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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Dear Beloved Friends and Supporters of GIMI,

Blessed greetings to you once more in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! I trust that your life is going well in spite of the coronavirus pandemic and that your service to Christ is more faithful today during these difficult times than ever before. I say this because we are living in a world that is severely hurting because of the pandemic and because this horrible plague is probably the pre-judgment of God upon a world rapidly sliding down to hell because almost all morality, integrity, respect for life, and genuine love and respect for God's Word is almost gone. And, while these wonderful principles are being thrown out the door, there is a passionate appreciation for false cults, witchcraft, social and communist ideas. Those who have gone so far away from the truth are filled with hate and rebellion. Because of this, I believe that we, as an American nation, are also rapidly seeing the decay and decadence of our land so much that the only thing that can possibly save us is an old fashioned, heaven-sent spiritual awakening brought on by brokenness and repentance. When this happens, then there will be a fervent crying out to God to forgive our sins and to heal our nation. If this present pandemic won't bring us to our knees in repentance, than probably nothing will.

Let me give you a Scripture passage that most of you already know. II Chronicles 7:12-14, where God promised to Israel, and yes to us today, that if the country ever got so bad that God sent his chastisement in the forms of droughts, famines, and terrible pestilences, He would forgive the people and heal their land if they would really repent. Let me give you these verses again. "And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place (the temple) to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." These great verses gave Israel hope, and they will also give all the nations of the world hope for today, if we will seek God in prayer, fervently and humbly repent of our sins, and turn from our wicked ways, God will indeed send revival and heal our wicked nations that are right now bringing reproach on the name of Jesus! And, may I say that presently, we are under the judgment of God in many ways, whereby, God is trying to get our attention once more! Some of you may not believe this, but just remember that many times in the Bible when the nation of Israel rebelled against God, He brought cataclysmic judgment down upon His people. Therefore, we need to realize that if He did this to His chosen nation, why do we think that God

won't bring judgment upon America and any nation that rebels against Him and ends up in total wickedness. Truly, this is the condition that America is in right now!



#### Just How Much Time Does America Have Left?

I have been in the ministry a very long time, in fact going on 55 years! During these years, I have studied Bible eschatology devotedly about the coming of Christ and how things will end with the resurrection of the saints, the rapture of the saints, the rule of the anti-Christ, the great tribulation period, and finally, the rule of Christ during His millennial reign here on earth for 1,000 years. I have studied in depth about the Great White Throne Judgment and the destruction of those who have rejected Christ as Savior. And just to be honest, in all of these years of diligent study, I have come to believe that America will not be around when all of these events take place. I can find nowhere in the Bible where America is mentioned, and therefore, I can't help but believe that God will have judged this nation, and like so many countries and empires in history, America will no longer exist! This is sad for me to say, and even think, but this surely seems to be where we are headed. Therefore, with whatever time we have left, we need to be going after lost souls and bringing them to Christ so that they will be with us in the millennium, and yes, forever in heaven.

Recently, I read a very interesting book that has just come out. The title of this book is, "America's Expiration Date". It was written by Dr. Cal Thomas, a great writer, and a man I met several times when our family lived in Lynchburg, Virginia. The theme of this new book is that America probably doesn't have long to exist, because we have followed the terrible example of prior nations that were extremely strong, and yet, because of the sinfulness of their people, especially their leaders, these formerly great empires totally collapsed and are no longer in existence. And, it is very worthy of noting that very few countries or empires have ever lived more that 250 years, with the exception of the Roman Empire. Right now, we are almost 245 years old as a nation, and the negative steps of ruined countries are the steps that America has been taking for probably the past 40 years. My question to you, the reader, is, "Do you want to see this great nation destroyed mostly from within because of the rebellion of the people against God and the twisting or willful disbelief in the Holy Scriptures?" I surely don't want our nation to be judged by God because I want my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren to be able to live out their lives in peace, righteousness, and genuine joy, if the coming of the Lord is delayed for a while longer.

Let me take a brief moment to describe some of the horrible things that are truly bringing down our American nation. When I read the six-volume set on "The Decline And Fall of Rome," By Edward Gibbon, I saw the same things that are bringing America down very prevalent in the destruction of the Roman Empire. I sincerely believe that America is heading for divine judgment from a loving God, because we as a nation have basically bawled up our fists and shaken them in the Lord's face!

#### Some of the Reasons Rome Fell Which Are So Evident In America Today

- 1. Rome was an empire that was constantly overrun and attacked by barbarians who came in to settle many communities with no intent on assimilation. I believe this sounds just like many Americans today who want to remove our borders and allow millions to come in to our country without being vetted or even questioned about their abilities.
- 2. Rome became a viciously immoral nation with almost no restraints or conscience about their sexual behavior. This was not only tolerated, but, it was promoted by the political leaders and those who lead the empire. This is so much like America today when we have such a proliferation of immoral behavior and when our colleges and universities have professors and administrators that don't even care about the moral behavior of their students as they supposedly get educated and go out into the world! There is just no conscience or conviction about how wrong and wicked this immoral behavior is. The majority of the millennial generation has no clue how destructive this vile behavior is to the home, the family unit, the local churches, our communities, and yes, to government. Our wicked nation is now murdering almost 3,000 babies by abortion every day, because of the immoral behavior of so many people. Thus, this devaluation of life has brought about the butcher of over 60 million babies since the Roe verses Wade decision by the US Supreme Court in 1973. I personally believe that this horrible decision is even now bringing the judgment of God upon our country. I even thought about that, this very week, as I listened to all of the hyped up news about the coronavirus, which seems to

be killing thousands of people all over the world. But yet, the deaths from this new virus can't even touch the number of babies who have been killed by misguided mothers, who have committed immoral sin, and by evil doctors and politicians who don't even have a conscience about putting to death millions of precious children. In fact folks, we are told by statisticians that every day in the world, there are 125,000 babies murdered through abortion. My cry is, "Where are the Governor Cuomos, the Mayor Deblasios, the Governor Northams, and the Governor Roy Coopers who want desperately to keep multitudes from dying with the coronavirus, and yet, they support the butcher and murder of over 125,000 innocent babies daily in the world. Is this mindset stupid or what? And then, there are Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer, who don't want to pass a bill to help hospitals and frontline workers save countless lives, unless they can get money for Planned Parenthood so they can keep butchering babies. I believe we can say that these people are totally and completely evil, and they surely have a twisted, debauched mindset. We must pray that all of these evil big people will get truly saved before they die and plunge into hell with all of the unforgiven murderers and tyrants!

While I am talking about the immorality of the Romans, which destroyed their empire, I need to mention that this terrible immorality included the legal approval of same-sex marriages for both men and women. Does this sound familiar? I would say it does. As many of you know, the US Supreme Court, on June 26, 2015, struck down all state bans against same-sex marriage and legalized it in all 50 states by the vote of one evil Supreme Court Justice, Anthony Kennedy!

Thus, America is following in the same downward steps that destroyed Rome. The rulers of Rome were so given to homosexuality and lesbianism that hundreds and hundreds of families were being destroyed. And truthfully, a huge number of the slaves in Rome were just bought to be used as sex objects. In other words, the Romans were participating in sex trafficking every day! Does this sound familiar to every American? From the Ark Of Hope website on the computer, we find that there are an estimated 1.3 million youth that are runaway children, and they live on the streets, but the sad thing is that 5,000 of them die every year. It is estimated that over 300,000 children and youth are trafficked in America every year.

3. Another reason for the decline of Rome and its ultimate collapse was that it became an empire with few very qualified leaders. During my many years of study and research, I have learned that the Roman

Empire really began to disintegrate because of so many weak leaders. I will not list them all now, but historians tell us that Rome had 12 terrible rulers, including narcissistic Nero, who became a terribly insecure and unstable man. And, we need to remember that weak leadership always brings instability and uncertainty in the country. This was a major contributing factor to the destruction of the Roman Empire, and yes, we have the same problem in America today.

I sincerely believe that if any American will be honest, he or she must come to the conclusion that overall, with the exception of a small minority, America is led by weak spineless politicians who are in office for the wrong reasons. They are in office to gain power, to get rich, to demand attention, and to reject God and the truth. And, they are leading because so few conservatives who believe in God live by the principles of the Word of God and the Constitution, upon which this nation was founded, are not willing to suffer the ridicule, the castigation, the condemnation, and the genuine hurt and suffering in order to bring our country back into alignment with the principles upon which the nation was built! This ridicule, castigation, condemnation, hurt and suffering comes from corrupt politicians, wicked media people, rank liberals, die hard socialists or communists, and by secular humanists who have taken over our colleges and universities. Thus, almost no conservative men and women, with genuine credentials and character traits, are willing to pay the price to lead our country. Instead, we have viciously wicked people who are living under the disguise of Catholicism and other worldly religions who are floating to the top of leadership, truthfully, because of the ignorance of the majority of our modern population. Oh yes, these corrupt and wicked people have found a huge following among the younger generation, because this generation has been deceived and brainwashed by college and university professors who are hell-bent on brainwashing this new generation to the goodness of progressives and flat-out communists, like Bernie Sanders! So, the worst people on earth, like Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, Adam Schiff, Eric Swalwell, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rahida Tlaib, Ilhan Omar, Gerald Naddler, Richard Burr, and many more, are put into office because of their passionate sales pitch and the ignorance of their constituency! We must sincerely pray that these terrible people will get saved, and/or, God will move them out of office, because of the negative affects that these people are causing for our nation!

Before the final demise of the Roman Empire on September 4, 476 A.D., it had a long line of extremely weak leaders just like America has right now in the year 3 2020. And, if there is not a spiritual revival, which will

bring back Godly leaders to lead our country, America is also on the threshold of imminent disaster!

4. Believe it or not, the fourth main reason for the Fall of Rome was Christianity! Now, this statement might just shock you to death! What do I mean, when I tell you that Christianity was a major reason that Rome fell? What I mean is that when the early Christian church began preaching and teaching in the empire, many people began to convert to monotheistic Christianity and move away from the polytheistic religion of the Romans. "The Roman Empire's transition from a polytheistic to Christian society corresponded with, and likely contributed to its growing intolerance of homosexuality in social mores and written law; this aligns with the general trend that polytheistic societies have freer attitudes toward sexuality than monotheistic ones."1 "For polytheistic societies, a sexually charged universe created an environment in which no single act of sexuality was intrinsically forbidden, and where gender was often blurred."2 Therefore, because the truth of the Gospel infuriated many of the Roman leaders, the great persecution of the Christians exploded. Then, along came Constantine, who ruled in the East from A.D. 306-337. During his years, he decided to remove the restraints on the Christian Church. This helped to alleviate the persecution of the early Christians, but because of Constantine's pressure, the church became a state church during his time. Therefore, when the church became a state church, instead of an alive passionate church with a heart to win the lost, the church became a formal ritualistic church with corrupt doctrine. Thus, this major change was a cataclysmic change, which contributed enormously to the ultimate fall of Rome.

So then, how does that negative influence of Christianity, which helped bring down the Roman Empire, relate to our situation in America right now? Well, I am glad you asked! So, let me try to tell you! Presently in America, the Christian Church has lost its passionate desire to win the lost to Christ, and in most places, the church has become an extremely formal church with corrupt doctrine, like we see in Catholicism, or it has become a corrupt emotional mess like we find in the majority of the neo-Pentecostal Churches of these days. In fact, I recently read some facts from the Barna Group in California, that 51% of church members in all of the Evangelical Churches of America have never heard of the Great Commission. Thus, what we basically

"As to our moral decline, the day when citizens heeded cries for repentance have been overcome by the prosperity gospel and high-living TV evangelists. Mega-churches are filled with people who don't want to hear sermons about sin but prefer sermons about happiness, pleasure, health and material wealth." In other words, folks, we have now reached a point in America where people don't want conviction of their sins, but instead, they want to go to their churches and go in and come out without being bothered by the sermons they hear, so that they can still live in sin without conscience.

Well now, I have just listed four of the many basic reasons why Rome fell, and how also, these contributing factors are right before us here in our own nation. My fervent desire and prayer is that before the "Sword of Damocles" falls on all of us, as citizens of this great nation, I want to see God send a great revival or another "Great Awakening" and turn this nation back to God before it does expire. It is very obvious that we are in trouble, but I also remember how the great prophets of God warned Israel while there was still time for repentance, that if they would cry out to Him, he would answer their prayers as I mentioned earlier in this article.

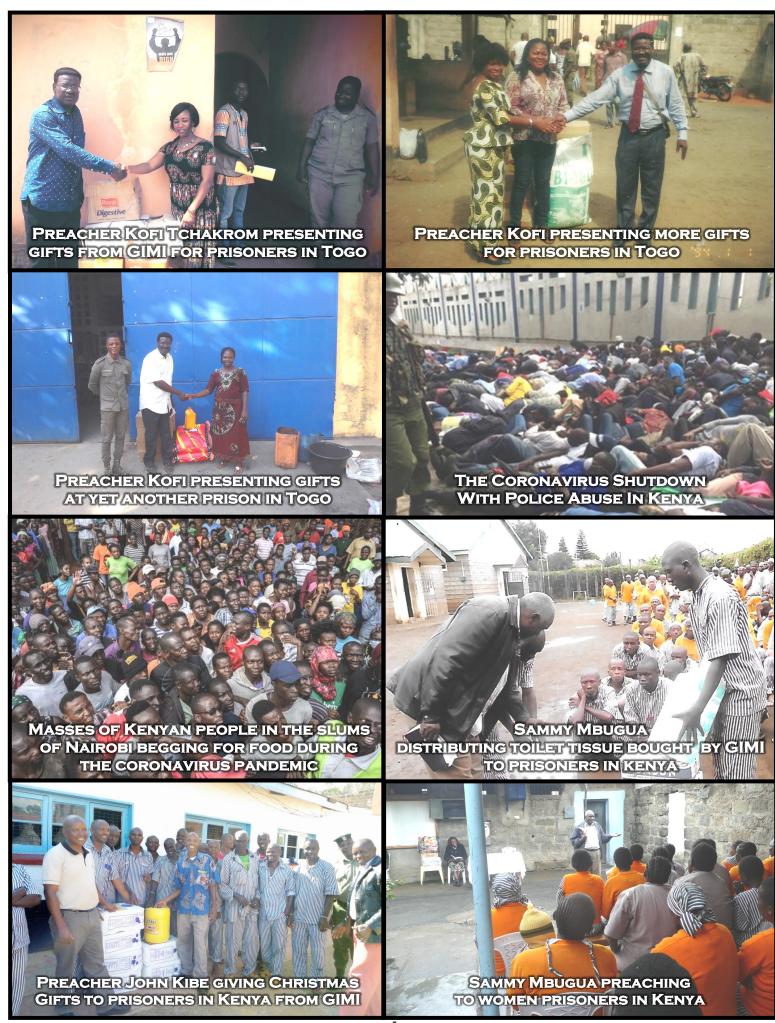
So, could I please plead with everyone of you Christians who believe that we are still serving a great and mighty God to join us on your knees, repent of your sins, and cry out for God to forgive this wicked nation? Will you join my wife and me, and the wonderful people of Gateway International Missions, Inc. and beg our wonderful Savior and Lord to send revival so that multitudes more of lost people will get saved before He comes again? I trust that you will, and while we pray, let's pray for God to heal the coronavirus in the entire world. Then, let's pray fervently and wait with expectancy. Let's really stay busy winning people to the Savior until the Bride is complete! Please know that we sincerely love you!

have in our present American church groups are spiritually dead people, trying to carry on formal ritualistic services, while on the other hand, we have wild emotional services with leaders, who dress like they have come from feeding the pigs, standing in our pulpits telling the people that if their faith is big enough, they will never be sick, never be poor, and never not receive anything they desire. Let me share something with you from the book I mentioned earlier written recently by Dr. Cal Thomas describing our moral decline in America.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A Western Civilization Assignment, By: Jennie Jiang, website, page 1.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, page 2.

<sup>3 &</sup>quot;America's Expiration Date," By: Dr. Cal Thomas, Zondervan, page 144.





# "A Sincere Note of Appreciation"

Dear GIMI Team Members, I just wanted to stop right now for a moment and give a note of strong personal appreciation for the wonderful job all of our national workers are giving their ministries right now during this terrible coronavirus, which we have had to deal with for more than three months. Most of our countries have closed their prisons to visits from our team members, but yet, most all of them are going to the prisons with a huge amount of soap, cleaning chemicals, toilet tissue, and a number of food items. At the prisons where they are not permitted to go in and preach the Gospel right now, our preachers and teachers take the items I have just listed, and they are allowed in the gates to drop off the humanitarian items. With most of the items, they leave Gospel Tracts and a lot of Bibles for the prisoners to receive from the officers. This is certainly not the way we would like to carry out ministry, but it is allowing us to share the love of Christ in two ways. First, we are helping to meet a huge need for these items as we share them in the name of Jesus and with a heart of love. Secondly, when we are able to share the Gospel Tracts and Bibles, the inmates are privileged to learn how to get saved. This is truly important right now, because if the virus were to get into some of our prisons in all of our countries, there could be a lot of people die. We pray that this doesn't happen, but it could, if the diabolical virus gets started in the prisons. Please remember that in a lot of our countries, we have a huge amount of prisoners. Some prisons have between 1,000 and 3,000 prisoners. Please pray that prisoners will not get the virus, and also pray that it will soon be killed by our Lord so that we can get back into the prisons with the preached Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! I do want to tell you that many of the prisons are begging for the soap and cleaning chemicals!

I would also like to ask all of you to really pray for our preachers and teachers and their families, because most of them are homebound, like we are, and some of the African countries are so strict with their rules that people are being beaten by the police with night sticks, and yes, believe it or not, quite a few people have been shot, some of which have died! Our nationals struggle with having enough food in their houses because it is too dangerous to try to drive to a supermarket, and yes, even if they try to walk down the streets, most of the outdoor markets are closed. So, we really need to lift these people up to Jesus as we continue to pray for Him to stop this plague of sickness.

## "Some Good Things Are Happening In South Sudan"

Most of you GIMI Team members know that last May, GIMI started a great ministry in the South Sudanese Refugee Camps in Northern Uganda. We have spent thousands and thousands of dollars buying food, blankets, soap, toilet paper, and other precious items for these dear people. Our South Sudanese pastor, Mogga Leju, while, working along with our Ugandan Pastor, Patrick Ogaba, has just done an amazing job ministering to the thousands of people in these camps, most of which, are children, teenagers, and ladies. Since last May until February of this year, our GIMI preachers have shared the Gospel with 37,263 people in the camps, with 13,054 of these precious souls making first-time decisions to follow Christ. We just praise the Lord for the great harvest of souls, but there is a "Rest of the Story" that is even more exciting.

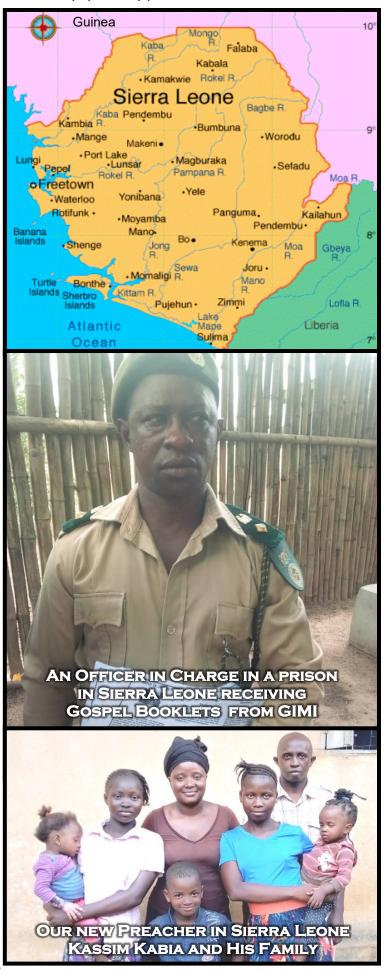
In 2011, South Sudan broke away from Sudan and became an independent nation. Everything seemed to be going along fairly well, but in 2013, a terrible civil war broke out in the country of South Sudan. Since 2013, there has been constant fighting between the two parties in this country. Most of the squabbling and fighting has been over the oil fields and violent political differences. Since the civil war began, there have been over 500,000 people killed, most of which have been men and teenage boys. Therefore, because of this ongoing battle, thousands and thousands of people (almost two million), have had to flee South Sudan, and they have been living in the refugee camps.

Back in late February of this year, another peace agreement was signed by the President's and the Vice-president's political parties. Since that time, there has been at least a tentative peace agreement. Since this peace agreement has been signed, some of the South Sudanese people in the refugee camps in northern Uganda have begun to travel back to their home country. Recently, in March, even while the coronavirus began raging, our South Sudanese preacher, Mogga Leju, has not only continued to do evangelistic work in the camps, he also traveled back to Juba, the capitol of South Sudan, where he has preached in churches and in the prisons. During this most recent month of March, Pastor Mogga preached the Gospel to over 17,000 more people in just one month, and from these attendees, over 3,600 people made first-time decisions to follow Christ. Could you join me in shouting, Hallelujah?!!! Thank you for joining in this praise. Folks, since last May, when we began the new work in the northern Ugandan refugee camps, GIMI has now preached and taught the Gospel message to over 54,263 people from and in South Sudan, and from these multitudes who have received the Gospel, over 16,654 people have prayed to receive Christ as their Savior. May I just tell you that this is truly a "Modern Day Book of Acts Miracle"! We are still just praising Jesus for this wonderful harvest, and we are so grateful to Preachers Mogga Leju and Patrick Ogaba for their faithful dedication, which has produced this tremendous movement of Almighty God. Maybe even now, with the terrible coronavirus, thousands more will get saved and give their hearts to Christ! Please help us pray to this end!

#### "We Are Opening A New Ministry In Sierra Leone"

I believe that all of you on our GIMI Support Team know from reading our newsletters that a few months back, I told you that by faith we were going to start trying to reopen some countries where we have worked in the past and also a few new countries where we have never been. Recently, just as the virus hit, we started the process of going into the West African country of Sierra Leone. We have been granted permission to go to work in the prisons in Sierra Leone, but a hold has been put on the work until the virus is over. However, last month, April, GIMI sent funds to help buy soap and cleaning chemicals for the prisons in Sierra Leone. Our new preacher in Sierra Leone, Kassim Kabia, took the soap and other items, including Gospel tracts, to some of the prisons. The officers received this endeavor of love and support very well. I would ask you to really pray for Kassim and his dear family, as they have come on board to work with GIMI, and to help us reach hundreds and hundreds of souls with the Gospel message.

Presently, Sierra Leone has a population of about 8 million people and a prison population of just under 5,000 people. There are approximately 19 prisons in Sierra Leone, with a full capacity of just over 2,100 inmates. However, right now, they have almost 5,000 prisoners, indicating how over crowded the prisons must be. Please remember that like so many countries in Africa, Sierra Leone is a very troubled country, having been through much conflict. And, you should know that this beautiful country located on the Atlantic Ocean seashore was built with repatriated slaves following the American Civil War! So folks, please join us in praying for this new step of faith to help win hundreds of people to Christ in Sierra Leone! And, please take a look at Kassim Kabia's beautiful family photo in our newsletter and put these people on your daily prayer list! Pray that God will keep them safe, and of course, that he will make this new effort really spiritually productive!





#### Pastor Israel Ngirababo Given Permission to Continue Preaching in DRC Prisons and Refugee Camps!

Right now, as I told you earlier in this newsletter, many of our prisons in most of our African countries have been closed to our missionaries because of the coronavirus. Because of this, we have to really cut back on our outreach. However, we are continuing to purchase a huge amount of soap and cleaning chemicals for the prisons, as I mentioned earlier. Then too, we are providing Gospel tracts and Bibles for many of the prisons where they are needed. Thus, we do need your financial help to purchase hundreds of Bibles and all the humanitarian items. Then, hopefully God will conclude this virus, and our preachers and teachers will get to go back to preaching and teaching. Again, I sincerely ask you to really pray for the safety of all of our national preachers and teachers and for our present efforts with the Gospel Tracts and Bibles to really be fruitful in winning people to Christ. Also, please pray for the physical protection of the inmates and officers in all of our fields of ministry.

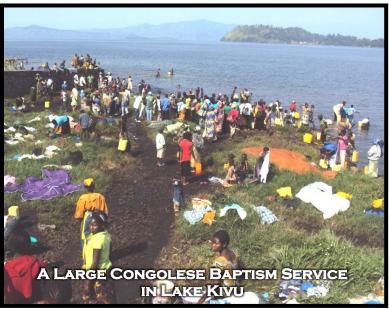
So folks, we are not able to go into many of our prisons and schools, but praise God, our wonderful Lord has kept the doors open in the DRC for our Country Director, Israel Ngirababo and his other preachers and teachers to continue to preach and teach the Gospel in many prisons in Eastern DRC and also to continue the wonderful ministry in the huge Congolese Refugee Camps along the border with Uganda. We have been given this special privilege because of the enormous work we have done there in the past few years. As I told you in one of our previous newsletters, Pastor Israel has done a terrific job of helping the suffering, but also in winning many people to Christ, even a large amount of Muslims. Truly, Pastor Israel is highly respected, and thus, he has been granted permission to continue his work, in spite of the old coronavirus. Please pray for him and his other preachers and teachers as they continue to tell people about the love of Jesus!

Before moving on with our reports, let me remind all of you that where Israel and his family are working is one of the most dangerous places on earth to carry on a ministry. Why? Because there are over 20 militant guerilla groups there in the northeastern part of the DRC. These wicked people have been killing hundreds of people over the past several years, and they have been raiding hundreds of villages, including their destroying several small hospitals. In fact, over the past three

years, these wicked thugs have murdered three pastors, including the young husband of Bora, whom we support every month. Her young Evangelist husband was murdered, leaving her as a young teenage mom with a small baby, whose name is Maisha!

Also, in addition to these gangster guerilla groups, right now there is another Ebola outbreak in addition to the coronavirus pandemic. Thus, because of this terribly dangerous area, we must pray for the hundreds and hundreds of people who have fled their villages, running for their lives, and now have ended up in the refugee camps. I beg you to please pray for Pastor Israel and his dear family that God will keep them safe from the militant gangsters and the terribly dangerous diseases. And more than anything, please pray that God might send a tremendous harvest of souls from these dear people who are going through so much difficulty. It is bad enough that they are battling so much sickness, but more than that, hundreds of these people have never been saved, and they need Christ urgently!





#### An Unexpected Project: Severe Flooding Takes a Toll on the DRC!

Now, the new and disastrous news! A few weeks ago, huge rain storms caused horrible floods south of Lake Kivu, with 39 people being killed, and scores of others are injured! Right now, these dear suffering people have no one to minister to them. So, I want GIMI to try to help these survivors in the southeastern section of the DRC. The photos below will give you a glimpse of this horrible situation. All of this has come on top of the coronavirus complications. Due to the virus restrictions, these victims are not allowed to sleep in churches or schools. This makes their need for blankets astronomical! I am writing to ask you dear people to help us minister to these hurting people. Whatever we do will be done in the name of Jesus, with the intention of trying to win people to Christ!

Folks, we desperately need extra funds for blankets, food, medicine, and many other humanitarian items. Right now, we have the privilege of really sharing the love of Christ with these dear people. I would like to ask you to send us a special extra gift right away so that we can then send it directly to Pastor Israel. Then, he will immediately purchase the items that are needed, and hopefully, try to save some more lives and souls. There are many Muslims in this area, but they rarely ever do anything for the people at all. But, if they do a little, it is always only for the Muslims which they try to help. So, we have the privilege of reaching out to these people—the families of those who have been killed and those who are hurt and suffering in the hospitals. Will you please give sacrificially to this unexpected project? If you will, I know that God will indeed bless you many times over. Please send your extra gifts to GIMI, at P.O. Box 667, Taylorsville, NC, 2868I.

Beloved friends, please help us by sending as large a gift as you possibly can. Once we receive your gifts, we will send them on immediately to Pastor Israel, in order for him to start sharing the love of Christ. If you have any questions about this endeavor, please write me an e-mail at <a href="mailto:gimi@charter.net">gimi@charter.net</a>. I would remind you that all of your gifts will be tax-deductible with the IRS. **Thank you!** 



#### Also, Please Pray for Pastor Emmanuel Chongwan, Our Country Director in Cameroon!

While I am talking about so much sickness in the DRC, let me beg you to pray for our GIMI Country Director in Cameroon, West Africa. Pastor Emmanuel Chongwan was recently in the hospital in Yaonde, the Capitol of Cameroon, for more than two weeks. He was in the hospital because he had yellow fever, hepatitis B, typhoid fever, and malaria, all at the same time. His dear wife, Mary, wrote me a note telling me about the declining condition of her husband while he was in the hospital. Then, Sister Patsy Little, sent out an e-mail, telling our support team about how sick Brother Emmanuel was. Scores of people really began to pray for him. GIMI also sent Emmanuel quite a bit of money to help with the cost of his hospital bill and to pay for some very expensive medicine, which he needed. Praise God that He has now answered our prayers, and Brother Emmanuel is out of the hospital and back home with his family. He is still not completely well, and so, he is waiting to see a specialist doctor for his hepatitis B just as soon as this horrible coronavirus is passed. So, my brothers and sisters, please pray for Pastor Emmanuel's health condition and also for his ministry, which has been put temporarily on hold until he gets well. Pray for him, his dear wife, Mary, and of course, for his pastor colleagues who try to carry on some of his ministry, which might not be hampered by the virus. They too are purchasing a lot of soap, cleaning chemicals, food items, and of course some Gospel booklets and Bibles that are being dropped off at the prisons.

Before closing this note about Pastor Chongwan, let me tell you that he is one of our most productive preachers of the Gospel. He has been seeing hundreds and hundreds of people get saved, and he has so ministered to the inmates that the officers love him so much that they even gave him an office space in the main prison. So my friends, let's add Pastor Emmanuel and his great ministry to our special prayer list! We are truly blessed to have this great man of God working with us!











#### Pastor Joel Frye's Medical and Evangelism Mission Trip to Kenya Has Been Put On Hold Due to The Virus!

A lot of you diligent prayer warriors have been praying in advance for my son, Pastor Joel Frye, and a team of 12 people, who have been preparing to make a two week trip to Kenya in June of 2020, to do medical clinics and evangelism in the prisons and schools. We have been working hard on getting the necessary medicines, equipment, and selected team members for this great trip. But, once more, due to the coronavirus, we have had to postpone this trip like so many other things. Truthfully, the team had already purchased their plane tickets, and we had already reserved their rooms at the ACK Guesthouse in Nairobi! But, we have had to put everything on hold until God reopens the doors by killing this horrible virus. Please pray that God will stop the virus and then, open the doors for this wonderfully expectant trip to Kenya. There are thousands of prisoners in Kenya that need to be treated, but even more important, thousands need to be saved. Satan may think he has won, but we all know that we are on the winning side. Therefore, we anticipate with much excitement the day when this team gets to make this marvelous trip. Just keep praying that God will put all of this together just as He has chosen to do. And for sure, please pray that these thousands of inmates will not die before the have the chance to get saved and prepare for heaven.

Well, let me close this long news article for the time being. Please know that we truly love you, and we sincerely thank those of you who pray for us and also support GIMI financially. It would be absolutely impossible for us to keep this gigantic work going, were it not for you dear support team members. And, may I just beg a little bit for you to consider giving even more, as we face a decline in contributions because so many of the churches that support us monthly have had such a drop in their giving due to having to stream their services and almost cancel their worship services and ministries. Please remember that our national staff members can't apply for pay replacement, and thus, we want to keep sending them Ministry Support. But folks, honestly, this won't be possible unless we can keep our contributions coming in to the General Fund of GIMI. Let's just make up our minds to give the devil a great big black eye by giving liberally and keeping the last year, 2019, God gave us

the greatest year in the history of our GIMI Ministry by giving us the privilege of preaching the Gospel to over 1,531,000 people, with just over 195,000 people making first-time decisions to follow Christ.

I beg you to keep helping us so that we can keep "rescuing the perishing" and continue to "care for the dying"! Just remember that Jesus will be here very soon, and each of us will be held accountable at the Judgment Seat of Christ for our dedication and works! Let's just keep on prayerfully pushing on with the help of Jesus!

Still in the King's service,

Or. Staw Frye

President of GIMI

Joshua 1:9





#### THE ESSENTIALS OF BUILDING A TEAM MINISTRY

# By Dr. Stan A. Frye President Of Gateway International Missions, Inc.

#### I. THE FIRST ESSENTIAL IS TO ENLIST THE RIGHT TEAM LEADER.

- A. Notice the characteristics of this team leader.
  - 1. He or she must be a person of Godly character.
  - 2. He or she must be a person of integrity.
  - 3. He or she must be a person of compassion and consideration.
  - 4. He or she must be a person with right motives.
  - 5. He or she must be a person of loyalty to God and to the team.
  - 6. He or she must be a person who responds properly to accountability.
- B. Notice the responsibilities of the team leader.
  - 1. He or she is responsible to provide a good example for the team members.
  - 2. He or she is responsible to cast the vision for the team members.
  - 3. He or she is responsible to enlist the right team members.
  - 4. He or she is responsible to train the team members properly.
  - 5. He or she is responsible to share with the team members what is expected of them.
  - 6. He or she is responsible to encourage or coach the team member regularly.
  - 7. He or she is responsible to hold every team member accountable for the proper production or fruitfulness.
  - 8. He or she is responsible to show appreciation and reward to the team members who do a good job of ministry.
  - 9. He or she is responsible to discipline team members who do not out their tasks properly for the sake of the team.
  - 10. He or she is responsible for measuring and evaluating the team productivity with honesty and sincerity.
  - 11. He or she is responsible for making sure that the team spirit is always evident on the team, and that Jesus always gets the glory for everything that is accomplished.
  - 12. He or she is responsible for keeping a teachable spirit so that he or she can learn from other team members as well as provide leadership.

#### II. THE SECOND ESSENTIAL IS TO ENLIST THE RIGHT TEAM MEMBERS.

- A. Notice the characteristics of these team members.
  - 1. They should be people of Godly character.
  - 2. They should be people of personal integrity or honesty.
  - 3. They should be people of genuine compassion and consideration.
  - 4. They should be people with right motives.
  - 5. They should be people with a dedicated loyalty and faithfulness to the team cause, and also to the team leader.

- 6. They should be people who can take accountability with the proper attitude.
- 7. They should be people who are committed to the team spirit and cause of Christ.
- B. Notice the responsibilities of the team members.
  - 1. To provide a Godly example to every team member on the team.
  - 2. To demonstrate a servant-like spirit toward other team members and to those the team is trying to influence.
  - 3. To demonstrate a life of loyalty to Christ and also to the team leader who is responsible to Christ for the team effort.
  - 4. To demonstrate a team spirit throughout the team's efforts and projects.
  - 5. To have a teachable spirit and learn from the team leader and other team members.
  - 6. To respond to accountability without getting angry or having resentment. They must remember that the team's success is more important than selfish ambition.
  - 7. Each team member is responsible to keep a positive attitude and be an encourager to the entire team.
  - 8. Each team member is responsible to contribute time and effort to the team-building ministry with out reservation and reluctance.
  - 9. Each team member must make the development and success of the team one of his or her main priorities in life.
  - 10. Each team member must guard himself to prevent personal ambition and personal success to take precedence over the welfare and success of the team.
  - 11. Each team member must follow the leadership of the team leader, even if he or she disagrees with the team leader. The team member has the right to disagree with the team leader, but when the final decision is made by the team, each team member must abide by the consensus of the team.
  - 12. Each team member is responsible to give Jesus the glory for everything the team accomplishes. The success of the team should provide a sense of fulfillment to each team member, and this success should give more confidence for future team efforts. Yet, Jesus gets all the glory for every success of the team!

### III. THE THIRD ESSENTIAL IS TO LEARN FROM EVERY MISTAKE MADE BY THE TEAM, AND THEN NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AGAIN.

- A. To discover these mistakes, an honest evaluation of the team effort must be made.
  - 1. The team must be open and honest about the success and failures of the team.
  - 2. The team must work together until they discover and disclose the actual mistakes made, and the negative results of the mistakes. This really requires transparency without getting mad.
  - 3. The team must be willing to change whatever led to the mistakes.
  - 4. The team must be determined to learn from the mistake.
  - 5. The team must be determined to not make the same mistake again.
- B. To correct the team mistakes and not to make the same mistakes again, the team leader and team members must be willing to accept responsibility for the mistakes and not blame individuals. If there is a team spirit, there will be a team acceptance for mistakes made, and a shared appreciation for team success.
- C. The team must move ahead with their vision and goals if they are going to learn from their mistakes and not capitulate to their failures.

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