repellent to help prevent malaria and dengue fever – two of India's most deadly diseases; F = water **filters** to control dysentery, eye and skin diseases, typhoid and cholera; L = **latrines** to safely dispose of human waste – a major polluter of Indian ground water. By addressing these three health issues, World Ministries will not only be able to help improve the daily lives of the "poorest of the poor," but ministry health programs will open wide the door to proclaiming Christ and training new disciples.

Christ for Humanity is happy to be partnering with World Ministries in its NFL program. Seed money from CFH has been designated to purchase mosquito netting, water filters, and materials necessary for constructing latrines. Our prayer is that God's

field workers in India will continue to reap a bountiful harvest for Christ and that God will bless these new believers with good health and renewed strength to bring many men and women to a saving knowledge of Christ before He returns to claim His bride – the Church.

The strength of intertwining these three essential elements of ministry can be illustrated in Ecclesiastes 4:12: **"A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart."**

In a country where even the most basic understanding of sanitation and disease is lacking, imagine the impact native missionaries can have in their villages by providing

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE MEXICO



Tepehuan tribe); Tony Finch (eastern Tarahumara tribe); Andy Kramer (Tarahumara tribe at Narachi); and Terry Reed (upper Guarijio tribe).

FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, NEW TRIBES MISSIONARIES ASKED CHRIST FOR HUMANITY TO HELP PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE LIVING IN THE SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAINS OF NORTHERN MEXICO. SEVERE DROUGHT, FOLLOWED BY HEAVY RAINS LATE IN THE GROWING SEASON, LEAD TO ANOTHER CROP FAILURE AND STARVATION AMONG INDIAN TRIBES IN REMOTE AREAS. BY GOD'S GRACE, THE CFH WATER-WELL PROJECT IN THE GAMBIA WAS COMPLETED UNDER BUDGET, AND THE FLORIDA-BASED FOUNDATION, WHICH FUNDED THE GRANT FOR THE WELL, AGREED THAT THE MINISTRY COULD USE THE SURPLUS MONEY TO FIGHT HUNGER IN THE SIERRA. HOW OUR LORD PROVIDES!

Due to the difficulty in bringing food stuffs across the Mexican border, United Indian Missions (UIM) pilot Dave Wolf flew Christ for Humanity's monetary gift into the mountains where it was distributed among six New Tribes missionaries ministering to three tribal groups: Kevin Case (northern Tepehuan tribe); Barry Wingo (southern Tepehuan tribe); Ted Wingo (western

In the e-mail to the ministry confirming the distribution of the funds, Dave Wolf reported: "Those who received money bought food supplies at their locations. It was amazing to see how God helped us get the best price for the beans. The lowest wholesale price for a kilo of beans is usually 12.50 pesos no matter



how they are packaged, and at the grocery store the price is 14.99 pesos and up. The S-Mart grocery chain had their beans on sale for 10.99 pesos the week before the money arrived but would not give us an extension on that sale. However, Soriana grocery chain had beans on sale last week for 8.95 pesos per kilo. By purchasing the beans on sale, we



saved over \$100, enabling us to buy more beans for another tribal location. Thank you Lord! Additionally, UIM was able to fly the food supplies to Narachi for the Tarahumara and to Saucillo de Rico for the upper Guarijio in conjunction with other flights at no additional cost."



Christ for Humanity has partnered with New Tribes missionaries in northern Mexico since 1990. How delighted we are that the Lord allowed our ministry the opportunity to enhance New Tribes' witness for Christ among tribal groups living in economic and spiritual poverty in remote mountain locations. ☒

From the CFH Mailbag



Dear Christ for Humanity,

We want to thank you for the donation of money to buy food for the people in Baborigame that arrived via Dave Wolf of UIM. It was a great blessing to have the money, as many people were just barely finding food for their families from day to day.

This year we did the distribution a little differently. We told the believers where the money came from and its purpose. We wanted them to decide the best way to buy and distribute the food. They chose to go to the store together one Saturday and buy all the food, then take it with the tractor and trailer to the homes of the believers. The believers could then feel free to help neighbors who had needs. This plan worked out very well and got the believers involved in something they could do together as a body of Christ.

The people in the photos are some believers who were helped from your donation. One Mexican lady, three Tepehuan youth, one Canadian and one US citizen were baptized on September 21, 2008 – our second baptism. We had a very good time with singing, food, volleyball, and fellowship. Our team enjoyed watching those individuals blessed because of their obedience in stepping forward to be baptized.

Thank you for your continued desire to see the believers in Baborigame prosper. We are grateful for your financial help and for your prayers.

In His Care,

Kevin and Wendy Case
New Tribes Mission – Mexico
Tepehuan Tribe



AFRICA

THE GAMBIA:

The Dream Team Missionaries from Tulsa, Oklahoma

CFH'S FOURTEEN MEMBER MISSION TEAM TO THE GAMBIA NOT ONLY OVERSAW THE DRILLING OF A WATER-WELL IN LATRIA BUT ALSO PROVIDED BIBLE SEMINARS FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP INT., ENGAGED IN STREET EVANGELISM, CONDUCTED CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN SCHOOLS AND VILLAGES, AND PROVIDED HEALTH EDUCATION TO BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

With five pastors participated in the trip to West Africa, the Gospel message was presented clearly and often in the capital city of Banjul and in many outlying villages. At Mariamakunda and Bullock, the children's ministry team presented Christ through games, music, song and dance. The village of Latria sponsored a local soccer tournament, which provided many opportunities for both pastors and lay-team members to share the "Good News" with the players, as well as the large crowd of spectators. Spreading the word occurred in the hotel, market places and on the beach.

In terms of health education, the team regularly performed a humorous skit showing how dysentery could spread from person to person within a family and the importance of having clean hands. The team instructed children on proper methods for brushing teeth and distributed toothbrushes when visiting villages and schools. Team members also purchased 4,000 pounds of rice to feed the hungry poor.

God's provision for His children was strikingly evident during the two-week mission. When Neh Neh converted from Islam to Christianity, her family banished her from their midst. After her forty-year-old son threatened her with a knife, Neh Neh fled to Banjul with her ten-year-old son, Moses. New Life Fellowship helped provided for them both. During one of the mission team's evening worship services, Beverly Lanz (a registered nurse) learned that

Moses had 2nd and 3rd degree burns on his arm from a home accident. Moses' mother had taken the boy to the local clinic; however, the area doctor could do little but apply a bandage, which was now dirty and dried to the wound. Fortunately, the team brought an assortment of medication and medical supplies with them from the



Ministry team treats Moses' 3rd degree burn. By God's grace, his arm was miraculously healed in less than 2 weeks.

CFH pharmacy in Tulsa. Antibiotic ointment, sterile water and bandages, included as part of a First Aid kit, were used regularly to treat the burn. Within less than two weeks, Moses' arm was almost completely healed. Team members with medical backgrounds were amazed, and everyone gave glory to God for this miraculous healing.

In her trip diary, Pamela Smith-Pettigrew probably summarized the trip's impact on its members best: *"We are all excited about what God has done [through the teams efforts], though we can't see everything. All the glory and praise goes to God to glorify Him in the highest. We thank God for allowing us to be part of His work to serve the people in The Gambia. As Pastor LeRon West says, we will never be the same. We have all been impacted with the knowledge of the need for missionaries throughout the world and in Africa.*


ZIMBABWE:

IN LATE SUMMER, CFH RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FROM PAT STEPHENSON, AN 82 YEAR-OLD MISSIONARY SERVING IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ZIMBABWE. FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN, A MINNEAPOLIS-BASED ORGANI-

ZATION, GAVE PAT'S MINISTRY 275,000 MEAL PACKETS WITH THE PROVISION THAT SHE RAISE FUNDS TO COVER THE SHIPPING COST FROM U.S. TO SIDAKENI, AN IMPOVERISHED VILLAGE JUST NORTH OF ZIMBABWE'S CAPITAL CITY, HARARE.

For the past decade, Stephenson has been working to improve village life in Sidakeni, particularly among its 1,000 school children. Her stateside fund-raising efforts among Christian groups have resulted in six area water-

wells and an improved schoolhouse, including updated floors, toilets, a kitchen, teacher housing and school supplies. *"Malnutrition is the single biggest threat to their [the children's] future. Now that we have the food, we just need to get it to them."* (Stephenson) The food from this one container will feed village children for a year – allowing them to remain in school and increasing their chances for better lives.

Zimbabwe is predominately a Christian country (70%). How delighted Christ for Humanity is to be able to contribute toward the cost of a container and shipping for this project. Our ministry desire is to use humanitarian aid to show the love of Christ, particularly to His suffering servants. We praise Him for this provision of food and pray that this wonderful gift will advance His kingdom in southern Africa. The container is due to arrive in Zimbabwe sometime this winter. 

THE PICKLE JAR

THE PICKLE JAR AS FAR BACK AS I CAN REMEMBER SAT ON THE FLOOR BESIDE THE DRESSER IN MY PARENTS' BEDROOM. WHEN HE GOT READY FOR BED, DAD WOULD EMPTY HIS POCKETS AND TOSS HIS COINS INTO THE JAR.

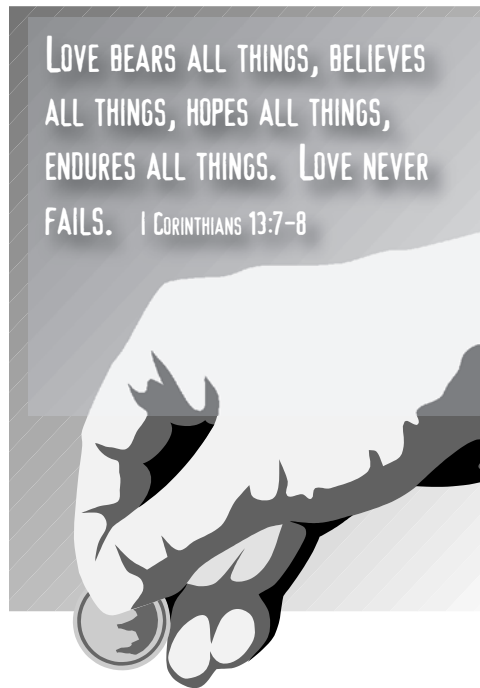
As a small boy I was always fascinated at the sounds the coins made as they were dropped into the jar. They landed with a merry jingle when the jar was almost empty. Then the tones gradually muted to a dull thud as the jar was filled. I used to squat on the floor in front of the jar and admire the copper and silver circles that glistened like a pirate's treasure when the sun poured through the bedroom window. When the jar was filled, Dad would sit at the kitchen table and roll the coins before taking them to the bank.

Taking the coins to the bank was always a big production. Stacked neatly in a small cardboard box, the coins were placed between Dad and me on the seat of his old truck. Each and every time, as we drove to the bank, Dad would look at me hopefully. "Those coins are going to keep you out of the textile mill, son. You're going to do better than me. This old mill town's not going to hold your back." And each and every time, as he slid the box of rolled coins across the counter at the bank toward the cashier, he would grin proudly, "These are for my son's college fund. He'll never work at the mill all his life like me."

We would celebrate each deposit by stopping for an ice cream cone. I always got chocolate. Dad always got vanilla. When the clerk at the ice cream parlor handed Dad his change, he would show me the few coins nestled in his palm. "When we get home, we'll start filling the jar again." He always let me drop the first coins into the

empty jar. As they rattled around with a brief, happy jingle, we grinned at each other. "You'll get to college on pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters," he said. "But you'll get there; I'll see to that."

No matter how rough things got at home, Dad continued to doggedly drop his coins into the jar. Even the summer when Dad got laid off from the mill, and Mama had to serve dried beans several times a week, not



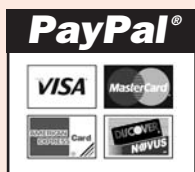
a single dime was taken from the jar. To the contrary, as Dad looked across the table at me, pouring catsup over my beans to make them more palatable, he became more determined than ever to make a way out for me. "When you finish college, son," he told me, his eyes glistening, "you'll never have to eat beans again – unless you want to."

The years passed, and I finished college and took a job in another town. Once, while visiting my parents, I used the phone in their bedroom and noticed that the pickle jar

was gone. It had served its purpose and had been removed. A lump rose in my throat as I stared at the spot beside the dresser where the jar had always stood. My dad was a man of few words, and never lectured me on the values of determination, perseverance, and faith. The pickle jar had taught me all of these virtues far more eloquently than the most flowered words could have done. When I married, I told my wife Susan about the significant part the lowly pickle jar had played in my life as a boy. In my mind, it defines more than anything else how much my dad had loved me.

The first Christmas after our daughter Jessica was born, we spent the holiday with my parents. After dinner, Mom and Dad sat next to each other on the sofa, taking turns cuddling their first grandchild. Jessica began to whimper softly, and Susan took her from Dad's arms. "She probably needs to be changed," she said, carrying the baby into my parents' bedroom to diaper her. When Susan came back into the room, there was a strange mist in her eyes. She handed Jessica back to Dad before taking my hand and leading me into the room. "Look," she said softly, her eyes directing me to a spot on the floor beside the dresser. To my amazement, there, as if it had never been removed, stood the old pickle jar, the bottom already covered with coins. I walked over to the pickle jar, dug down into my pocket, and pulled out a fistful of coins. With a gamut of emotions choking me, I dropped the coins into the jar. I looked up and saw that Dad, carrying Jessica, had slipped quietly into the room. Our eyes locked, and I knew he was feeling the same emotions I felt. Neither one could speak. ❧

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF YOUR ACTIONS. WITH ONE SMALL GESTURE, YOU CAN CHANGE A PERSON'S LIFE — FOR BETTER OR WORSE. GOD PUT US ALL IN EACH OTHER'S LIVES TO IMPACT ONE ANOTHER IN SOME WAY.



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A PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS... AND FOR THE YEAR TO COME

From Pastor John Piper's *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ*

O Lord, the suffering in the world is so widespread and the pain is so great! Have mercy and waken the souls of suffering millions to the hope of some relief now and unsurpassed joy in the age to come. Send your church, O God, with relief and with the word of the Gospel that there is forgiveness of sins through faith in Christ and that no suffering here is worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed to the children of God. Protect your church, Father, from callous thoughts about calamities that leave millions destitute, and protect her also from cowering to critics, like Job's wife, who cannot trust the wis-

dom and power and goodness of Christ in the midst of inexplicable misery. Oh, help our unbelief. Incline our ears to your Word and to its assurance that you "work all things according to the counsel of your will" and that "no purpose of yours can be thwarted" and that you are doing good and acting wisely in ways that we cannot even dream. Keep us in peace, O Lord, and forbid that we murmur and complain. Grant us humble and submissive hearts under your mighty hand. Teach us to wait and watch for your final and holy purpose in all things. Grant that we would "rejoice in hope," even when present circumstances bring us to tears. Open the eyes of our hearts to see the greatness of our inheritance in Christ, and send us with tender hands to touch with mercy the misery of the world.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen



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