

**December 13, 2020,**

Today's Message:

**Galatians 2:10, Remember the Poor**

**Today's Persecution focus:** Our brothers and sisters under persecution in Nigeria, China, and India. These 3 countries represent 2.5 billion people and their governments need to allow freedom for them to hear the good news of Jesus.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

**Matthew 5:10**



**Today's message is on how Christmas shows God's heart for the poor and homeless. A poem:**

Now stand I/with the beam in my eye, hardly learned/to be concerned/  
over the reed that's bruised, and used/ wick smoldering and waning, yet  
proudly claiming/ I'm a godly man, **Ha!** a sinner I am, have mercy on me,  
Lord! And only by mercy can I be restored. **Away in a manger no crib  
for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head** In  
depravity, my only gravity/is mercy I've shown, merit in Christ alone. I  
feel like such a criminal/ when I do the minimal. I want things under my  
control. Lord touch my pathetic soul! May mercy be/what comes from  
you and flows through me. So your mercy I'll take and take, give up  
being fake, and make mercy available to others/ needful sisters and  
weakened brothers. **The stars in the sky look down where He lay**  
Mercy, truly mine, for God alone I pine/ I see that I'm wrecked/ I've  
become mercy's object/ by love from above, descended so low, from the  
womb to the cross to the tomb for the lost, compassion rose from the  
grave, power to save. To us He gave the order/to be a shock absorber/  
make the world softer, offer/mercy, feel their pain/see if I'm to blame.  
**The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay** The Pharisee lied, but Jesus  
justified the tax man who cried, "Lord have mercy on me a sinner!" But  
from the inner/person, only/does the Holy/One start/when He's  
captured the heart. Oh that I would take much of His mercy today, much  
for myself, and give much away! (EJV)



**MISSION OF THE MONTH...UPDATE!!! UPDATE!!!  
Ben and Eunice Stoner among the Navajo**



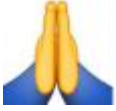
From Ben Stoner:  
Dear ones, Thank you for all your prayers for Eunice and me. At the oncologist (last Friday), he said, "The good news is you don't need chemo." He has ordered radiation and now we wait up to two weeks to hear from that office about how long and when radiation will be. The oncologist said 3 or 6 weeks. He said Eunice has a three percent chance of this cancer recurring within the next 9 years. He compared the surgery and radiation to pulling a weed

by the roots and then using week killer on the area to be certain all the roots were killed.

So now we wait again and meet a new doctor and staff. We are glad to have this news rather than chemo!

blessings to you and thank the Lord with us.

Ben and Eunice



## **Pray for the persecuted Church!**

“The prayer of a righteous person has great power” **James 5:16**

**Release International: Nigeria, genocide- in- the- making. The West is turning a blind eye to the slaughter of Christians for fear of being labeled Islamophobic.**

Fulani militants are driving out Christian villagers like their jihad of the 1800s. They use assault rifles, machine guns *and now* a chemical to accelerate burning down Christian villages, when they throw it into a building it burns to the cement burns metal roofing, peels away plaster.

**The scale of the attacks is alarming.**

- According to Genocide Watch, more than 5,100 Nigerians were killed in violent attacks in less than a year
- Evidence of religious dimension to the violence includes targeting pastors and churches, an the renaming captured villages with Islamic names.

**The US State Department** has designated Nigeria as ‘a country of particular concern’ for violations of religious freedom. **Its 2020 Nigeria report:** ‘There were multiple reports of criminal attacks on religious and traditional leaders and houses of worship and the killing of Protestant and Catholic priests.’

**ATTENTION!!!!** Your powerful prayers attack the dark powers. God will protect us when we do so, but we must ask for it.. Jesus taught us to pray in the Lord’s prayer, **“Deliver us from the evil one”** (Matthew 6:13), please don’t neglect this!

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**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday**

**7:30 AM- International District Ministries Connection**

**Wednesday**

**9AM- Bible Study** at Church Facility,

**6:30 PM** Youth at Anderson's

**Sunday**

**9:30 AM- Adult Sunday School**

**10:30 AM** Worship

**11AM** Sunday School\_

**Honestly, please start or continue giving**

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**Thanks!**

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**PRAY FOR OUR STATE! WE HAVE THE SIN VIRUS. PRAY...**

**PLEASE... FOR 1 )** People to come to Jesus Christ, **2 )** Unity among pastors! **3 )** Abortion to end! **4 )** Violence would stop **5 )**

The power of God to break addictions, heal mental illness, and break bondages **6 )** That our state would rise from the bottom in education and economy **7 )** That witchcraft would lose its hold on people and become powerless in the face of Jesus **8 )** Racial hatred disappear



Being open handed and generous is an everyday thing for the follower of Jesus. Let's remember our missionaries, the poor, our church, and any other needs that God puts in front of us. Jesus gave His life, part of worship is our generosity! **Do not neglect**

**to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God** (James 5:16).

**PRAYER FOCUS!!!**



**What does the bible say to pray for? 1 Timothy 2:1-4**

***"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth."***

**PRAY FOR THE USA**



- 1 . Pray for all people, the president and national leaders.
- 2 . Pray that believers can live a quiet and dignified life
- 3 . Pray for people to be saved
- 4 . Pray for people to know the truth

## From the Pastor's Heart:

### TRAVELING ON MY KNEES

LAST NIGHT I TOOK A JOURNEY  
TO A LAND ACROSS THE SEAS  
I DIDN'T GO BY SHIP OR PLANE-  
I TRAVELED ON MY KNEES.

I SAW SO MANY PEOPLE THERE  
IN BONDAGE TO THEIR SINS,  
AND JESUS TOLD ME I SHOULD GO,  
THAT THERE WERE SOULS TO WIN.

BUT I SAID, "JESUS, I CAN'T GO  
TO LANDS ACROSS THE SEAS."  
HE ANSWERED QUICKLY, "YES, YOU CAN-  
BY TRAVELING ON YOUR KNEES."

HE SAID, "YOU PRAY, I'LL MEET THE NEED,  
YOU CALL, AND I WILL HEAR,  
IT'S UP TO YOU TO BE CONCERNED  
FOR LOST SOULS FAR AND NEAR."

AND SO I DID, I KNELT IN PRAYER,  
GAVE UP SOME HOURS OF EASE,  
AND WITH THE SAVIOUR BY MY SIDE  
I TRAVELED ON MY KNEES.

AS I PRAYED ON, I SAW SOULS SAVED  
AND TWISTED PERSONS HEALED,  
I SAW GOD'S WORKERS' STRENGTH RENEWED  
WHILE LABORING ON THE FIELD.

I SAID, "YES, LORD, I'LL TAKE THE JOB,  
YOUR HEART I WANT TO PLEASE,  
I'LL HEED YOUR CALL AND SWIFTLY GO  
BY TRAVELING ON MY KNEES."

I saw this on Facebook, loved it!

**Every blessing, Eric**

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