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## *“Faith alone in Christ alone”*

### ASIA VISIT

Greetings to my beloved partners in our Father's Vineyard, we are grateful for your prayers and support. I want you to know that your prayers are being answered left and right. In February and March our team traveled to India and Pakistan with outstanding results. You traveled with us via prayer. As you read all our reports, by all means channel the PRAISE to our heavenly Father who did all the work.

In all our missionary endeavors, we've never encountered so many obstacles like we did before our departure to India! NEVER!! But again, this is the most successful missionary trip we've ever made. As the apostle Paul would say, “I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying...” (Romans 9:1). And there's no reason for me to exaggerate God's work!

Upon arriving in India, we came face-to-face with the reality of why Satan had worked around the clock, using tactic after tactic, to prevent us and to discourage us from going to India and Pakistan. Again, the reasons for this anti-Asia barrage became perfectly clear. I have never seen so much positive volition like I saw in both India and Pakistan!

India has over 33,000,000 gods and goddesses! Almost every street has a small or a huge temple for an idol! On the other hand, God's grace game plan for these Hindus who have been in darkness for a long time was unsurpassed. We had several outdoor crusades with amazing results! God truly honored Himself. Many came to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many of them fought their way to shake hands with us or to hug us!

If handshakes and hugs were wealth, we would be among the wealthy elite!

What happened in Antioch approximately two thousand years ago is the foundation of my comments: “And when they [the missionaries] had arrived and gathered the church [in Antioch from which they were sent on a missionary trip Acts 14:26], they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles” (Acts 14:27).

My relaying these events to you serves a double purpose. First, that you may praise God when you approach His throne. Secondly, that you may know that your partnership with us in every sense of the word is indeed yielding eternal profits. God is doing something outside this country, and you and I are privileged to be part of it. It's nothing more than a privilege!!! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Your humble partner in His mission field,  
*Rev. Moses C. Onwubiko*

### WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Undeniably, you are living and operating in the enemy's territory. Scripture makes it clear that Satan is “the god of this world” (John 12:31). Thus our Lord asserts, “You are not of this world” and prayed for your protection (John 17). But, what does the truth that “Satan is the god of this world” mean to you? It means that you are operating in a hostile environment. That's right! In Satan's desperation, he has become fierce—outrageously insane—pacing back and forth “...prowls like a roaring lion, seeking someone [a careless believer] to

devour [to tackle; to put out of action]” (I Peter 5:8). What a relief to know that “...greater is He [God] who is in you than he [Satan] who is in the world” (I John 4:4 cf. II Kings 6:8-17). The good news is that you are totally encapsulated by the wall of fire (Zechariah 2:5) as you live and operate in his territory. Satan knows that God has provided you with the most security that Heaven can offer (Job 1:10)! That should be your solace! That's the beauty of God's amazing grace!

As a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, as long as you are learning and applying His Word on a daily basis, you will enjoy God's maximum security. It's that simple. It boils down to this: There is no system of sophisticated weaponry, no act of terrorism, no attack by Satan—visible or invisible—that can pass unnoticed by God's security and get to you without His sovereign endorsement! Not now, not then, and not ever! He is your Shield (Genesis 15:1)! However, if you have been hit by the enemy's flaming dart, do not fear. Relax. Because God, who allowed it to pass through His sovereign security, is at work right now on your behalf! Again, nothing gets by God without His knowledge. There is absolutely no reason to fall apart, or hit the panic button, or retreat to self-pity—the “why me syndrome.” Instead, listen to His words that are sweet to the taste: “[Happy] is a man who perseveres under [adverse circumstances]; for once he has [passed the spiritual test], he will receive [super abundance of blessing in time, and] the crown of life [in eternity], which the Lord has promised to those who love Him [those who have acquired spiritual capacity]” (James 1:12).

James puts it this way: “Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials [when the adversities of life hit you hard], knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance [through application of doctrine] have its perfect result, that you may be [fully equipped] lacking in nothing” (James 1:2-4). In fact, what Paul wrote fits perfectly: “And we know that God causes all things [pleasant and unpleasant situations] to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose” (Romans 8:28). God knows exactly what He is doing in your life; and while you may not be able to fathom all of it, one thing is crystal clear: There is absolutely no such thing as bad luck or an accident in God’s plan, because God can blend the bad with good to come up with extraordinarily marvelous results! Essentially, we can face a seemingly bad situation and expect the good that will follow. Such is our awesome God!

Here’s the Apostle Peter’s take on this subject: “But to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing; so that at the revelation of His glory, you may rejoice with exaltation” (I Peter 4:13). Finally, the apostle Paul put it this way: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! (Philippians 4:4). Hence, we should rejoice in each and every event in our lives—pleasant or unpleasant, for our Father is at work on our behalf 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year! Allow Job’s confidence in God to be yours: “But He knows [what I am going through]; when He has [tested] me, I shall come forth as gold [way better than before!]” (Job 23:10). And no matter what, always remember God’s promise: “I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My [integrity]” (Isaiah 41:10c)..

**“You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free”**

(John 8:32).

## DOCTRINE OF GRACE

*Taught by Reverend Moses C. Onwubiko*  
Lesson 12

(Continued from volume 33, Lesson 19)

### JOSEPH’S AMAZING PROMOTION

As we study this segment, I want you to meditate on the life of Joseph, a suffering grace-refined believer, and God’s faithfulness toward His promise, particularly to Joseph the subject of our doctrinal exposition. Meditate on the enormous affliction that he went through in the grace furnace of suffering, and above all, how he utilized the arsenal of Bible doctrine in His soul to bring glory and honor to his heavenly Father. After all, it wasn’t about Joseph, it was all about God and His maximum glorification. And so, as you ponder how God, in His immeasurable grace, provided all the tools Joseph needed to be prepared for God’s glory and his promotion in time, let’s go back to God’s unchanging Word and read it again: “Now in a large house [God’s house] there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if any man cleanses himself [volitional responsibility] from these things, he will be a vessel for honor [guaranteed!] sanctified [set apart], useful to the Master [God], prepared for every good work” (II Timothy 2:20, 21). We are just about ready to zoom in to Joseph’s commission and decoration as the Hebrew slave Prime Minister of Egypt, but before that, let’s observe his advice to Pharaoh.

### JOSEPH’S ACCURATE APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE:

We know that spiritual wisdom is an accurate application of Biblical knowledge, and Joseph’s wise advice to Pharaoh stemmed from his reservoir of God’s Word in his soul. And so in his own words: “And now let Pharaoh look for a man discerning and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh take action to appoint overseers in charge of the land, and let him exact a fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven years of abundance. ‘Then

let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming, and store up the grain for food in the cities under Pharaoh’s authority, and let them guard it. And let the food become as a reserve for the land for the seven years of famine which will occur in the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish during the famine’” (Genesis 41:33-36). Ironically, Egypt, a prosperous nation, was about to face an unprecedented famine in its history, and action called for an economic genius to step forward to the challenge. And the fascinating question is: Who might that person be? The answer was not farfetched. It’s quite apparent from previous examinations that Joseph was the man of the hour! Undoubtedly he had, through the armory of doctrine in his soul, acquired all the right ingredients for good leadership. No wonder the Psalmist lamented, “Thy commandments [whole realm of doctrine] make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever mine. I have more insight than all my teachers, for Thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, because I have observed Thy precepts” (Psalm 119:98-100). Joseph only gave Pharaoh a scrap of the colossal wisdom he had acquired throughout his life’s experiences and such a peak into Joseph’s soul caused Pharaoh’s jaw to drop in amazement! He couldn’t think of any man more qualified than the young Hebrew slave. This brings us to the long awaited segment of—God’s timing.

JOSEPH IS SWORN IN: “Then Pharaoh said to his servants, ‘Can we find a man like this [Joseph] in whom is a divine spirit?’” (Genesis 41:38). Obviously, Pharaoh anticipated a negative answer. “So Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Since God has informed you all this, there is no one discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and according to your command all my people shall do homage; only in the throne I will be greater than you.’ And Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘See [alas!] I have set you over all the land of Egypt’” (vv. 39-41). You read it correctly! Homage! Does this word ring a bell from when Joseph told his dreams to his siblings?

At long last, Joseph is sworn in to the office of Prime Minister! But not before he was thoroughly prepared. Who says that God runs a fast food restaurant—zoom in—and zoom out with your food in 15 seconds or less or your food is on us—guaranteed! On the contrary, He is a God of “right timing” as previously delineated. He is never in a hurry. The sooner you have a handle on this phenomenal truth, the better off you will be in waiting upon God in all things. His grace policy demands that He allots you and I ample time for us to develop spiritual capacity through varying degrees of suffering. Isaiah the prophet, wrote, “Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who [have grown spiritually and developed spiritual muscles—who] long for Him” (Isaiah 30:18).

God was anxiously waiting for Joseph to have the right perspective with regard to life before he could be promoted—He was waiting for him to graduate from the College of Suffering. And that’s true for every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. God’s justice demands that He blesses the ‘vessels of honor.’ But the news many believers don’t like to hear is this: It takes calamity on top of calamity to develop spiritual capacity, and there are no two ways about it. Joseph’s experience was a perfect example and so was Job’s! But, not so fast!! The suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ topped every suffering that any human being has ever faced or ever will face on this earth!

Gibson’s movie, *The Passion of Christ* came close to what the Bible portrayed regarding the Lord’s unprecedented suffering. On the other hand, Gibson was somewhat off in doctrinal content, but all in all, he did an awesome job! The truth of the matter is that for you to be a gold believer, as we have earlier taught, you must go through the College of Suffering with flying colors. Of course, God in His infinite grace has made every provision we need to be successful in our spiritual testing.

“Then Pharaoh took off his signet ring from

his hand and put it on Joseph’s hand, and clothed him in garments of fine linen, and put the gold necklace around his neck. And he had him ride in his second chariot; and they proclaimed before him, ‘Bow the knee!’ And he set him over all the land of Egypt. It must have been an awesome scene to watch, as the grace-made Prime Minister rode around the nation! Moreover, Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Though I am Pharaoh, yet without your permission no one shall raise his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt” (Genesis 41:42-44). Are we missing something? Read Pharaoh’s words again. Truly when God’s grace pursues and overcomes you, the world will stand still and watch. Joseph had reached the very pinnacle of political power in one of the mightiest nations the world has ever known in his day! Interestingly enough, he got to this position without any merit on his part, thus highlighting and punctuating with an exclamation mark the principles of God’s remarkable grace policy! In view of this, the following seven principles have emerged:

God in His Sovereignty superintends the course of human history. Simply put, He is the Lord of history. In other words, nothing gets by Him without His knowledge and permission! God’s authentic Signature is on every package of suffering, which was tailor-made to equip us to face the devil’s world in all its ugliness. God has what it takes to convert the believer’s suffering into a sensational outcome, both in time and in eternity.

What you and I look at as suffering in our lives may actually be construed as a dynamic tool in God’s Almighty hands. He is ever poised to display marvelous results to both the world of Homo sapiens and the angelic realm. God’s plan for every obedient believer, who is advancing in His plan, will inevitably be fulfilled, with Satan’s frustration notwithstanding. A believer, whose soul is saturated with God’s Word, whose daily decisions are marked with divine viewpoint, will always find himself at the right place and at the right time. For God in His logistical grace overture would

see to it that such a believer’s steps are directed. King David stated God’s promise beautifully: “I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with my eyes upon you [that’s My promise!]” (Psalm 32:8).

What solace to know that if your spiritual eyes are pure, wherever you find yourself in this life is exactly where God wants you to be at that point in time until He directs otherwise! “For such is God, our God forever and ever; He will guide us until death [guaranteed!]” (48:14). On the other hand, if your spiritual eyes have blurred vision, you will end up where God doesn’t want you to be, and He will certainly frustrate your life through divine discipline (Hebrews 12:6) until your spiritual eyes are completely clear and focused (I John 1:9); therefore, whenever we find ourselves in an uncomfortable circumstance, the following tests that withstand the test of time should apply:

*What is the condition of my spiritual life?* If your spiritual life is in limbo, jumpstarting it in a hurry should be your utmost priority. *Am I the beneficiary of God’s promise that “...whatever a man sows, this he will also reap”* (Galatians 6:7b)? This is certain: Whenever we do abominable things in life, we will surely reap when harvest time comes around. For instance, an incorrigible child who disrespects his parents would some day, some way, somehow be confronted with God’s justice. The Bible is crystal clear about this despicable sin: “He who curses his father or his mother, his lamp will go out in time of darkness” (Proverbs 20:20). This explains why many teenagers suffer horribly. So advisedly, if you think you are under discipline, isolate those sins that brought judgment against you, acknowledge them to God (I John 1:9), forget them “and press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13, 14). The suffering may linger a little longer, but it’s always for your advantage (Psalm 119:71).

*Do I have an arsenal of Biblical principles stored in my soul to deal with my*

*suffering?* If you don't, you ought to start learning and applying sound Bible teaching to the exigencies of your life.

If, and only if, my spiritual life is in order and there's no recall of sowing a heinous evil in the past, and I have enough inventory of Bible doctrine in my soul, then the answer could be that God has positioned me to be the object of suffering for super abundance of blessing. The final and very important question should be this: *If, and only if, I am the object of suffering for blessing, how am I doing in this spiritual examination—am I passing or disappointing our Lord?*

By and large, we ought not to forget that Joseph never ever deserved to be a Prime Minister of Egypt; however, at 'the proper time' in light of God's plan for his life, God bypassed all obstacles and promoted him to a place of honor! Invariably, this grace overture was the highest manifestation of grace to Joseph. Joseph knew it so well, and perhaps such gesture could have been the last thing he needed to complete his Super Structure of grace-orientation. Apparently, when his mind ran back and forth along the corridor of his soul, as he meditated on his afflictions and grace promotions, these famous lyrics were apt:

*When upon life's billows  
you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged,  
thinking all is lost,  
Count your blessings—  
name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you  
what the Lord has done.*

God really graced Joseph out in every sense of the word. All that God did for him was pivotal in shaping and seasoning his grace-orientation with those he had contact with, particularly with his ill brothers who sold him to the Ishmaelites. As our study winds down, we shall see his own grace mentality in action toward his callous siblings. On this note, we wish to briefly notice the unprece-

dent famine that rocked the world in Joseph's day, but before we do that, let's look at another grace provision to Joseph.

**THE BIRTH OF MANASSEH AND EPHRAIM:** Interestingly, God made another grace overture to Joseph when He gave him two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. "...For" he said, "God has made me forget all my trouble [Hebrew: *Amai* = suffering].... And he named the second Ephraim, 'For,' he said, 'God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction'" (Genesis 41:51, 52). Joseph's understanding of God's grace never ceases to amaze me—it's fascinating! What a believer! When he took an inventory of what he went through in the famous school of suffering, and thought about his ultimate promotion, he never delayed, not even for a moment in giving credit to God who does all the work. He was always in touch with the Source. To Pharaoh's officials who were in confinement with him he said, "Do not interpretations [of dreams] belong to God?" and to Pharaoh, he reiterated the same, "It's not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer" (Genesis 40:8; 41:16).

Therein depicts the humble soul of a grace believer! Grace-orientation is nothing but mental attitude!! It causes my stomach to ache and burdens my soul to be around the so-called doctrinal believers who hardly manifest an ounce of a mental attitude of grace. And here, Joseph's grace thinking reached its climax as he named his second son, Ephraim, which meant, "God has made me forgetful in the land of my affliction." Again, who says that God can't convert your suffering into a breathtaking outcome? God is an Expert in rescuing His children from their dilemma, just as much as He is capable of elevating them in the midst of their suffering.

#### **WORLDWIDE FAMINE IN JOSEPH'S DAY**

In Moses' account we read, "And the seven years of famine began to come, just as Joseph had said, then there was famine in all the lands; but in all the land of Egypt there

was bread....When the famine was spread over all the face of the earth, then Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians; and the famine was severe in the land of Egypt. And the people of all the earth came to Egypt to buy grain from Joseph, because the famine was severe in all the earth" (Genesis 41:54-57). It's obvious that God had prepared Joseph, the man of the hour, to deal with the enormous pressure posed in the years of famine. Through sufferings he was built to handle intensified suffering. King Solomon, several centuries later wrote, "If you faint in the day of trouble [or adversity], your [spiritual] strength is small" (Proverbs 24:10). Joseph had an arsenal of Bible doctrine; he had absolute confidence in His Yahweh; he was calm, while locking his trust in the Lord of history. This is the epitome of spiritual life. On the other hand, it was this worldwide famine that compelled Joseph's brothers to go to Egypt. But before we expound upon that, we need to examine briefly how God uses the course of history to His advantage.

#### **THE COROLATION BETWEEN FAMINE AND GOD'S WORD TO ABRAHAM:**

I have said it before, but let me be blunter: There's no such thing as an accident in the plan of God. God is Omniscient and has all the details—for the past, present, and future. He uses 'the wrath of man to accomplish His overall plan.' This was evident in Joseph's situation. Who would have guessed that God would bring something good out of Joseph's enslavement? Now God was poised to use this unique famine in Joseph's day to bring to fruition His word to Abraham. In Genesis we read, "And God said to Abram, 'Know for certain that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs [namely Egypt], where they will be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years'" (15:13).

We have studied God's faithfulness to His Word. And here we are face-to-face with this same truth, that's God keeps His Word no matter what! And for us, it is solace to know that time is inconsequential to the fulfillment of God's Word. The Psalmist

beautifully put it this way: “For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it passes by, or as watch in the night” (Psalm 90:4). Ironically, it took over 100 years before God’s Word to Abraham came to maturation. God used the worldwide famine in Joseph’s day to relocate the Israelites to Egypt, which set the stage for their enslavement as per God’s Word to Abraham. It’s fascinating when we factor all of this in and see how God uses every circumstance, good or bad, to accomplish His game plan. So what does that mean to you? It means that “...UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY, NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER OR STROKE SHALL PASS AWAY FROM [GOD’S WORD] UNTIL ALL IS ACCOMPLISHED” (Matthew 5:18). In other words, we should never try to predict our future based on the circumstances around us. Rather, we should take God’s word at face value, and anchor our trust on the Pillar of His faithfulness in keeping His Word. It’s that simple. This clears the table for our next increment.

#### **JOSEPH’S BROTHERS VISIT TO EGYPT:**

“Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said to his sons, ‘Why are you staring at one another? And he said, ‘Behold I have heard that there is grain in Egypt; go down there and buy some for us from that place, so that we may live and not die....So the sons of Israel came to buy grain among those who were coming, for the famine was in the land of Canaan also. Now Joseph was the ruler [actually the Prime Minister] over the land; he was the one who sold to all the people of the land” (Genesis 42:1, 2, 3-6a). Are you ready for a treat? Then read the next sentence: “And Joseph’s brothers came and bowed down to him with their faces to the ground” (v. 6b). Wait a minute, isn’t their inadvertent homage to Joseph the cause of their intensified animosity toward Joseph?

Let’s re-enact Joseph’s dream: “For behold, we [Joseph and his brothers] were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf rose up and also stood erect; and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bow down to my sheaf.’ Then his brothers said to him,

‘Are you actually going to reign over us? Or are you really going to rule over us?’ So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words” (Genesis 37:7, 8). Yes, 22 years later, God fulfilled Joseph’s dream—his brothers bowed to him! You see, God hasn’t forgotten Joseph; He was just preparing him so that he would have capacity to receive their homage without being arrogant. So my dear friend, God has not forgotten you. He is just preparing you for a brighter future! And in the time being, no human being, no circumstance, no amount of propaganda or people’s hatred toward you can put a dent in God’s plan for your life. Nothing! Not a chance!! In the course of wrapping up this marvelous exposition of truth, we shall skip the drama between Joseph and his siblings during their various visits to Egypt. Rather, we shall focus on Joseph’s application of doctrine of grace resulting in maximum glorification of God.

#### **JOSEPH’S OUTPOURING OF A MENTAL ATTITUDE OF GRACE:**

We’ve said it many times and can’t seem to say it enough. But this time, let’s say it in a different way: The quality of your spiritual life is measured by the application of the Word of God to the situations in your life. It’s measured in no other way! You can have a room full of doctrinal notebooks, but if these doctrines are not transferred into your soul and applied to varying circumstances, moment by moment, then your spiritual life has no eternal value. Here we have the awesome privilege of a last peak into Joseph’s soul—a man of grace as he showered his callous, ruthless, and devious brothers with a mental attitude of grace. Hence in Genesis chapter 45 we read, “Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, ‘Have everyone go out from me.’ So there was no man with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard of it. Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph! Is my father still alive? But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence” (v. 1-3).

They were literally shocked! They couldn’t swallow what they just heard!! The brothers must have been thinking: ‘We’re toast—we’re dead meat—our lives are over!’ But here’s the reaction of a man who was poised to honor God: “Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Please come closer to me.... I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be grieved or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God [who works behind the scene] sent me before you to preserve life” (v. 4-5).

What a challenge! Can you truly take an inventory of your suffering and confidently say, “God causes all things to work together for good, to them that love God, to those who are called according to a pre-determined plan” (Romans 8:28)? Joseph said it way before there were any written pages of Scripture! Again, as a believer who is advancing in God’s plan, can you look at your dilemma and tell yourself that God is going to bring good news out of your experience? Joseph assured them a second time saying, “And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance” (v. 7). As if that wasn’t enough to soothe their panic-stricken hearts, he said it in another way: “Now, therefore, it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his household and ruler over all the land of Egypt” (v. 8). What a man!

#### **JOSEPH’S GRACE REACTION TO HIS BROTHERS’ DECADES OF GUILT:**

Guilt as we know it is a terrible sin! It drains the vitality of the soul and, consequently, dries up the bones of the believer and turns him into a monster in the spiritual warfare. It’s a sin that must be dealt with by acknowledgment to God like King David did when he committed adultery and murder (II Samuel 11:1-4, 12:9): “I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;’ and You forgave the **guilt** of my sin” (Psalm 32:5). The truth of the matter is that a believer who operates on guilt

can hardly make any spiritual progress. We should isolate our sins, no matter how heinous, and name them to God and "...Press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). For there's no sin too great for the matchless grace of God! Apparently, Joseph's siblings lived a lifestyle of guilt as we picked it up in Genesis 50.

"When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'What if Joseph should bear a grudge against us and pay us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!' So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, 'Your father charged before he died, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph, 'Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did wrong.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.' And Joseph wept when they spoke to him" (vv. 15-17). No question about it, guilt blurs our spiritual vision, which makes it difficult for us to see God's mercy and grace in action as He forgives our sins and 'remembers them no more.' These brothers have not come to the realization that Joseph had already forgiven them long before they came to Egypt! Why shouldn't he! After all, he realized that it wasn't all about his brothers but all about God and His glorification. They couldn't even recognize that Joseph is now a mature believer! And that there's no reason to fabricate a lie by telling Joseph something their father never said.

You would think that their mental attitudes would have changed by now, but it hadn't. Why not? Because they were not making any spiritual progress! On the other hand, the man of God had another opportunity to reveal the doctrinal content of his soul to his siblings and the rest of the world. And so we read, "But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for...**you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive.** So do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones.' So he comforted them and spoke

kindly to them'" (vv. 19-21). Joseph had his moment to get even by paying back what his evil brothers deserved. Rather, he gave them something they didn't deserve, namely, grace in abundance! You and I ought to do likewise to anyone who has wronged us or is unworthy of any inheritance in our Father's Kingdom. Of course, the truth of the matter is that you can't give what you don't have. In other words, if you have not developed a mental attitude of grace through learning doctrine then applying it to the exigencies of your life, you will never win the battle of grace orientation when it confronts you. Again, there are no two ways about it! This brings us to the celebratory exit of the man who honored God beyond measure.

#### JOSEPH'S CELEBRATORY EXIT TO GLORY:

If there's any occasion that needs a display of fireworks, it should be the glorious exit of a believer! The Psalmist sang, "Precious [how awesome, how marvelous, how spectacular] in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones" (Psalm 116:15). The Prophet Isaiah put it like this: "The righteous man perishes, and no man takes it to heart; and devout men are taken [snatched] away, while no one understands [Hebrew *Blepo* = *earnest contemplation*, i.e. no one truly comprehends what it means for a saint to be pulled out vehemently by death] for the righteous man is taken away from evil [namely, the heartaches, pains and sorrows of this world]. He enters into **peace**" (Isaiah 57:1, 2a). The apostle Paul expressed it beautifully: "...Absent from the body [face-to-face] with the Lord (II Corinthians 5:8). "O DEATH WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH WHERE IS YOUR STING? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ [!]" (I Corinthians 15:55). The believer is entered into a place where "...[God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4). What a glorious hope!

As Joseph looks forward to his exit, his confidence in God's promise reached its climax. And so we read his last words, "...I am about to die, but God will **surely** take care of you, and bring you up from this land which He promised on oath to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob.' '...God will surely take care of you, and you shall carry my bones up from here.' So Joseph died at the age of one hundred and ten years; and he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt" (Genesis 50:24-26).

#### FINAL THOUGHTS

As we come to the conclusion of this mind-stimulating account of grace in the life of Joseph, we consider it of paramount importance to insert the scholastic work of Willmington<sup>1</sup>. He portrayed Joseph as *foreshadow of the Savior* Jesus Christ.

- ✓ Both were beloved by their fathers [Joseph: Gen. 37:3] {Jesus: Mt. 3:17}
- ✓ They regarded themselves as shepherds [Joseph: 37:2] {Jn. 10:11-14}
- ✓ Sent by their fathers to their brethren [37:13,14] {Lk. 10:13; Heb. 2:12}
- ✓ Hated by their brethren without a cause [37:4, 5, 8] {Jn. 1:11; 7:5, 15, 25}
- ✓ Plotted against by their brethren [v. 20] {Jn 11:53}
- ✓ Severely tempted [39:7] {Mt. 4:1}
- ✓ Taken to Egypt [37:25] {Mt. 2:14, 15}
- ✓ Stripped of their robes [v. 23] {Jn. 19:23, 24}
- ✓ Sold for the prize of a slave [v. 28] {Mt. 26:15}
- ✓ Both were bound [39:20] {Mt 27:2}
- ✓ Remained silent and offered no defense [v. 20] {Is. 53:7}
- ✓ Falsely accused [vv. 16-18] {Mt. 26:59, 60}
- ✓ Experienced God's presence through everything [39:2, 21, 23] {Jn. 16:32}
- ✓ Respected by their jailors [v. 21] {Lk. 23:47}
- ✓ Placed with two prisoners: One later lost, the other saved [40:2, 3] {Lk. 23:32}

<sup>1</sup> Willmington's Guide to the Bible

- ✓ Both around thirty at the beginning of their ministry [41:46] {Lk. 3:23}
- ✓ Both highly exalted after their sufferings [v. 41] {Phl. 2:9-11}
- ✓ Both took non-Jewish brides [41:45] {Eph. 3:1-12}
- ✓ Both lost to their brethren for a while [42:7, 8] {Rom. 10:1-3; 11:7, 8}
- ✓ Both forgave and restored their repentant brothers [45:1-15] {Zech. 12:10-12}
- ✓ Both visited and honored by all earthly nations [41:57] {Isa. 2:2, 3; 49:6}

What a shadow Joseph portrayed! What an honor God bestowed on him!! A man who never deserved anything God did for him. It was grace all the way. His spiritual legacy is still very fresh to all believers in every generation. As we conclude, you need to seriously ask yourself this very important question: Am I truly a grace-oriented believer? Or do I portray a facade of grace-orientation? The answer is between you and the Lord.

It's my prayer that the content of this booklet will keep on challenging you as you go through this wrecked world and press on toward the goal for the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.' May its truth serve as a source of spiritual strength and encouragement as you surf through the grace-furnace of suffering. May the application of its truth result in super abundance of blessing to you, today, tomorrow and throughout eternity. "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20, 21).

KING DAVID: A SYMPHONY OF GOD'S GRACE

(Lesson 1 commences in volume 35)

### BIBLE DOCTRINE FOR THOUGHT

"And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do **know** their God shall wax strong, and do exploits" (Dan. 11:32).

Many believers profess to know God, BUT they don't really know Him! Do you REALLY know God, as you ought to know Him?

### HERE IS THE TRUTH – The Doctrine of Kenosis

In our previous study, we have carefully delineated this important doctrine relating to the humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ. As this doctrine progresses, you'll eventually know why we embarked on this truth, and invariably, you will have a deeper appreciation of God's marvelous wisdom. So it's vital, that we recap the Biblical position on this subject. Speaking of our Lord Jesus Christ, the apostle Paul wrote, "Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but **emptied** Himself [stepped out of His glory—restricted the use of His divine attributes], taking the form of a bond-servant [Greek: *doulos*], and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8). Scholars who teach the doctrine of Kenosis often underscore the divisional demarcation between Christ's human nature and His Deity. They infer that there was no crossover of attributes—no loss or mixture of attributes. In other words, the attributes of His human nature remained intact in His human nature and Deity likewise. This is in perfect agreement with what Paul taught in Philippians.

The term, emptied or restricted, depicts what took place at our Lord's incarnation. Like we have previously stated, total separation was crucial for Christ to qualify as a True substitute and to die on a cross. We are intensely aware that when Christ was nailed to the cross, only His humanity was nailed there. For God's divine nature cannot be pierced. Accordingly, when He said, "Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O Lord, God of [doctrine!]" (Psalm 31:5). He was speaking from His humanity. Luke tells us, "And having said

this, He breathed His last [He inhaled and never exhaled—in other words, He died]" (Luke 23:46). Again, only His human nature died, for Deity cannot die.

**DOULOS:** It's interesting how God the Holy Spirit communicates to us choosing terminology that we can understand. It's apparent that God the Holy Spirit directed the apostle Paul as he penned the word 'doulos' in Philippians chapter two, verse seven. The Greek word *doulos*, which is often rendered 'servant', or a 'bondservant,' actually means a 'slave'. Christ in His human nature became a *Doulos*. We are not really studying the doctrine of slavery, but just want to make the observation that the Scripture reveals so much about the ancient practice of slavery. What's clear both in Scripture and in secular literature is that a slave is *totally responsible to and dependent upon another person*. In light of this, the words of our Savior are highlighted: "**I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me**" (John 5:30). The truth of the matter is, had Jesus Christ, in His human nature used His divine attributes, He would have been disqualified as a true human being and the Master's *Doulos*. The question that still baffles many is, did the Deity of Christ function in His incarnation? Yes!

(To be continued in the next issue—volume 35).

## LETTERS TO GRACE EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

We would like to share some of the letters that have been sent to us. As you read these letters, please join us in giving thanks to our gracious God who does all the work: "For it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose" (Philippians 2:13). Our purpose in sharing these letters with you is to show you that your partnership in this ministry through financial and prayer support is indeed producing

dividends for the glory of our merciful God.

Dear Brother Moses:

*I have read your books on grace and they are truly a blessing. I am a Christian and the Lord Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior, and I want to serve Him with true Bible doctrine.*

*I want to be more than a Christian. I want to have a deeper understanding of God's word and what it means to truly serve Him. I want to understand God's word as Paul understood His word, and serve Jesus as Paul served Him.*

*I am an inmate here in a state prison and I want so much to serve the Lord and use this time to become a disciple for Christ and to get a deeper knowledge and understanding of God's word. I have the thirst for a deeper knowledge of God's word.*

*I would like to ask if Grace Evangelistic Ministries offers a Bible Study Course that I may take through the mail. I would also like to request the Grace News Today newsletters. So please place my name on your mailing list. Thank you! May God bless you richly and continue His work in you. Look forward to hearing from you.*

Your brother in Christ  
State Prison, USA

Dear Grace Evangelistic Ministries:

*It is with much pleasure that I write you in the name of Jesus. I cannot really express my joy over your good news to me. I have gradually read through all the books that you have just sent to me and those that you had been sending like "Riding the Death Train, The Biblical Doctrine of Salvation, Eternal Security of the Believer, God's Plan after Salvation Comfort in Suffering," and "Focus on Christian Marriage."*

*These books coupled with the books you have recently sent like "Overview of Grace" and "Paul a Trophy of Grace" and also "Promises from the Inerrant Word of God" have completely shaped my life. My life has taken a different shape in fact. A majority of the people are coming to me crying for books like "Comfort in Suffering, Focus on Christian Marriage," and "Eternal Security of the Believer" not leaving out "Riding the Death Train."*

*I always give out the limited copies that I have to them to read and retrieve them in a given number of days and give to others. It is because of poverty that they are not able to write to you directly. May God have a solution to this problem in Jesus name?*

May God Bless this Ministry  
Your Brethren  
Cameroon

Beloved,

*Calvary greetings to you all in the vineyard of our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank God for your life, Pastor Moses C. Onwubiko, your associates, the church and those who are partners with you in God's service.*

*By the grace of God, it is my sincere prayer that you accomplish that which the Almighty God intends and plans for you to accomplish. I am a married man and a member of the above church. I recently got born again and desire to keep my faith in Christ Jesus. I never knew what the Lord Jesus has done for me on the cross of Calvary until I came across some of the publication from Grace Evangelists Ministries, Inc. among which are:*

- (1) "Riding the Death Train"
- (2) "The Biblical doctrine of Salvation"

*I have really gone off from the plan and purpose of God for my life; now that I have been arrested as Saul on his way to Damascus. I desire to have some books, tapes, and other*

*materials that will help me stay in the faith in these trying times. May God bless you as I hope to hear from you soon,*

Your Beloved  
Jos Nigeria

## SPIRITUAL HUNGER IN AFRICA

There is a tremendous hunger in Africa, not for food as such, but for the truth. Would you make it a burden to pray routinely that God would graciously provide enough funds, so that we can provide doctrinal materials on tape and in literature for those who are starving for sound Bible teaching? And, that this ministry would never lack in quenching their spiritual thirst to know and have rapport with the Living God!

## MISSIONARY REPORTS

### INDIA

by Debby Hagar

Moses and Gloria Onwubiko and Debby Hagar traveled to India late February through mid-March 2004. Prayers for this trip were answered 10-fold! God is surely pursuing His people in India and Pakistan with His immeasurable grace.

### Background:

India has one-sixth of the population of the entire world, double the population of the entire continent of Africa. India is 85 - 90% Hindu. Christians represent two to three percent of the population and they are outcasts. Hinduism has 33.3 million idols. The Apostle Thomas went to India and was martyred there in 72 AD. The few converts he made in Kerala didn't spread or multiply.

In 1500 the British colonized India and brought missionaries. These missionaries befriended people from Mala and Madiga the two lowest groups in the caste system,

the untouchables. These outcasts eventually saw the love of Christ displayed to them through the missionaries. Many converted. Christianity was then perceived as the religion of the Untouchables and no higher castes wanted to be associated with it.

### The Trip:

This was a brief trip to test the depths of positive volition we felt pulling us to Asia. If you thought the days of "David Livingston" type of missionary work was over, I assure you they are not. We lived those days traveling through the countryside down the back roads to teach in mud huts and thatched-roof villages. Everywhere we went we had an interpreter - their native language is Telugu.

God led us to four Men in India and one in Pakistan - all point men! They seamlessly passed us with great care and concern from one to the other. This was all divine provision as only so many details can be planned halfway around the world with people you have not yet met. The finger of God was evident in smoothing out all the details. These men were extremely professional, obviously guided by the Holy Spirit and took maximum advantage of our time. As they said, "this time we have with you; to have the gospel proclaimed in our country is very precious to us."

India is peaceful, beautiful, and very hospitable. We saw positive volition at every turn. Pastor's conferences and crusades were held in both villages and cities. Several children's programs were held in villages. (70 - 80% of the population live in villages - and work in the fields.)

These few incidents give a little flavor of the experience and show the positive volition we discovered. It is indeed the word of God that is alive and powerful and that is why the response. We are well aware that God is doing all the work and we are merely along for the ride.

\_ Over 100 pastors did not budge from their seats for over three and a half hours without a break at a one-day pastor's conference in Vijay Wada. One pastor approached Moses and said, "This is just what we need. Sound Bible Exposition - searching the scriptures verse by verse. None of the teachers from America have done this, and this is what we need."

\_ Our host here was Dr. Rao and he converted from Hinduism in 1990. He has seen both sides, and he gave us a lot of history. He is most burdened for India. He feels the pastors need strength and commitment and that the problem lies in the pastors not the people. The pastors he organized gave 100% positive response to the Word!

\_ Pastor Emmanuel organized a five-day crusade in Kakinada. The grace gospel was consistently proclaimed in an open-air crusade. On the last night, grateful hearers swarmed us. They rushed up 15 steps to the stage - anxious to thank us in spite of the language barrier. We were facing a sea of shining faces wanting to shake our hands - then they began kissing our hands, thanking us in the only way they knew how. They were set free by the grace gospel and were so grateful! Many of those faces had dots on their foreheads indicating that they were Hindu's. We were totally unprepared for this, and I had to ask Pastor Emmanuel, our Host, if indeed those were Hindu's who had accepted Christ. He said yes!!!

\_ As Moses taught in a village, one woman in particular hung on to every single word. Her face was alive - thrilled to be absorbing the truth. At the end, she approached us and began speaking in Telugu. What she said was, "Today I didn't go to the field to work because I came to listen to the gospel. Because I didn't work today, I will not eat tomorrow. Today I was fed with the word and I have no regrets about tomorrow because having the spiritual food is worth giving up eating tomorrow."

\_ Children were taught The Essence of God and the grace gospel was given. Many were Hindu's. One church where we taught was located right next to a Hindu temple that had been in that village for 500 years. Children are beginning to attend that church, and through them their parents are being reached.

\_ In Tenali, Rev. Battu took us to villages where crusades and pastors conferences were held. In every place, the word was completely absorbed. The content of the grace gospel spread, and other villages began contacting Rev. Battu requesting us to come to their village with the message. His commitment is to the gospel and to the people of India; he works with approximately 200 village pastors.

\_ We were overjoyed to make contact with Rev. Martin Luther who traveled from Visakhapatnam to visit us. We look forward to time with him and the people of his area on our next trip.

\_ Rev. Battu, Pastor Emmanuel, and Dr. Rao were all thrilled with the truths being taught. They will work to spread the message through the hundreds of village pastors served by their ministries. Pastor Emmanuel surprised us with a translation of Riding the Death Train in their native language, Telugu. We look forward to reprinting it and making it available to all these men. We look forward to making a return visit next year.

### PAKISTAN

*by Pastor Anthony Azam and Nadia Anwer*

I am thankful to God for all His mercies. By the grace of God, the time which we had all been waiting for happened. Moses flight finally arrived at the Lahore airport! One of the members of our congregation works in customs and was able to expedite Moses through the check in process. (Divine provision since Moses' flight arrived 20 minutes after the crusade was scheduled to begin!!)

We went directly to the crusade ground from the airport. By the grace of God, we had a

very good security team, made up of ushers and a team of elders and pastors. They had all been praying and working for the crusade. When thinking about the arrangements, it was the best crusade we have ever had.

When Moses came at the crusade ground, the people warmly welcomed him and various elders presented him with garlands (a garland of flowers is placed around the neck to honor guests). The lord Mayor of Lahore and different political leaders also came to pay their tribute. The lord Mayor has the authority nearly equal to Chief Minister of our state.

Rev. Moses is a man of God, and his first meeting was very powerful. People responded to the Gospel, and a large number believed in Jesus Christ. His messages are full of Christ's love.

When the large crowd (from the first meeting) heard the message of the grace gospel, and experienced the presence of the Lord, they shared this with other people. By the next meeting, attendance was increased by 50%. Many Muslims attended the crusade. After the message many, many people trusted in Christ.

On the third and final evening at the Lahore crusade, we had to face the problem of managing people, because the crusade grounds were full and the crowd nearly doubled. People listened to the word of God with love and attention, while many others were able to listen to the message in their homes because huge speakers were throwing the voice of Moses very far.

This last day, many souls were saved, just like on other days. Rev. Moses is very meek and a gentleman and it's easy to work with him. He encouraged his companions with love and gentleness. People didn't want Moses to go to his hotel even after the meeting.

During the day, we arranged a two-day seminar. Indeed, Rev. Moses shared such deep matters but in a very simple way. He taught about the Trinity really well. The next

day he taught about the attributes of God, equally well done. On the last day, the Sunday school children were treated to a visit and teaching by Rev. Moses.

We arranged a one-day crusade in another church, in a village some 60 miles away from Lahore. The pastor did a wonderful job of arranging things and the whole tent was filled with people. It was a large meeting and because it was just for one day only, God moved so powerfully — nearly everyone accepted Christ as their Savior.

God bless you and thank you for everything you and the GEM Team and the prayer supporters did for Pakistan.

*Pastor Anthony Azam Nadia Anwer, Sunday School Administrator Lahore Pakistan*

## JUNE/JULY 2004 MISSIONARY BUDGET

Our attitude regarding financial provision for our missionary trips remains undiminished. We do not solicit funds. We believe that if God has opened doors for our evangelistic meetings, He alone will provide by motivating His children to support His work.

### KENYA

- NAIROBI
- MUHORONI

### SOUTH AFRICA

- CAPE TOWN

### BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

- Airfare for two.....\$4,200.00
- Excess Luggage expense.....\$725.00
- Domestic transportation .....\$1,800.00
- Publicities .....\$3,400.00
- Renting of conference centers..\$1,400.00
- Room & Board.....\$2,150.00
- Study Bibles for pastors .....\$1,688.00

**Would you join us as we pray for God's provision?**

## 2004 GEM'S MISSIONARY ITINERARY

Jan. - Feb. 26	.....USA
Feb. 27 - March 1-15	.....India
March 16 - March 23	.....Pakistan
April - May	.....USA
May 22	.....Indiana
June 1 - June 23	.....USA
June 24 - July 10	.....Kenya
July 11 - July 18	.....South Africa
Aug. 18 - Sept. 10	.....United Kingdom
Sept. 10 - Nov. 12	.....USA
October	.....Tullahoma, TN
Nov. 13 - Nov. 19	.....The Gambia
Nov. 21 - Nov. 28	.....Sierra Leone
Nov. 29 - Dec. 3	.....Lagos, Nigeria
Dec. 5 - Dec. 10	.....Jos, Nigeria
Dec. 13 - Dec. 17	.....Amaba, Nigeria
Dec. 18 - Dec. 22	.....Aba, Nigeria
Dec. 23 - Dec. 26	.....Amaba, Nigeria

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## CONTAINER SHIPMENT TO AFRICA

Over the years, many of our associates have called us wanting to donate one thing or another. We are now accepting donations for shipment to Africa.

## ITEMS NEW OR USED

Bibles (good versions for new converts and study tools for doctrinal pastors)

Computers, Monitors, Copy Machines,  
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(If you have something else to donate, other than the items listed here, please call us.)

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Tullahoma, TN 37388

(Please call G.E.M. if you need a receipt for your donation for tax purposes).

### JESUS CHRIST THE PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A PRAYER WARRIOR

The God-Man, our Lord Jesus Christ, gave us a perfect example to follow. His life and earthly ministry was encapsulated in a lifestyle of prayer. Prayer occupied a place of singular importance in His own life and teaching. In time of decision and crisis, He gave Himself to prayer. Thus our Lord prayed when He was baptized (Luke 3:21,22); when He chose the twelve disciples: "As it was at this time that He [Jesus Christ] went off to the mountain to pray and He spent the whole night in prayer to God [the Father]" (Luke 6:12,13); when He was transfigured (Luke 9:29); when He was engaging in sustained and exhausting service: "And in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lone place [for privacy], and was praying there" (Mark 1:35-39); when He called forth Lazarus from the grave (John 11:41); when He was burdened for Simon Peter (Luke 22:31-32); when He faced betrayal, execution, and divine abandonment, and thus the Scripture recorded: "And He withdrew from them [His disciples] about a stone's throw, and he knelt down and began to pray... And being in agony He was praying very fervently; and His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground" (Luke

22:41,44). He prayed when He thought of His disciples and their future ministry (John 17) and before His physical death (Luke 23:46). Therefore, if you are a believer who finds it difficult to spend time with our heavenly Father, sin no more. "Far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you" (1 Samuel 12:23).

If Jesus Christ, a perfect God and a perfect Man spent all night in prayer (Luke 6:12-13), we mortal believers should spend all year long in Prayer!

In light of the importance of prayer,

### WOULD YOU JOIN US IN PRAYER

As we pray for:

- ❖ President George Bush (For wisdom in all decision-making)
- ❖ The US (For a great revival, peace, and freedom from terrorism)
- ❖ The US military
- ❖ The safety of Moses and his team as they travel
- ❖ Robert Thieme, III's ministry (and the health of Col. & Mrs. R.B. Thieme, Jr.)
- ❖ The spiritual growth of the churches we formed
- ❖ Seminary students whom we support (that God will equip them in every way)
- ❖ Israel's protection
- ❖ For the provision of many open doors in the year 2004
- ❖ Our partners (that God would continue to meet their needs)
- ❖ Freedom for the gospel message in Iraq
- ❖ GOD'S TEAM

\* God has assembled an amazing team. Please remember to place these dedicated individuals on your prevailing prayer lists. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. We ask Our Heavenly Father to lift up their wings like eagles

and to renew their strengths. To give them energy, wisdom, and discernment for all He might have them do.

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