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ADDING TO THE KINGDOM IN THE LAST DAYS

Huge numbers of Gentiles still are not in the kingdom of God, still for the most part have never been confronted with the truth of Jesus Christ. They abide in the dark lands of the Middle East, in Indonesia, in India, in Pakistan, in many parts of China, and elsewhere. They are called Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and other terms. We're talking about billions of people here.

Now, yes, there are also many lost in modern societies such as the United States, but they have no excuse. The truth is here. Bibles are readily available. So too are some serious ministers of the gospel. If your town does not have one, a minister who preaches and lives the power gospel of Jesus Christ, you can still find an occasional such preacher on television to give you the truth. You can watch our program **DARE TO BELIEVE!** if you are where it is broadcast. You can buy books by great spirit filled preachers. And you can – and should – read the Bible.

But in some of the really dark areas of the world, a person can't do that. He or she can't buy those books, can't even buy a Bible. I remember years ago flying often into a country in the Middle East. The entry form I would have to fill out before landing made the point at the bottom – There is only one god, Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet. Not any openness in that country. Oh, people smuggled Bibles in, and some Christian residents from outside the country met secretly in homes for services. But do you think the people there got the Word? Hardly.

For years now – ever since the mid-1990's – I have heard how Jesus is appearing in dreams/visions to Muslims. People receiving such a wonderful visit have the terrible quandary of deciding how to respond, for they do not live in a tolerant society. But once they know the truth, they cannot pretend otherwise. Thus the dreadful stories you hear at times on TV and in the news of how families treat members who suddenly accept Christ. Beatings and deaths are not uncommon.

Now Jesus is about to come. Matthew 24:14 says this gospel will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Well, we are almost there. God is calling those who will listen to tell people who Jesus is and that he is coming soon. Some of you, perhaps, are hearing that call. Don't ignore it. Ask God how you should follow that, what he would have you do. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.

Maybe you really are supposed to go off to distant lands to tell people the truth. The challenge is that the lands where that truth just has not been greatly communicated are really dangerous places. Perhaps two billion or more live in those lands. Dark places indeed. Home to the terrorist groups. Home to searching people, people who have not found peace because they do not know Jesus.

Pray that God reveals himself to those people. Imagine what the world could have been like had the people in the Middle East truly known and accepted Jesus Christ. Imagine how prosperous Africa could have been had the leaders and the people known Jesus and the truths of the gospel instead of the dreary

confused venom and lies they were so subject to. For that matter, imagine what the United States would be like if many more leaders in government and media and entertainment and business really knew Jesus, knew the gospel. Nice thoughts. But really, that's the New Jerusalem that's coming, isn't it. That's where we believers are eventually headed.

How much do we know of God? What the Bible says, what He chooses to tell us. What we don't know is obviously a great deal more than what we do know. But we can recognize the heart of God, the heart of Jesus – it is bigger than our hearts, grander than anything we can imagine, so we can take peace in that.

What lies before us – oh, we can't even imagine. But as individuals complete their time on this temporary stage, and as even the current stage itself is about to close, we know soon, very soon, we'll get some answers. We'll see behind the curtain.

Above all you do want to be one of those taken to be with Jesus. You want to be one of his sheep.

So we keep going, keep telling, wherever the Holy Spirit leads. Don't be discouraged. I know, sometimes it seems like so many people can't seem to get it. Just follow what God said to Ezekiel: "Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says,' whether they listen or fail to listen."

Years ago I wrote a poem on this very subject, called WALKAWAY. It was published by more than one Christian denomination. But I still own the rights, so I've reprinted it here. Jesus set the example of what we're supposed to be doing:

WALK AWAY (copyright © 2001 by John Newlin)

Walk away.
 Jesus did -
 A few words,
 Sometimes a parable,
 Then departure.
 The next step was theirs.

You can't make
 Others believe.
 On to the next town,
 The next house,
 The next person.
 Walk away.

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MINISTRY OUTREACH UPDATE – We thought you might be interested:

In the past twelve months the ministry television program ***DARE TO BELIEVE!*** has been broadcast as follows:

- Boston/Eastern Massachusetts/New Hampshire – 52 broadcasts
- Atlanta metro/northern Georgia - 23 broadcasts
- Tidewater Virginia (Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Newport News, more) plus northeast NC – 52 broadcasts
- Wilmington/Southeastern NC - 40 broadcasts

So these areas have received many of our teachings of what Jesus did, divine healing, fighting evil, the return of Jesus, The Holy Spirit, The power of the spoken word, and more. We hope to be able to broadcast more in these areas and others in coming months. This all depends on the flow of funds, and again we are grateful to our partners for their contributions. When you sow into this ministry you are sowing into God's ministry and into the spread of the truths of Jesus, the power gospel of the kingdom, and the return of Jesus. And of course you are making yourself open to receive the promised blessings stated in the Bible for such gifts. We do pray that these return to you, in the form of funds, healing, reconciliation/healing of relationships, and whatever other area God knows you need blessings.

In the past several months as mentioned before we have also received numerous requests from individuals in Ghana for CD's and DVD's teaching about Jesus, and we have sent these. Related to this, several have asked for Bibles, which we have supplied. We are praying about just what further steps God would have us take there. Also in recent months, we have been invited to hold crusades/seminars in India, Pakistan, Kenya, and a few other countries. We are praying about all that, seeking God's guidance, and are investigating further with those doing the inviting. We would appreciate your prayers on this and all aspects of the ministry.

The monthly newsletter, you might be interested, is distributed throughout the United States in paper form and in Ghana, Uganda, Germany, and Sri Lanka by email. Some in the US also receive it by email, and you can too if you'd like to request that.

Requests for CD's and DVD's continue at a strong rate, increasing recently. They too go throughout the US and into some other countries. In the past several months new CD's produced were *Wake Up, America!, Where Are They?, Changing Directions – Called by God, and The Holy Spirit.*

Lastly, the ministry web site listed below continues to reach people around the world. Some pastors in other countries reference the web site in sending invitations for us to come. It contains a wealth of information, including past newsletters, numerous articles, healing material, and even connection to several television broadcasts. A few months ago a blog was begun containing timely comments and insights. This can be accessed from the web site home page or by going to www.johnnewlin.blogspot.com.

SOME KEY FINAL COMMENTS

By now it should not be any new insight to you that things are changing dramatically in the US and in other areas of the world. In our secular society today you can see events taking place daily that fit Jesus' warnings about these times – deception and apostasy, a falling away from God. It has been said lately by

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the leader of the United States that this is no longer a Christian nation. In that point he may be right. Certainly a huge number of people in the country are not believers. They are made up of followers of all sorts of lost religions as well as just nonbelievers and sadly even some of those who do attend churches out of tradition but just do not know.

The founding of the US as a nation and the development of its governing documents were led largely by people who understood the Bible and who placed faith in God. A shockingly large number were ministers themselves. The American system of government with its historically strong value placed on human life and rights of the individual came out of that understanding. The US has moved dangerously away from some of its fundamental underpinnings in recent months. I do think each of you need to recognize that and to consider just what that means for your future (of course, once Jesus calls out his CHURCH, this is a pointless issue for believers). Far beyond any other personal decision or action you might take is the importance of accepting Jesus as Lord and being a believer. Second to that is finding the role you are to play at this time in history. As with every other issue in life, seeking God's guidance is a wise step.

There are numerous opportunities presenting themselves to this ministry, as indicated earlier. There are also financial requirements and people requirements to take advantage of these. Please pray that we will make the right decisions in deciding where to go forward and which opportunities to pursue, and that the requirements to take advantage are filled.

May you live in the guidance of the Holy Spirit always.

John

PS For more information on issues in this newsletter, go to the web site and blog, watch the television program ***DARE TO BELIEVE!*** if possible, and get the ministry materials. Most important of all, read the Bible and keep your spiritual eyes open and focused always on Jesus.

AND DON'T FORGET!
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DARE TO BELIEVE!
8:30 AM Wednesdays
WSFX-TV 26
Cable: Time Warner 9; Charter 9

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