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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it" (Psalm 68:11).

This letter came from the Shady Acres Baptist Church, of Houston, Texas.

Dear Brethren.

Our former pastor, Bro. Jack Wood, had a tremendous burden to reach the Spanish-speaking people south of the American border and wanted to start a mission board called L.A.M.B. That burden has continued in the heart of our church. Bro. Luis Bolanos, a missionary out of Shady Acres, carried that burden to Columbia many years ago. We now want to do more. Our newest project is L.A.M.B. which stands for the Latin American Mission Board.

The goal of this mission board is to raise money for national pastors and send teams to unevangelized areas to preach and birth new works in Latin America. We are registered in the state of Texas as a nonprofit organization and are ready to begin this endeavor.

Today there are fifteen young preachers out of a solid church in Caracas who have completed Bible Institute and only need \$200 a month in support. The national pastor who trained these young men says that the political turmoil in Venezuela has been nothing but a blessing and has caused growth in the church of God. Venezuela is only one example of the impact national pastors are already making in Latin America.

A great opportunity lies before us. Please consider supporting this mission board or a national gospel preacher as we try to reach Latin America for Christ. Bro. Luis Bolanos is key to our knowing which national pastors or preachers we should support. My wife and a team from Shady Acres will be traveling to Venezuela in early 2019 to take a look firsthand at what is happening in the churches there. Please pray for us as we travel into uncharted waters and that God will give discernment and leadership as we try to spread the Gospel to the regions beyond.

Pressing On,
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Editor's Notes



Jim & Mary Fellure

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

As we begin this new year, there is no telling how many missionary prayer letters and other periodicals will begin by telling us how it seems to them that it was just a few days ago we celebrated the first day of 2018, and now we are already entering the year 2019—but for me it

felt like 2018 would never end.

This past year has been one of trials. No persecution, just one trial right after another. Brother Berg and his helper, Jacob, have spent not hours or days, but weeks, and maybe even a few months, doing all the needed repairs on the print shop equipment, and this is not counting the time it has taken to learn all the ins and outs of our new/used four-color sheet-fed press. Any person who is not familiar with printing equipment would be shocked to know how much time and how many thousands of dollars it takes for the proper maintenance of a print shop.

I would like to see the printed Word going out the door headed for some needy mission field every day of the week, but the real truth is that God just doesn't work on our schedule.

Two big projects for Africa were completed this past year. Many books we sell to generate income for the Scripture printing have also been completed, but when we compare the overwhelming need for the Gospel of Christ all over the world, with what we have produced, it seems that we have done so little.

We are praying for 2019 to be a record-breaking year.

When we consider the continued loss of financial support because of many churches closing their doors, and the rising cost of printing materials, our human reasoning tells us that 2019 could very well be a very difficult year. However, faith never operates in accordance with logic, and the Bible that we claim to believe says, that our God "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Our faith in Him says if Christ doesn't come back this year (which I hope He does), we will be able to put more Gospel within the reach of more people than we ever have within the past thirty-four years of this ministry's existence.

This surgery will hurt, but you are a big boy. You can take it.

On a personal note, I am reminded of the humorous, little story of the Mexican boy who sold a horse because it didn't "look so good." That was his way of describing a blind horse. For some time I was a little bit like that horse. I didn't look so good.

I have had some issues with my eyes that limited what I could do each day. A few years ago, the doctor recommended a surgery, but in my mind, when he explained the procedure, I imagined it to be a major operation. Since it was for both eyes at the same time, I just knew, in addition to the excruciating pain and the time in the hospital, I could possibly be confined to a recliner at home with both eyes bandaged and not able to see the light of day for maybe even a few weeks of recovery. To help with my pessimism, when I asked the doctor if one phase of the operation would be painful, his reply was, "Yes, but you are a big boy. You can take it." I postponed the surgery with the hope that the problem would go away on its own, but it only grew worse. I always get up very early in the morning and try to get my direction from the Lord for the rest of the day and then read and study for a few hours; but for the past year about one hour or less was about all the study time that my eyes could stand, and driving a long distance to preaching appointments on a bright day was almost impossible. So, I finally submitted myself to the surgeon and braced myself for whatever misery I knew he would cause.

I went in for surgery on Wednesday, November 28th, at 6:15 a.m. To my surprise the surgery lasted less than thirty minutes, and I was back home by 10:00 a.m., and within two days I had continued normal activity. My eyes now feel as good as they ever have, and there has been no discomfort regardless of how much time I have spent reading or using the computer. The secret to all of this success is not in how tough I am, nor how skilled the surgeon was, even though I am well pleased with that old plain-spoken, salty, Jewish doctor. The secret is that many of God's people prayed for me and our great God answered their prayers. To HIM be all the glory!

Now that I have very clear vision with no discomfort, I plan to continue writing my next book on some major events in the life of Jacob. Hopefully, I can finish it this year, and any income generated from what I write will all go back into Scripture printing.

Thank you for helping us help others,

Jim Fellure

Print Shop News



Al & Heidi Berg

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The past year, 2018, is over and I trust you have no regrets, and if you do, thank God we can all have forgiveness and mercy through the blood of Jesus Christ. We can start with a clean slate and, as a matter of fact, we do not even have to wait for a new year or month or even a new day. If you have already broken some of your New Year's resolu-

tions, especially regarding your service and commitment to the Lord, you can start over right now.

Last year was a bit of a slow year for VBP as far as production was concerned, but much progress was made with our equipment, and 2019 is shaping up to be a much better year for production. Last year we obtained a used, four-color press, and to be honest, it was much more of a challenge than I expected, but we did get it producing well. I mentioned in my last article that we had printed over a million scripture cards with the illustration of the cross going over an abyss into the celestial city. At the time of this writing, we are still cutting them down to size, and that is a big job. The vast majority of these cards will be going into countries in East Africa.

On the scripture printing front, we have finally started our next project. We have had paper on the floor for several months, but between struggling with the four-color press and other responsiblities, we could not break free to get it going. We are still planning to run two loads of paper at one time, but the plans have changed a little. We will not be printing all Spanish Bibles. We plan to print about 15,000 whole English Bibles, and most of these will be used in East Africa to help support the churches Bro. Tony Stark talked about in our last Newsletter. The rest will be Spanish Bibles, most of which will be distributed in South America and Mexico.

In my extracurricular reading, I like to read biographies. My latest one is about General Stonewall Jackson and the American Civil War. Whether you are a Yankee who knows the North won the war and have forgotten about it or if you are a southerner who

still hopes to rise again, there are some important lessons I have learned about warfare in general. I did not serve in our armed services so if some of my observations seem elementary to those of you who have, please forgive me. The author talks about the differences between a volunteer army and a trained professional army. Apparently both the North and the South lacked large, trained, professional armies, which in the end led to more casualties and prolonged the war. The author stated there were many men on both sides willing to volunteer to fight who deeply believed in their side's cause, but they lacked discipline through training. A properly trained soldier realizes that his safety, and that of those around him, depends on each man staying in his rank, not running from it, no matter how hot the battle becomes. He may well indeed give up his own life for the sake of others. Volunteers, no matter how deeply they may believe in their cause, have a tendency to run in the face of danger when the natural laws of self preservation kick in.

The apostle Paul told the Corinthians we are in a warfare, but the weapons we use are not the weapons of carnal warfare, but the principles are the same. Many Christians, when they face trouble in their lives, will slack off going to church, reading their Bibles, and praying, when those are the very things they need to double down on. One of the things that made General Jackson as successful as he was is that he kept his mouth shut regarding his plans of attack. The troops were not aware of the plans until they were told to implement them. They had to have complete faith in their commander. Some of the less disciplined troops did not have that faith, and some plans were thwarted as a result.

Again, I have never served in the military, but I know I have a Commander who knows everything. It is my job to obey, even if it costs me something. I know if I do, the results for the Church and the spreading of the Gospel will be much greater. I hope I am a good soldier with the discipline to obey, even when I do not understand, and I hope you are too, or are at least in training to become one.

God bless, Bro. Albert Berg

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"I want to know one thing, the way to Heaven: how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end He came from Heaven. He has written it down in a book! Oh, give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it: here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be: "A man of one book."

- John Wesley

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Brother Tony pastored for 24 years and taught at three Bible colleges. During the

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Benefits & Blessings



Mrs. Pam Leake

"Snakes or Bears" that might be lurking along the way

I was privileged many years ago to go with a group of young people from our church to a week of camp. I accompanied the Junior girls, excited for a week of fun and spiritual growth. It was a pretty rustic camp setting with just the very basic accommodations in the cabins. There was a separate building with toilets and shower facilities for all of the

cabins to use. The walk to this building was basically a well-worn path that included some tree roots and rocks to maneuver over or around . . . tricky in dry weather, but more treacherous if there happened to be rain during the night. Sometimes I would be called upon to accompany one of the younger girls because of the expected "snakes or bears" that might be lurking along the way. The walk would be no problem in daylight, however, if it became necessary to make the trip during the night, one would definitely need a flashlight to find her way and not stumble or fall over the roots. I made sure I was prepared with a flashlight for that very reason. The last thing I needed was a twisted ankle or worse!

The light beam from a flashlight is usually narrow in scope and meant to illuminate the immediate area in front of you so you can see where to step rather than a flood light that will light up all your surroundings. Instead your focus is directed on the pathway that you need to follow in order to safely reach your destination.

Without that illumination you might encounter many perils in the darkness. The path we travel in life is not unlike the path I mentioned above. It has rough places, and is sometimes littered with obstacles requiring light and close attention to maneuver over or around. There are often uncertainties and unknowns, disappointments and failures that would cause us to stumble and fall. If only we could see which way to step!

Thankfully God has given us light – a kind of spiritual flash-light – that we have available to illuminate our path through life. We have the unfailing, perfect Word of God, "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). And not only God's Word gives us guidance, but we have a personal Guide, the Holy Spirit, who walks with us on this journey, helping us through the difficult places where it seems we will surely falter and fall. He may not show us everything that lies ahead, but He will be a faithful Guide to help us as we step forward in the light He gives. We can have confidence that He knows the way that we take and that in Him is no darkness.

Take time to search the Scriptures for the light for your personal path. Keep the batteries of your spiritual flashlight charged so you'll have the illumination you need to reach your destination. There is safety when you walk in His light. Be encouraged to know . . . "In the way of righteousness *is* life; and *in* the pathway *thereof there is* no death" (Proverbs 12:28).

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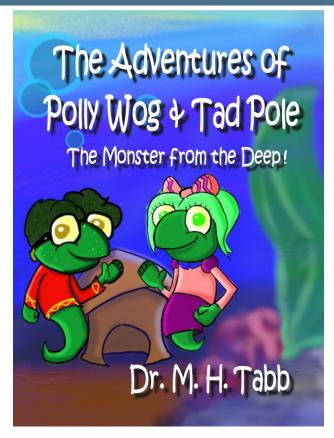
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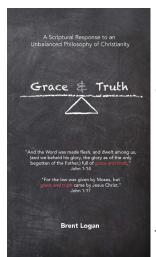
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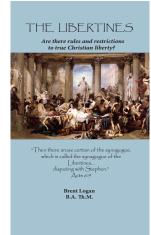
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The Pastor's Page



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Forgiving One Another Matthew 18:21–35

In the previous passage the Lord had instructed the disciples on the way of dealing with offenses, which instruction then became the pattern for church discipline. When a brother has offended you, or is living in sin, or is engaging in conduct that hurts the testimony of the church, there is a biblical way to confront him. And

if that brother confesses, then the responsibility of the offended party, and the church as a whole, is to forgive the man and hold no grudges or bitterness against him. The apostle Peter ponders these instructions and, as he is prone to do, takes the principle to the extreme. How much forgiveness is too much forgiveness? Peter is not arguing against forgiving one another, but how much forgiveness? The question Peter raises opens up a conversation between the Lord and His disciples on the subject of forgiveness.

1) An Inquiry about Forgiveness (18:21)

How many times do we forgive a man, yet he keeps committing the same offense over and over? Surely, there must be a breaking-off point where we can justifiably say this is your last chance. Peter suggests the limit could be seven offenses. The Jewish rabbis took the oft-repeated statement in Amos— "For three transgressions . . . and for four, I will not turn away the punishment"—to teach the limit of forgiveness was three transgressions. They misunderstood the statement, but their theology said you get three chances and then judgment. So when Peter suggests seven times, he thought he was being very magnanimous. He was going far beyond what any rabbi or synagogue had ever taught. There must be a limit to forgiveness on a human level, but if we call it at seven offenses then surely we can say we have gone above and beyond in forgiving.

2) An Instruction about Forgiveness (18:22)

The Lord's reply is extreme: not just seven times, but seventy times seven. There is nothing magical about the number 490, but it is just a way of saying there is no limit. Jesus was not saying keep count and cut your adversary off at 490, but was simply playing off the number Peter gave and adding a multiple to it to say there is no number. In Luke 17, the Lord has a similar conversation with the disciples on forgiveness and there says you should forgive a man if he trespasses against thee "seven times in a day." Again, he is not setting a limit, but making the point that there is no limit.

3) An Illustration about Forgiveness (18:23–35)

The rest of this chapter is taken up with a parable Jesus gives to illustrate the principle He has just set forth.

The Servant's Unimaginable Debt (18:23–25). A lord calls his servant to give an accounting of his life, and he is found to be in a debt of ten thousand talents. That is actually the largest number the Greeks had so the Lord is probably saying he owed a debt that could not be numbered. The debt was too great to count, which is how a man under conviction will see his own debt to God. When the Holy Spirit convicts us and calls us to give an accounting to God, we see our sin as a great debt that we could never settle.

The Sovereign's Undeserved Deliverance (18:26–27). Facing a lifetime of imprisonment for himself and his family, the servant begins to beg for mercy, promising to repay the debt. Of course, he can't repay it, but his attitude has sure changed. Maybe if he straightens up his life, does the best he can, and begins doing good deeds, the king will have mercy on him and apply his good deeds to his debt. But the lord of that servant sees the brokenness of the servant and just wipes the debt off the books. For no other reason but compassion, he forgives the debt and releases him from any obligation or punishment.

The Servant's Unreasonable Demeanor (18:28–30). This servant who has just been forgiven of an enormous, unpayable debt now goes out and finds another man who owes him pennies and demands full payment now. And in the context of the conversation, the picture is of a saved man who has been forgiven of his sins, but refuses to extend that same forgiveness to his fellow man. And his impossible reaction and unreasonable behavior is meant to show us how unreasonable bitterness and an unforgiving spirit is in us. The greatest sin any man can commit against you is nothing compared to the sin you have committed against God. And if you have been forgiven of the greater, how much more should you and I be willing to forgive the lesser?

The Sovereign's Understandable Displeasure (18:31–34). The king gets angry at the servant and delivers him to tormenters to punish him. It doesn't say he cast him into outer darkness, but he does chastise the servant. A Christian who will not forgive others is a wicked servant and is subject to chastisement. A tormenter was like an inquisitor who was brought in to put the screws to you, to put the pressure on you to get you to confess. Just as this servant who was forgiven and would not forgive was punished by the king, so your Father will do the same to you. There will be no fellowship or joy: you will not enjoy your relationship with God if your heart is not right with your brother.