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BY KEITH R. KEYSER

Missions and the Indestructible Word

Border closures, economic disruption, quarantining, natural disasters, and warfare—all of these situations hinder believers in their labors for God. From its inception, the church has faced tremendous obstacles. Yet, looking at the Bible, we see that famine, persecution, exile, imprisonment, or shipwrecks could not derail God’s mission.¹ For example, instead of halting the Gospel’s progress, Stephen’s murder actually scattered the saints like seeds, thereby producing a harvest beyond Israel’s borders.² That era’s chief persecutor, Paul, was dramatically saved and transformed into one of Christ’s leading missionaries. The Almighty has not changed and is building His church amid the modern world’s turmoil. His Word cannot be stopped.

The indestructible Word of God assures believers of the Great Commission’s success.³ The psalmist declares: “Forever, O Lord,

your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.”⁴ Jesus, the head of the church, agreed, affirming that “the Scripture cannot be broken.”⁵ Paul believed this and asked for prayer for the Bible’s inexorable progress: “Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the

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word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.”⁶

Even when those “wicked men” oppose, criticize, or burn the Bible, it still marches into the globe’s most difficult regions under even authoritarian regimes. Historian Edward Smither addresses this phenomenon in his book *Christian Mission*: “At times, the Bible was able to reach places that missionaries could not physically access. For example, two of the four Gospels in Korean were translated outside the country and then smuggled in. When the first Protestant missionaries arrived in the late 19th

century, they encountered Korean believers ready for baptism who had already believed the Gospel through reading these Scriptures.”⁷ Truly, there are no closed countries to the Lord of the harvest.

In 1997, while speaking of the recently opened Iron Curtain during a sermon, author David Gooding offered this account:

Certain dear men of God, convinced of the value of the Word of God, in the bad old days when it was dangerous in Romania, used to get themselves across the border by one means and another. They would go along to various assemblies and ask the elders, “Have you anybody here that could profit from rigorous, systematic study of Scripture?” And quietly and secretly, men would be chosen out, and they would go off in secret, sometimes in the depths of the winter, up to the tops of the mountains, in the remote forests where no one would know they were there, not even the forest rangers. And, with deep snow upon the ground, they would live in tents. They wouldn’t be allowed to know the names of the men who were visiting them from the West to teach them the Word of God in case they got caught, and they could be tortured into confessing who the men’s names were. There, in those conditions, they sought God and studied His Word. It’s no wonder that they’ve come to love it, and proved it to be the word of the living God; and now, [they] seek to study it with all their might and main and lead the assemblies and churches into a similar study.⁸

Regarding the Reformation, Martin Luther famously said: “I did nothing; the Word did it all.”⁹ Every saint knows what he meant because that same omnipotent Word effects salvation.¹⁰ To obey our Lord, we must love His Word and proclaim it boldly in this fallen world. In the Bible lies God’s power for salvation, and the church has no other sword.¹¹ ■

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¹ Acts 11:27–30; Acts 5:17–32; Acts 18:2; Acts 16:16–40; Acts 27:39–44. ² Acts 8:4; 11:19–26. ³ Matthew 28:18–20. ⁴ Psalm 119:89 (ESV). ⁵ John 10:35. ⁶ 2 Thessalonians 3:1–2. ⁷ Edward L. Smither, *Christian Mission: A Concise Global History* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2019), 141. ⁸ David Gooding, *Confidence in the Bible: Seven Studies on the Authenticity of the Bible*, Myrtlefield Sermons (Belfast: The Myrtlefield Trust, 2019), 43. ⁹ A. Steimle, *Works of Martin Luther*, Vol. 2 (Philadelphia: A. J. Holman, 1916), 400. ¹⁰ Romans 10:17; John 5:24; 1 Peter 1:23–25; 2 Corinthians 5:17. ¹¹ Ephesians 6:17.

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QUENCHING SPIRITUAL DROUGHT

Bible Teaching and Literature for Burundi

BY JEREMY BASSETT

The works of the Lord are great, studied by all who have pleasure in them.

Psalm 111:2

When, in Matthew 28:19, our Lord commanded His disciples to make other disciples, He clarified what that entailed in the next verse: “teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.” (v. 20) Our Savior was not looking to build for Himself the world’s largest social club but an innumerable, international, intergenerational, interlingual, interethnic (must I continue?) group of individual emulators of His righteous resurrection life (Revelation 5:9–10; Romans 6:1–14).

Not only has He called us to live in this resurrection life, but He has also equipped us with the spiritual gifts needed to accomplish that purpose so we indeed “may grow up in all things into [Christ],” whose “stature” and “fullness” we are to aspire to (Ephesians 4:11–15).

For the disciple to truly walk in this calling, then, he or she must be a student of “the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:15–17)

Our story

Sonja and I met in 2008 at what used to be New Tribes Bible Institute (NTBI) in Waukesha, Wisconsin (now Ethnos360 Bible Institute). We married in 2009 and both felt that the Lord wanted to use us for His purpose overseas, although we were not immediately certain about the capacity.

As a student at NTBI, I enjoyed learning from the Bible more about the Lord and myself and what it means to walk victoriously in the Christian life. In the years that followed, I discovered a desire to help others grow in that same knowledge. The Lord provided opportunities for me to fulfill that desire through personal relationships and teaching opportunities at NTBI and in our commending assemblies in Wisconsin.

Those years were also a time of waiting on God’s direction and prioritizing heavy involvement in our local assembly. Toward the end of that season, the Lord put multiple members of the larger Johnson family (CMML missionaries in Africa) in our path within a year’s time. During a visit to one of our commending assemblies, Jesse and Joy Johnson (*Missionary Prayer Handbook* Day 1) mentioned the need for discipleship and Bible

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Above: A group of students listen to a lecture at Timothy Bible School (TBS). **Right:** The Bassetts have made their home in Bujumbura for more than eight years; More than one million people live in Burundi’s capital city, Bujumbura, seen here from the southeast.



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Above: CMML missionaries—(back row, from left) Sonja and Maisie Bassett, Daniel and Anne Johnson (MPH Day 1), Jesse and Joy Johnson, and (front row, left) Whitney Landis (MPH Day 1)—gather with Burundian assembly leadership.

Left: Parfait teaches TBS students; Jeremy's office serves as ground zero for much of the TBS and Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS) work.

teaching among the assemblies in Burundi and opportunities to meet those needs on individual and group levels.

At the invitation of the Johnsons and the Burundian assemblies, we visited Burundi in 2012. After we spent time in discussion and prayer, the Lord indicated to us, our elders, and our families that He was giving us an open door to be involved in His work in Burundi. So we moved to Burundi in February 2014.

Sonja and I had not yet had children when we moved to Burundi, but since then, the Lord has blessed us with two daughters and a son. Our first daughter, Reese, was born in Burundi exactly a year (to the day) after our move. Maisie and Alec were born in the United States in 2019 and 2021. Over the past eight years, we've grown to consider Burundi our earthly home. The Lord's calling led us here, we have been raising our children here, and we have grown as a family unit and in the Lord here—in joy and in sorrow.

A lack of true disciples

A relatively small country, Burundi occupies about 10,000 square miles of land, making it slightly smaller than the US state of Maryland.¹ Burundi is home to more than 12.2 million people, with more than a million people living in Bujumbura, the capital city.² Some statistics indicate that 93 percent of the country is Christian, with about 63 percent identifying as Roman Catholic and only 30 percent as evangelical.³ Our sense—from our experience and that of others over the years—is that a large part of

that evangelical 30 percent is nominal at best. My sober observation and conclusion are that, although flooded with churches, Burundi has a drought of true disciples.

This immense presence of “Christianity” in Burundi could be perceived as a great advantage. After all, God's Word and the Gospel are, in theory, readily available; neither are foreign concepts to the vast majority of the population. However, church people can sometimes be harder to reach with truth, since they are already part of a well-accepted religious establishment and since they consider their spiritual understanding, practices, and lifestyle to be on par with the religious status quo. Too often, these individuals and groups resemble the lukewarm church in Laodicea, described in Revelation 3:17: “You say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked.”

For too many in Burundi, Christianity is a one-day-a-week routine or something to be used for their personal benefit. The prosperity gospel runs rampant. More often than not, cultural values overrule the thoughts and ways of the Lord, which He intends to transplant in us through the convicting and cultivating work of His Word and His Spirit (Isaiah 55:7–11).

Teaching, literature, and literacy

In 2 Timothy 2:2, Paul writes, “The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” This verse expresses our

approach to discipleship in Burundi. We have focused our efforts on a handful of individuals—the students who come through the Timothy Bible School (TBS)—and on developing Kirundi Bible literature that can enhance people’s personal study of the Word. Our hope, then, is that those we have affected will be better equipped to model and teach Christ to others.

TBS provides further teaching for those who are currently or are soon to be overseers and deacons in the Burundian assemblies. We currently have seven Burundian teachers and four missionary teachers. Besides teaching, I am also involved in course development and in administration. The school is in session nine months of each year; students attend six hours each weekday for a month at a time, four months per year for two years—thus completing an eight-month program with 960 hours of lecture. It has been humbling and immensely fulfilling to help open the men’s understanding to the Word and to get to know them as brothers in Christ. Over the past few years, more church leaders have expressed an interest in attending the school, so we are taking steps to expand our facilities and our teaching staff.

There is little Bible-based literature available in Kirundi, Burundi’s native language, so I made it a priority to help develop more such literature. I became involved with the Emmaus Correspondence School (ECS) work in the fall of 2015, when only 16 courses were available in Kirundi. I work with a handful of Burundian believers to produce additional courses while a Burundian director manages the course distribution and correction. The process involves translating existing courses from English, French, and Swahili into Kirundi, followed by proofing, formatting, and printing them. While more than 100 courses exist in English, our

objective is to make 48 courses available in Kirundi by the end of 2022. Currently, we have 37. Along similar lines, I recently connected with Everyday Publications Inc. and acquired permission to begin translating some of their material into Kirundi.

Additionally, literature is only useful if people are sufficiently literate to read it. In 2014, I was part of a team that helped revive a literacy program among the Burundian assemblies, in an effort to make God’s Word accessible in each local church. That program has continued to grow year by year; in total, 1,579 “graduates” have learned to read the Bible.

The greater scope

In all of these things, we need the Lord’s strength and wisdom so we may do His work in His way for His glory. It is a privilege to share what the Lord has led us to be involved in for His purpose in Burundi, Africa. The things written here are necessarily brief, and as a result, they are incomplete in their description of the history, the missionaries, the believers, the theology, and the scope of the assembly work in Burundi.

However, we trust that this information will encourage you, move you to pray, and possibly even prompt you to further “walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” (Colossians 1:10) ■



Jeremy and Sonja Bassett are commended from Zion Christian Assembly in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, and from Wauwatosa Bible Chapel in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.



Left (top row): Jeremy and the literature team use a Risograph machine to print the ECS courses in Kirundi; Parfait supervises the printing of an ECS course; Jospin translates an ECS course.

Left (bottom row): Jeremy meets with two members of the literacy leadership team who revived the program; Jeremy celebrates with a group of newly trained literacy teachers from the Burundian assemblies.

¹ Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), “Burundi,” *The World Factbook*, 2022, CIA.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/burundi/. ² CIA, “Burundi.” ³ Joshua Project, “Burundi,” *Frontier Ventures*, JoshuaProject.net/countries/BY.

SUPPORTING MISSIONARIES

4 IMPORTANT GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE

BY TOM TURNER

THE GIFT OF CONSTANT PRAYER

Prayer is the lifeline for missionaries serving on the foreign field. It is the cord that binds them and their work to the God of the Universe. It is their source of strength, power, and encouragement, and it is the soothing balm when loneliness sets in from time to time.

God's servants spend much time in prayer, committing their family and their ministry into the Lord's hand. He is their hiding place when the path seems uncertain. Perhaps you remember the words from Norman J. Clayton's chorus: "When the road is rough and steep, fix your eyes upon Jesus. He alone has power to keep; fix your eyes upon Him."

Missionaries rely on prayer from the believers back home to help sustain them and their work. After all, they are the representatives of the local assembly carrying on a work in a distant land. Prayer is the arena of spiritual warfare—it's where the action happens. The intercessory, effectual, fervent prayer of a committed team of believers is one of the strongest weapons to bind the enemy's work. That is why your gift of constant prayer is so important to the advancement of the Gospel. James reminds us, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16)

THE GIFT OF CARING

We enjoy having others show that they care for us, don't we? Imagine being thousands of miles from home and wondering if anyone cares. That's where you come in. There are so many ways you can care for the Lord's servants besides the regular prayer I suggested above. An email, a greeting card, or a phone or video call are a few ways to show you care for those who represent your local assembly on the mission field.

Paul teaches us that "the members should have the same care for one another" and reminds us about those who have the gift of helping others (1 Corinthians 12:25, 28). These thoughts challenge our busy, daily lifestyles, but what about on a practical level as it applies to our missionaries? How are you involved in letting missionaries know that you are there for them? In

particular, missionary kids (MKs) leave their friends and relatives at home to accompany their parents to the mission field to reach others for Christ. I can assure you, based on the hundreds of emails and letters we receive at the CMML office, the gift of caring provides a major boost of encouragement to those serving on the mission field—at any age.

THE GIFT OF UNSOLICITED SUPPORT

Missionaries have many practical needs that must be met for them to remain on the mission field. Living expenses vary from country to country, but just as we at home need certain things, so do our missionaries. Food, clothing, children's education, transportation, ministry materials and equipment, and medical expenses must be met each month. Missionaries rarely mention these practical needs, although we at CMML and MSC Canada do become aware of special needs. We have the Where Needed Most fund so that donors can suggest their gifts be used for practical needs that arise.

Many of the Lord's people have befriended missionary families and pray for and support them regularly, suggesting that the gifts be used for their ministry projects. Paul reminds us that "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7) And, in Acts 11:29, he teaches us about "[sending] relief to the brethren" through the disciples' example.

You may be interested to know that 100 percent of all gifts suggested for missionary projects are forwarded on; neither CMML nor MSC Canada deducts any amount to defray our offices' operating expenses. We thank the Lord when He lays it on His people's hearts to suggest part of their gift for this purpose.

THE GIFT OF PRACTICAL HELPS

On the following pages, you will find a wealth of practical ideas you can put into practice to begin making a difference in missionaries' lives. "60 Ways to Minister to Missionaries Overseas and at Home" has been compiled from questions posed to some of our worldwide missionaries.



60 Ways to Minister to Missionaries Overseas and at Home

Wherever missionaries are—overseas or at home—we can minister to them through prayer. While remaining committed to prayer, believers can also show their love and support through practical help. Some of the ideas below may be best fulfilled by individual supporters while others, by the missionaries' commending assemblies. Remember, those who go and those who support are equally important to the Lord's work.

HOW TO MINISTER TO MISSIONARIES ON THE FIELD

- 1 Place personal phone or video calls to missionaries to hear how they are doing and to catch them up on news from home. (You will probably make their day with this encouragement.)
- 2 Send regular emails telling missionaries you are praying for them, sharing news from back home, and asking them for their prayer requests so you can pray effectively. Share your prayer requests with them too—many like to know how they can remember you in prayer.
- 3 Send your missionaries their commending assembly's bulletin regularly to keep them up to date.
- 4 Send audio files of special messages at your assembly. Or recommend an episode of your favorite Christian podcast.
- 5 "Snail mail" is very important to missionaries. That letter, with a postage stamp from Canada or the US, containing news or words of encouragement means so much. One missionary recently shared that, while the mail system is slow, cards or letters are "a sweet reminder that people are praying for and thinking of us. The little things lift my spirits."
- 6 Mail birthday cards to missionary children. One believer, who is now home with the Lord, faithfully sent a card and included a few sticks of chewing gum inside. She used the *Missionary Prayer Handbook* to find the birthdays.
- 7 Remember, the single biggest hindrance to writing a letter or email, sending a text message, or calling a missionary is waiting for a block of time. Don't wait—it will probably never come.
- 8 Certain areas of the world require great care when contacting missionaries so as not to compromise their safety. Be very careful with the words you use.
- 9 Postage from foreign countries to North America is expensive. Provide US or Canadian postage stamps for missionaries to affix to their letters and, then, give to people traveling back to mail in country.
- 10 Pray as you plan a package from yourself or your assembly, asking the Lord to direct what should be included. Don't be afraid to ask a missionary what would be useful to them.
- 11 Many missionaries may appreciate clothing and food items—especially certain foods from home that they cannot buy in their country of service. Before sending anything, research the country and speak with the missionary to decide what would be most useful and encouraging.
- 12 Include gift cards to global retailers, like Amazon.com. Or send a digital gift card.
- 13 Send good Christian DVDs for use in their ministry or with their children. Perhaps ask them about titles they may like to have.
- 14 Send new greeting cards (in English) for birthdays, get-well wishes, and holiday greetings so missionaries can mail them to their friends and family back home. Remember, they may be unable to purchase cards in English where they serve.
- 15 Send cheery tablecloths and napkins they can use for birthdays and holidays.
- 16 Christmas presents sent overseas should be mailed at least six to eight weeks in advance. Gift wrap what's inside as a surprise for the children.
- 17 Keep your missionaries up to date on the latest computer hardware, software, and best prices. Reliable, efficient technology is important on the field.

18 Ask what software they or their children could use and send it digitally as a gift.

19 Send a good book that they might enjoy. (Ship at book rate if available.)

20 Missionary kids may enjoy receiving games, sports equipment, and crafts.

21 New and used tools may be very useful in some mission areas. Be sure to check on needs and on the best way to ship since duty fees may be charged.

22 If sending equipment overseas, open the manufacturer's box, reverse it, and reseal it so the wording describing the contents does not show. This will help avoid pilfering.

23 Help missionaries build their libraries on the field by providing books. Contact them about what titles they may like to have.

24 Offer to provide a digital subscription to a magazine that the missionary or MKs would enjoy.

25 Offer to distribute missionaries' prayer letters (print or digital copies) from the US or Canada.

26 Visit a missionary on the field. Personal visits from elders, friends, and supporters are a huge encouragement. (Remember, when missionaries go overseas, they represent their commending assembly, and their work is an extension of that local church.)

HOW TO MINISTER TO MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

27 Allow a returning missionary family time to get back into the groove in North America. Generally, the family will experience some culture shock during the reentry process.

28 When a family returns from the field, offer to provide them with meals for the first few days.

29 When your assembly's missionary family arrives home, try to meet them in person at the airport.



30 Try to have transportation available for a missionary to use while at home.

31 A gas credit card is a thoughtful addition if financially feasible for you or your assembly.

32 If a missionary needs to purchase a vehicle, offer to help him or her shop for the best deal.

33 Offer to help a missionary or missionary family find a place to live during their furlough.

34 Provide as gifts or lend the missionaries practical household items, such as a vacuum, bedding, and kitchen appliances.

35 Let missionaries on furlough use your home or vacation place for a weekend of relaxation.

36 Provide an expense-paid mini-vacation at a hotel or resort.

37 Offer to watch the missionaries' children for an evening so Mom and Dad can have a night out.

38 Remember that, when home on furlough, missionaries and MKs like to be treated as "regular" people.

39 Invite missionaries to speak or share reports at your assembly—conferences, midweek meetings, and potluck dinners are great options. Offer to watch any children so the parents can concentrate on sharing about their ministry.

40 A women's conference or meeting is a great way to interact more personally with returning missionary mothers and married or single women.

41 Be sure to invite missionaries to social events, not only to preach or present reports.

42 When missionaries return home, give them the opportunity to get involved in your local assembly's work.

43 Invite new people at your assembly over for a meal to meet the missionary family. This time is important for both parties.

44 When missionaries are in your home, ask about their work and life overseas.

45 Help missionaries set up doctor and dentist appointments in advance if they need care when they return home.



HOW TO MINISTER TO MKS ON FURLOUGH

46 Offer to take the MKs on special outings, such as to sporting events or to the beach.

47 Include MKs in the children's or youth activities at your assembly. They can easily feel left out and alone as people concentrate on their parents and their work.

48 Pay for MKs to go to a Christian camp. It's a great way for them to make new friends.



49 No matter what age you are, take time to talk to MKs. Show an interest in them and their lives overseas.

50 Facilitate casual social activities for MKs and youth in your assembly. Invite MKs to join you, your kids, and their friends on your boat, at your swimming pool, or on a camping trip.

51 One of the best things you can do for a missionary is to love their children. Love can be shown in so many ways.

HOW TO MINISTER AT THE ASSEMBLY

52 Post missionaries' up-to-date photos and newsletters on your assembly's bulletin board so the believers remember to pray for and to familiarize themselves with their work.

53 Undertake missions projects in your assembly, including making blankets, baby outfits, or evangelistic calendars. Contact missionaries on the field to see what items may be helpful.

54 Have a midweek missions dinner at your assembly. Invite missionaries in the area to attend and report on their work. Then, pray!

55 Arrange a phone call or Zoom meeting with a missionary family on the field so they can give a live report during your assembly's prayer meeting or Sunday service.

56 It is important for commending elders to regularly contact their missionaries by email, text message, phone, or videoconferencing. It shows interest and encouragement from home, and it reminds missionaries they are accountable to their commending assembly.

57 Ask your elders to share communications from your assembly's commended missionaries with the congregation so you can pray effectively.

58 When missionaries visit your assembly to share about their ministry, give them the option to stay in a hotel at the assembly's expense, if possible, or in the home of one of the believers.

59 When a commended missionary family returns on furlough, their elders should meet with them to pick up on areas of special needs and to provide encouragement while helping them transition from one culture to another.

60 At your assembly, prayerfully consider participating in the work of sending—helping missionaries go to and successfully serve on the field—through:

- moral support – just “being there,”
- logistics support – handling details here at home,
- financial support – helping with practical needs,
- communication support – staying up to date,
- reentry support – helping them feel at home,
- prayer support – spiritual warfare at its best. ■

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Ask a Missionary

Missions work around the world is unique—different from what friends and family at home encounter day to day. So, to learn about life on the field while getting to know our missionaries better, we asked them to share their firsthand experience or advice.

QUESTION: Do you experience loneliness on the mission field, and if so, how do you deal with it?



In general, no. Being married is a great blessing, and God's intention was for us not to be alone. Yet there are times when we are lonely. As missionaries, we are called to move forward, and sometimes, this takes us to a place where others are not ready to follow, which can make us feel alone. Also, being far from our homeland can weigh on us. The greatest comfort we have when we are alone is the presence of God in our lives. He knows all of our needs.



Yes, I do. I try not to focus on my loneliness and do something, such as visit someone or keep myself busy. The first thing I do is cast my burden on the Lord and read the Bible.



Oh, yes. When I do, I go out and make a visit, invite someone over, or call one of my grown children or a friend whom I haven't talked to in a while. Sometimes, I put on praise music and sing, or I just start having my own thanksgiving service. There is always much to be thankful for.



When I first arrived on the foreign field, yes, I did feel lonely. One of the wisest things the senior missionaries advised me to do, prior to departure from the US, was to bring some things that reminded me of my loved ones—things that brought me comfort and joy. Journaling was also helpful. Mail came perhaps once a month, so letters were a cherished event and were often saved for reading in the evenings. I also had a shortwave radio and could catch Voice of America, Trans World Radio, and the BBC from time to time. I think we all learn to cope, eventually, but it is important to create those moments to be with others, develop friendships, and spend time in the Lord's presence.



Since my wife, Faith, went home to be with the Lord in July 2012, it's been tough on my own. But Christ has given me a rich sense of His presence as I talk with Him daily, right out loud. The fellowship from assembly to assembly as I do weekends of evangelism is heartwarming. I owe a lot to those who host me as we work together to lead others to Christ. I have been blessed to be under elders in Moulins, France, and Phoenix, Arizona. The editors of our e-Sword Bible books team have been a great blessing as we meet on Zoom weekly to pray, solve problems, and share solutions.

ASK YOUR QUESTIONS! Visit CMML.us/askamissionary to submit your question—it might be selected for a future issue!