

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



My Dearest Companion,

I know we are living in some difficult times, where fear wants to grip our hearts and minds. I am no stranger to battle and battling the enemy of fear and the devil himself. As a young married couple, our children were attacked. I was told my 10-year-old daughter would have a lifelong disease, then counseled by the University Hospital to abort our unborn baby at 7 months, as she was to be born with deformity and mental illness. Just when we thought it could not get worse, I was informed after what started as a routine eye appointment, that my 7 year old son had a cancerous inoperable tumor twice the size of a golf ball in the middle of his brain. Again, fear tried to grip me. So sweet and so young and a faithful little boy he was, memorizing scripture; as a matter of fact, during some chemo visits I would hear him in the shower vomiting and in between throwing up he would say "heal me my Lord," "save me oh Lord," and "I shall be saved." Then he would vomit and then say, "God, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever," and then again and again reciting scripture: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen." One of the most troubling times for me was like usual, I would tuck him into bed, pray for him, kiss him and then run my fingers through his hair. Except this night

would be different, as when I ran my fingers through his hair it began to fall out in clumps. I tried not to cry, but to be strong. Instead, I started to cry and my son reassured me, "it is okay, daddy". Fear wants to take hold of our minds and hearts. We must guard the gates to our mouths, ears and eyes. It is in these times that we must confess the same verses my son and family did during his battles. We never allowed the last thing to be spoken over our children, or us, to be contrary to the Word of God. We combated the "little t" truths with the "big T" Truths, God's Word. There is power in the spoken Word of God. His word does not return void, and we must remember in the midst of our battle and fear that we serve a God who says fear not. He has not given us the spirit of fear but of power and a sound mind.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen. God is calling you to confess and believe the greater truth, speak his Word and believe it. I know things do not always work out the way we expect but I am happy to tell you we as a family replace worry with worship, fear with faith, and our God healed our daughter of lupus, our youngest was born healthy and is a U.S. Marine, and our son's tumor vanished from the middle of his brain. He is now 24 and completing Bible College. We - you and I - serve a mighty God. Replace fear with faith, speak his Word over every fear giant that is before you and watch Him work. Glory to God! This is why we - I - believe in sending the Word of God around the globe for free, because it truly is our only, first, and last hope!!!

Matthew 4:4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

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# STATS & NUMBERS

### **WORK** ACCOMPLISHED

## \$12.2 MILLION

worth of Bibles and Christian books sent to 7 continents

## 24 COUNTRIES

reached through "Share Your Bookshelf"

## 1.1 MILLION

people reached with a free book

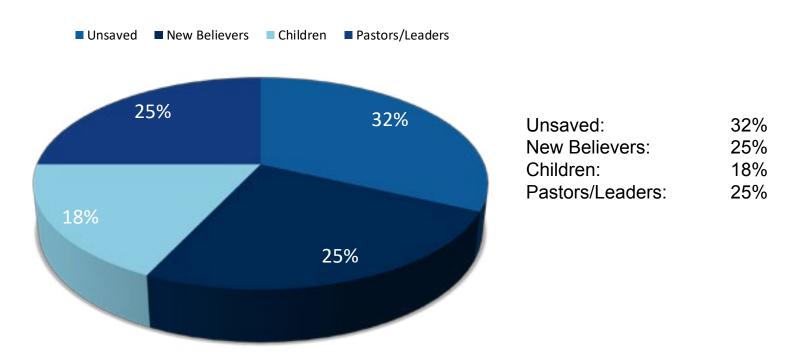
## 710,000 POUNDS

of books given to missionaries from our free bookstore

## 315 MISSIONARIES

reached through Great Crates or smaller shipments

### **GLOBAL OUTREACH**



# MISSION CRY

TOTAL INCOME: TOTAL EXPENSES: NET INCOME:

\$696,760 \$641,972 \$54,788

### **INCOME**

Contributions: \$696,700 Investments: \$45,916

#### **EXPENSES**

Program expenses: \$489,433 Support/fundraising & Management: \$152,539

### **EXPENSES** BY CATEGORY

Programs: 77%
General: 16%
Fundraising: 7%



### **HOW MUCH WILL WE NEED NEXT YEAR?**

\$825,000 for shipping and distribution of free Bibles and books, as well as support for our Mission Cry missionaries.





