

BRINGING THE *Light* BEHIND THE DOORS OF DARKNESS

The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

MATTHEW 4:16

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Dear Friends,

Greetings in Christ! We have now been in the states for eight weeks, and we have been very busy to say the least. I have had the opportunity and privilege to preach in 22 different churches in four different states, along with preaching in two different tent revivals. We have had the opportunity to fellowship with many different preachers, some I have known for years, as well as talk to many a young man and/or woman who God has been stirring their heart about this matter of the mission field, including a handful who have become burdened for the 1040 Window!

Please continue to pray that God will use my wife and I as we share a burden for the neediest of the needy peoples of the world in the 1040 Window in general and Southeast Asia more specifically!

One of the many blessings while in the Midwest was a small note and a one-dollar bill that was given to my wife by a 12-year old girl immediately after I was done preaching. My wife stuck it in her purse and we didn't get a chance to read it until two days later. You know how it is in a woman's purse! While sitting in a hotel room in Cincinnati, OH my wife handed the note to me. As I read the words my heart was so touched. Here was a young girl, moved by the message and wanting to do her part. It so reminded me of the story of the Widow's Mite. The note said, "Preacher, please spend this money on some candy for some **other** children in Thailand or Asia or something. It's not very much, but spend it on them. Thank you for your wonderful sermon tonight. It touched my heart. I am praying for you."

Please pray that more children, teens, and adults (including us missionaries) would have the same heart to sacrifice for those in need!

Another thing that we mentioned in a previous blog is that my wife and I have been selling some of my books. As many of you know, while I was in the states I wrote seven books. I am selling what I have in stock now to raise some additional financial support for the small Bible College in the restricted nation in which we served, and also to help with the new ministry barnabas1040. While the sales have definitely not been overwhelming, it has been nice to be able to raise some additional funds to assist these two well-needed ministries.

Please pray that God will use this Bible College to train young men and women to serve their people and bring the gospel to such a needy nation!

It is so exciting to hear the good reports from SE Asia. We miss being on the field, and look forward to getting back as soon as possible. Our team in the restricted nation in which we served for the past 15 months recently had a scare. While crossing the border from another country with Bibles, Christian books, and tracts [illegally of course] they were pulled over. Fortunately, God was faithful and they were not "found out." Praise The Lord!

Just this past week our team in the restricted nation had the opportunity to go to one of the villages in which a new church was planted. I had the privilege of preaching the college graduation service for the young man who has started the work. Pastor Dwight Tomlinson, from Liberty Baptist Church in Newport Beach, CA and barnabas1040.com, who came and visited with us, had the opportunity to preach for us the night of his ordination.



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The young ladies who are part of the team had the opportunity to teach about 40 children the “Jesus Story,” as well as give out some literature [yep, the same stuff smuggled across the border], and five children made a profession of faith. Praise The Lord!

Please continue to pray for our teams in Cambodia, Thailand, and the restricted nation that God will provide for and protect them, but above all, use them to reach many with the Gospel!

As you know, Lord willing, soon my wife and I will be relocating to the country of Cambodia to assist our team there. A few weeks ago, Dave Board, who heads up our team in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, wrote the following in one of his updates:

“Please continue to pray for the outreach to the deaf community here in Cambodia. The deaf are currently categorized as an unreached people group in Cambodia. This does not mean that there are no believers in this people group. It simply means that the number is so small as to not even register. The Joshua Project indicates that there are “few if any believers” in this group. Miss Grace is being used of God to help reach these folks. It has been such a blessing to see the group of deaf folks growing. Several of them have indicated that they are very interested in the gospel but, at this point, it is difficult to determine if they truly understand. **Pray for Grace, Sina, and others who are trying to learn Cambodian Sign Language so that they might reach this community for Christ.”**

This is exciting for two reasons: First of all, “special needs” folks in countries like Cambodia, unlike here in the states, are very neglected and often looked down upon and despised. Thank God for a Christ who loves all, and a church that is willing to extend the love of Christ to those who so desperately need it, and seldom ever get it. Secondly, my wife has been learning sign language some for a while. Possibly, The Lord can use her to help loves these dear folks to Jesus!

Please continue to pray for the team in Phnom Penh and especially their outreach to the deaf in Cambodia!

Two weeks ago, we met a young lady from China named Minnie (yes, like the mouse, in fact, she showed us a picture of Minnie Mouse). Minnie has lived in the states now for a while. What was interesting is that she came to my wife and I after the service and expressed her joy in what we were doing by letting folks know about the 1040 Window in general, and China specifically. You see, Minnie lived for nearly thirty years in China, and had NEVER once heard about Jesus. It wasn't until she came to the states that she had the opportunity to hear about Jesus, to hear the Gospel, and to trust Jesus Christ as her Savior!

Please pray for Minnie as she still struggles some with her newfound faith and pray for the billions around the world that have never had the opportunity to come to America and hear the Gospel!

For His Glory in the 1040 Window,

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