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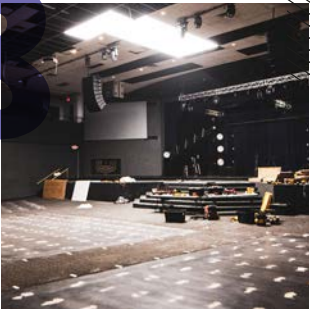
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LETTER FROM THE MANAGING EDITOR

New York recently passed the Reproductive Health Act (RHA), which legalizes abortion in the third trimester of pregnancy. As expected, many Christians and pro-life advocates took a strong, public stance for the life of an unborn baby and against the RHA. How did the American society founded on three inalienable rights, “right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” arrive at this repulsive state?

How did such a precious and godly right become so hijacked and marginalized? If the life of a baby in the womb cannot be protected and preserved, how can the other two rights, “liberty and the pursuit of happiness” ever be logically and practically realized if abortion has its way? No, we do not believe it is right for secular humanists to shift terms from ‘life’ to ‘personhood’ as the basis on which babies are defined. Neither do we believe that the definition of ‘person’ exists only outside the womb. We still believe in the Bible’s ‘right to LIFE’, whether that life is inside the womb or outside the womb. Liberal judges and legislatures have skillfully used language as a weapon, essentially reinterpreting, redefining and even adding new terminology to justify abortion. According to the Mayo Clinic, when a baby is just 23 weeks old in the womb, his or her unique finger- and footprints begin to form. This testifies to the intentionality with which our Creator so carefully knits each baby together—fearfully

and wonderfully made, indeed! (Psalm 139:13, 14). An unborn child is a living human and should have the RIGHT to LIFE.

Previously when some pro-life advocates warned of the potential slippery slope ahead, they were ridiculed or rebuked for thinking of what will never happen, or for hindering women’s rights in our society. Abortion in the third trimester seemed unethical and unthinkable. Well, surprise! Here we are! But why are we surprised? Without godly, moral values and boundaries, secular agendas will always be stretched and pulled to a degrading state. History is full of examples!

We are pro-LIFE and it is our free speech right to say this as much as it is theirs to say otherwise. We recognize the fact that women are legally empowered to exercise their right, but this does not stop us from valuing life and wanting it to be protected. Christ For The Nations is pro-life and unashamedly so. We believe life is a gift from God and we believe the life of a baby in the womb is as precious and needing of protection as it is outside of the womb!



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4/1

Freda Lindsay Award

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5/7

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5/13-28

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CHRIST FOR THE NATIONS INSTITUTE JERUSALEM

● *By* Dennis Lindsay

A NEW UNDERTAKING

I want to share with you a new venture that the Holy Spirit is leading the leadership of CFN to pursue. In the early 60's, Dad began looking for a building in Jerusalem as a ministry center for Christ For The Nations. A friend, Rev. E. P. C____ helped my dad to purchase a facility on the Mt. of Olives. Unfortunately, Christ For The Nations lost the center due to a deceitful individual. Dad prayed about the situation and sensed the Holy Spirit encouraging him to release the stolen property and not become entangled in a legal battle in court.

MOM FOLLOWS IN DAD'S FOOTSTEPS

After Dad passed on, Mom continued Dad's love for Israel and the Jewish people. She connected with M____ C____, the son of Rev. E. P. C____, who had assisted Dad with finding the first building on the Mt. of Olives. She asked M____ to search for another facility. He located one in Jerusalem in a nice residential area that was on the road to Bethlehem. Mom directed M____ to purchase the facility in 1980 for CFN. What the Lord was planning with this facility has taken several decades to be revealed in its fullness.

Based on some inter-faith concerns, the title of the property was placed in the name of one of CFN's long-time board members, Dick Walker, our attorney, who had a great love for Israel and was led to the Lord by my sister. CFN purchased the building, and M____ C____ and his wife, F____ offered to move into the facility and be its caretakers. The two of them met on the first CFN tour to Israel in the late 60's.

TITLE DEED LOST

Unfortunately, our dear Bro. Walker was killed in an automobile accident and we were unable to locate the title papers that he had signed, indicating that the facility belonged to CFN. Obviously, satan was aware of what God was up to and attempted to thwart His plans. The Israeli government advised us to have all of Walker's family sign off on the ownership but one or more of the children would not respond even though we notified them that CFN would take care of all expenses. Nevertheless, for 35 years, cooperation was refused. However, we understood that Israel has a squatter's rights law that entitles a person or family to remain in a facility if they have been living in it for a certain length of time. As a result, our friends, M____ and F____ met the requirements as they have been living in our center since CFN purchased it and have raised their seven children, two of whom came to our CFNI Dallas campus to study as students. Year after year, we had no success with the Walker children. Each year, Mom would take the members of our tour to our CFNI Jerusalem Center for food and fellowship to meet the C____ family and solicit donations from the tour members to aid the ministries of both Jews and Arabs that CFN supports each year.

A SURPRISE FROM HEAVEN

Each year we would check to see if any of the Jewish legal advisors had any new updates for us. On our 2017 CFN tour, M____ C____ announced he had made a discovery. While cleaning out some old files, he came across a folder that had an old envelope. Upon opening it, he discovered the missing title deed in Bro. Dick Walker's personal handwriting,

noting that the CFN facility was purchased by and belonged to CFN. Imagine, after nearly 40 years, the missing legal document we needed was discovered. As a result, the legal process with the Israeli government has been cleared up and now the facility is ours to use as the Lord directs. We are grateful to our great God and to the C____ family for the many years of service to CFN.

Then, in 2018, the same year Israel celebrated her 70th birthday as a nation and CFN celebrated 70 years of ministry, we received vision for our facility. One of our recently deceased board members, Ben Little, suggested using the two-story facility for a field school. After I read the first line of Ben's lengthy phone text, I shouted aloud, "Yes, and amen!" I personally am convinced that this is God. The field school will facilitate graduates from our Dallas campus, as well as students from other campuses partnering with us, to study in Jerusalem.

I immediately asked Ben to begin to work on this project and he was excited to offer his assistance. At my request, my sister and her daughter, Shani and son-in-law, Kobi, recommended a specialized program that will give students an overall biblical view of God's plan of redeemed restoration for the

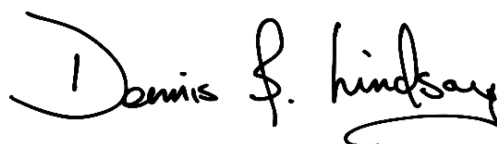
Jewish people. The two-story facility will need to be renovated as it is some 83 years old. We presently are negotiating with the city of Jerusalem and an architect. Plans are underway to add another floor or two for student dormitories.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO BLESS

Yes, I believe, Christ For The Nations has a vital role in helping to build the Kingdom of God in Israel and assisting in spreading the Good News of the Messiah, Yeshua Hamaschiach—the Anointed One.

Will you consider financially helping to complete this project of renovating and restoring the CFNI Jerusalem Center to become a field school that will train students in the Word of God concerning His plan and purpose for Israel and the Jewish people?

Shalom,



Dennis Lindsay



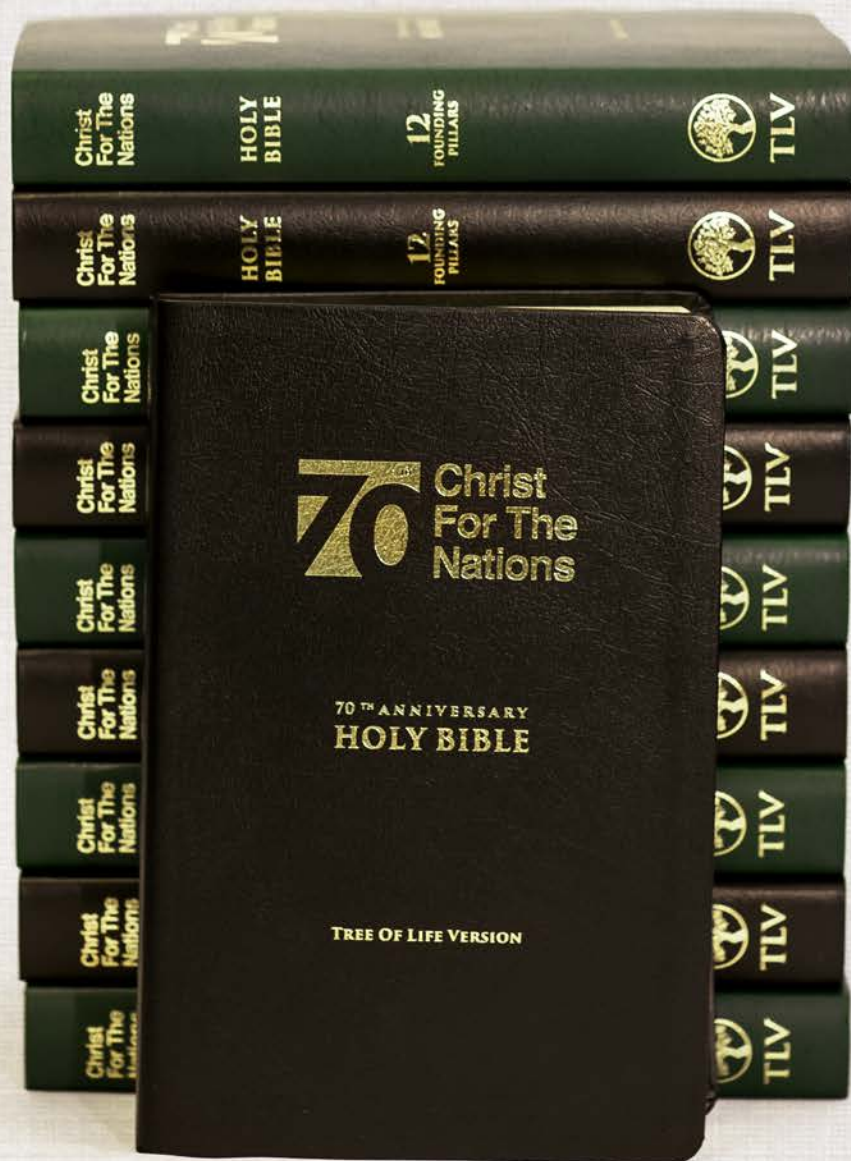
Freda and Gordon Lindsay in Israel



CFNI Jerusalem Center

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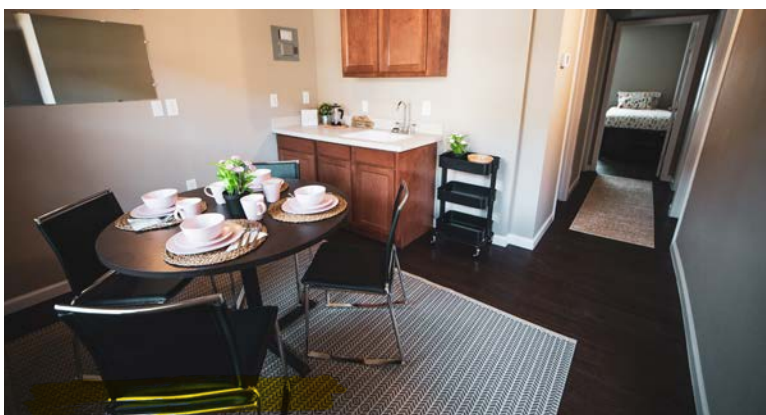
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YOUR GIVING ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2018

As we look back on Christ For The Nations' 70th year of ministry, we cannot help but praise Jesus, celebrate the miracles and blessings of God, and express our heart-felt thanks for everything YOU helped make happen in 2018. Because of YOUR prayers, financial support, and sacrifices, God was able to use Christ For The Nations to make some great accomplishments.

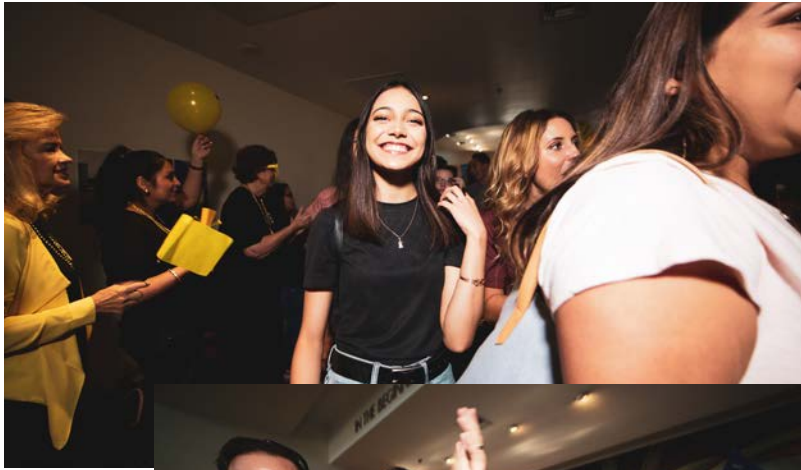


CFN hosted three 70th anniversary celebration events. The evening services of the Voice of Healing Conference went on until almost midnight as attendees were transformed in the presence of the Lord. The Envision banquet, which featured keynote speaker, Kenneth Copeland, was well-attended and you raised \$62,649.00 toward the CFNI Jerusalem Center renovation project, with more coming in through pledges. The Dallas alumni reunion had more than 150 alumni join in the celebrations. You gave a total of \$163,526.79 toward the CFNI Jerusalem Center renovation project, which will enable CFNI to establish a field school in Israel.



Campus renovations continue with roofing repairs of all commercial buildings and the complete remodeling of the Agape women's dorms. You have also installed new seats, new flooring and new lights in the Institute Building.





You prayed in the highest number of families enrolled during the Fall semester.

There has been a significant increase in enrollment in our online program, which means we are reaching a wider audience of those who are unable to be here on campus with us. Our academic program is being revitalized to be more relevant and responsive to the needs of our modern culture. Thank you for praying for our programs!

Through your persistent prayers, there have been several Divine connections with organizations such as Grand Canyon University (a co-enrollment program similar to the one already established with Dallas Baptist University) and a large Christian prayer call center on our campus, which employs our students and alumni.

Since the first outreach in 1974, we have had 370 outreaches into 92 countries.

In 2018, you helped send 161 students to minister in the following countries: Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, Brazil, Spain, Portugal, Haiti, Israel, Japan, Korea, Burma, Vietnam, Hong Kong and China. This does not include our domestic outreaches to Florida, New England and Mardi Gras in New Orleans.



Last year you supported 11 orphanages in 8 countries, including: India, Myanmar, Philippines, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Haiti, Romania and Ukraine. We were able to visit 2 of these orphanages in India and Sri Lanka.



The Literature department printed a pre-teen edition of Gordon Lindsay's classic, *Prayer That Moves Mountains* in English and Portuguese, with a Spanish translation in progress. Next year we plan to release *Taming the Dinosaur* for children and pre-teens by Dennis Lindsay. This past year we completed a Romanian translation of the Bible Training Series that was produced and edited by Rod Groomer. Since the beginning of the ministry, CFN has distributed about 64,000,000 pieces of Christian literature in 82 languages. Literature For The Nations has uploaded 10 books and audio files into 42 languages and these books and audio files have been downloaded into 101 nations. Thank you for helping disciple the nations!

In 2018, you helped us process roofs for 23 churches in 14 countries including: Argentina, Ghana (4), Guatemala (2), India, Ivory Coast (4) Kenya, Liberia, Philippines, Romania, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda (2), and Zambia (2). Since the program began in 1962, you have helped build almost 13,000 churches in 118 nations, contributing about \$13,000,000.00.



You helped us send our International Ministries Field Representative to 16 of our 82 Associated Bible schools in 8 countries, including: Albania, Colombia, El Salvador, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Mexico and Sri Lanka. We hosted a Dallas-based Gathering of Directors event for all of the International Bible School Directors to attend during the Voice of Healing Conference. 15 schools were represented from 14 countries. You gave over \$67,800.00 in donations to CFN's ministry contacts in Israel, including Maoz, Yeshua Israel, our ministry partners at the CFNI Jerusalem Center, Christian Friends of Israel, Dugit Ministries, Carmel Ministries, and Rivers of Living Waters International. Since the first outreach in 1974, we have had 370 outreaches into 92 countries. In 2018, you helped send 161 students to minister in the following countries: Thailand, Malaysia, Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia, Brazil, Spain, Portugal, Haiti, Israel, Japan, Korea, Burma, Vietnam, Hong Kong and China. Domestic outreaches included Florida, New England and Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Thank you for worshiping God in your prayers for us, in your giving and in your blessings declared over Christ For The Nations. We could not have accomplished what we did in 2018 without your faithful, generous, and selfless gifts!

As we look to live out our God-given mandate to impact humanity with the Gospel of Jesus Christ anew in 2019, would you consider giving again to equip and empower world-changers, support ministries around the world, and to help rebuild our campus?

You can give today online at cfn.org/give or write a check payable to Christ For The Nations and note a specified designation, if applicable.

THE ZODIAC

GOD'S MASTER PLAN REVEALED IN THE STARS
BY DR. DENNIS G. LINDSAY



The band of stars located around the sun on both sides of its path is known today as the Zodiac or Mazzaroth in Hebrew. Today, the signs have been exploited and twisted by astrologers for occultic purposes. The truth is: "These 12 signs tell the story about God's plan of redemption for mankind—from the virgin birth (Virgo) to the triumph of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah (Leo)."

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CFNI has been pioneering worship recording since 1974. Our 2019 recording was a strong continuation and commitment to our spiritually rich worship heritage. Many guests came from different nations and states within the USA to experience and encounter God in anointed worship with our students. It was an unforgettable evening—powerful lyrics rich in biblical truths anchored our hearts and guest worship leaders brought beautiful diversity as we sang praises unto God. By the end of the recording we danced like King David with “Dancing on the Grave” in honor of our God who buries our sins and gives us victory to rejoice in Him.

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LIVE RECORDING SONG STORIES

DANCING ON THE GRAVE

Each one of us have a past-- a past filled with sin, regret, hurt, pain, struggle, heartache, etc. BUT GOD! To those of us who believe in Jesus, we were resurrected with Christ through faith in the power of God! The same power that raised Christ from the dead lives in us! God made us alive with Christ; He has taken away all of our sins, nailing them to the cross of Jesus! From the cross, He went into the grave bringing all of our sins with Him, but to everyone's surprise, three days later He walked out of that grave! And in His great mercy we walked out of that grave right beside Him! All the sin, all the regrets, all the pain, the hurt and heartache stayed behind **dead** in the grave meant for Jesus Christ! Psalm 30:11, 12 (LITV) reads like this, "Then He broke through and transformed all my weeping into whirling dances of ecstatic praise! He has torn the veil and lifted me from the sad heaviness of mourning and He wrapped me in the garments of gladness!" What other response can we have but to express our **thanks** for this great liberation?! Psalms says, "let us praise the Lord in dance"! So, in the face of all the enemies that surround us and with the knowledge of all our dead sin beneath us, our weapon of choice, our worship of choice, is praise to the one and only Jesus Christ! - "The enemy may be all around me but I'm running free 'cause HE set me FREE!"

songwriter: Naomi Akuchie Cantwell

WE DECLARE

"We Declare" is a special song that was inspired after a CBN worship tour in the summer 2018. Our worship team was expectant for God to move as we prepared to travel to several churches in the northeast to minister the power of God through worship. While visiting a church in New York, the Lord gave me a word for the people we were leading. The church we were playing at would be known from here on out as a house of healing; a place where people come in and encounter the presence of God and go out with new life, healing, and deliverance. Shortly after that, riding back to the hotel on our tour bus, the Lord gave me a melody followed by a short chorus inspired by this word. I knew that this moment would birth a song that, when sung, would speak tangible life into the atmosphere, making all darkness bow at the glorious presence of Jesus and at the mention of His name. I needed to write a song that would speak life into any situation. That song would become "WE DECLARE".

songwriter: Brenny Souza

BREATH OF GOD*

This song was birthed out of a desire to know and experience intimacy in God's presence. We know confidently that when we are close to the Lord, when we are intimate with Him, there is freedom, life, healing, and liberty! We titled this song "Breath of God" because it is God's breath that brings life. In the beginning, God spoke and He created life. Speaking is expelling one's breath, sending it forth from the mouth to accomplish a purpose. The "Spirit of God" is translated from the Hebrew word "ruach" meaning wind, breath or spirit. The Lord breathed life into Adam and Eve, the Lord expelled His breath and created the Heavens and the Earth, the Lord sent down His Holy Ruach to dwell in and with us and we believe that as we ask, as we wait in expectancy, the Lord will continue to breathe His life on us today.

songwriter: Naomi Akuchie-Cantwell

*Song title has since been changed to "Taste of Heaven."

FAVORITE GUEST SPEAKERS: LIFE-CHANGING TRUTHS

(FALL '18)



MELANIE WILSON

This semester had a lot of great speakers. The message that I was deeply impacted by was from Pastor Karen Wheaton from The Ramp (Alabama) who taught on the "Power of Prayer!" It spoke volumes of her love for the Lord when, in an illustration, **she crawled and rolled around on stage carrying a football across the "field."** She was so undignified because **she wanted us to catch it.** When I looked at her, I saw **a woman hungry to know what is on the Father's heart for our generation.**

JONATHAN DELMAR

I would have to say my favorite guest speaker (other than obviously Karen Wheaton) was David Barton. I think **it's important for us as believers to be knowledgeable about the history of our nation. It tells us what brokenness we are supposed to heal.** I think he also provides an outlook for those students who may not be a five-fold minister (by profession), and shows them how to apply their faith to their field. I think that David Barton gave clarity to so many issues to which we are blind concerning the foundations of what makes our nation great.



MICHAELA HARDY

Nathan Morris was one of my favorite speakers this semester because of the presence of God that was brought in each time he visited. The two times he came, I had two of the most powerful encounters with the Holy Spirit that I have ever had. He carries and truly knows how to usher in the presence of God. When he taught, **he taught our hearts and not our heads.** They were two powerful nights that have become monumental in my life and I will never forget them!



NAOMI AKUCHIE- CANTWELL

The speakers that come in to this school are of such quality that it is hard to pick out just one favorite. The Lord has used so many of them to share different aspects

of His heart to me and I feel so blessed to be under such anointed teaching day in and day out. However, for me there was one speaker that I felt spoke right into my spirit. My heart burned and came alive with every word he said. His name was Tommy Tenney. Mr. Tenney talked to the student body about the Ark of the Covenant and using it as an example, he explained what it means to build a mercy seat for the Lord. The Lord so wants to come visit us; He wants to bring revival; He wants to bring awakening and pour out His Spirit again on His people. Using the Ark of the Covenant as an example he explained what it would look like to prepare a place strong enough to host such an outpouring. The four main building blocks are: 1. Unity (God rested in the middle of the two angels.) 2. Purity (The angels were made out of purified gold.) 3. Humility (The angels were made out of pure gold, beaten down into a posture of worship.) 4. Worship (The angels were on the Ark in a posture of worship toward the Lord.)

This preaching has changed my reality. It changed the way I worship and has opened my eyes to exactly what it means to steward the gifts and presence of the Lord. It has changed the way I pray and prepare for the Spirit of God. It changed the things I choose to say and do. It changed the way my husband and I choose to operate as a family. It changed the way I go to school and think about our future in missions and honestly, our entire life. It made me ask the life-changing question, "How can I prepare myself in every area of my life (my heart, my family, my relationships, my future)? How can I prepare all of it to be a place where the glory of Almighty God can come and rest?"

"If Christ For The Nations really wants a visitation ... Unity, Purity, Humility and Worship. If you stir all that up He says, 'I'll meet with you from there,' because that's what will carry the glory of God." —Tommy Tenney

BRIANNA FRIEND

Karen Wheaton was my favorite guest speaker for the Fall 2018 semester. I liked her because she was tough in the sense that she didn't pretend that prayer is easy, and that you can always pray one prayer and everything will be "good and fine." Instead, she was very real with us and talked about the importance of contending and standing in prayer concerning the promises of God. She taught pure truth but made it very enjoyable.



NICOLE RUIKKA

My favorite speaker was Eric Gilmour. I liked him the best because he talked about intimacy with God in a way that I had never heard or thought about before in that context. **He also talked about Mary, and how she is the only person attached to the gospel message because she had a heart of worship and adoration, and a deep relationship with Jesus.** Both of those things really impacted me and made me evaluate my relationship with Jesus and desire to go even deeper with Him.



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HONOR

A RARE KINGDOM TREASURE!

• *By* **Kiplin Batchelor**

John saw Jesus and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world . . .” What is amazing about this encounter is the fact that John is by this time a famous preacher with hundreds, possibly thousands following him, yet he publicly recognizes and honors a follower in the crowd. The honor is as shocking as it is monumental! He sees the young carpenter and calls him the Savior of the world! Who would have imagined the Redeemer as an unassuming, unnoticed and uncelebrated follower patiently listening in a crowd? Even more profound is that someone had the fortitude to see humanity’s Savior. That John is neither intimidated nor fearful at Jesus’ presence is humbling! What is equally intriguing is that John turns the spotlight from himself and shines it on the carpenter in the audience. The secular world and carnal Christians do not know this type of honor which recognizes and regards a person before their dreams are manifested and realized. Anybody can, and will recognize and celebrate you when your name becomes famous, when miracles begin, and when ministry is big and prosperous, but who notices and celebrates you while you are a silent follower in a crowd? Here lies one of the secrets to godly honor: it is often guided by discernment and not by natural sight.

John literally gave honor to a Galilean without a big title, who, at this time, is neither a Rabbi, an educated Pharisee, a wealthy Sadducee, an influential scribe, a powerful Sanhedrin council member nor a Jewish ruler. John did what Samuel did for David and what the

“I MUST DECREASE FOR HIM TO INCREASE.”

wise men did in the manger for the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes. Kingdom honor recognizes Divine worth even when it is not dressed up in all sorts of flashy and appealing earthly titles, positions, wealth and famous names. As if the monumental recognition was not enough, John went deeper by saying, “I must decrease for Him to increase.” Even more astonishing, he declares, “I baptize you with water but there is coming another who is greater, He will baptize with fire.” Here lies another characteristic of Kingdom honor: it is not insecure or jealous, but welcoming and affirming of others’ identity and gifting. John not only affirms Jesus’ identity, but also his purpose and destiny.

Though we know their mothers knew each other privately, their honoring encounter at river Jordan is insightful. We see such a beautiful dynamic between a popular person and an obscure person, between a recognized leader and an emerging leader. Although Mary and Elizabeth knew each other, John nonetheless demonstrates honor to someone whom he was familiar with and was close to in age. Kingdom honor is not offended or impeded by familiar faces.

Through his attitude and approach toward the seemingly ‘unknown’ carpenter from Nazareth, John teaches the rest of us Christ-followers that it is ‘okay’ to praise

another above self. That it is ‘okay’ to recognize the true worth and significance of someone even if they are in a lesser position and rank. That it is ‘okay’ to highlight emerging greatness in another. That it is ‘okay’ to think of someone as a complement and not as a competitor, and that it is ‘okay’ to view another person as a blessing and not as a hindrance or burden. We never lose when we create and maintain a culture of Kingdom honor, and it begins by valuing each person as a precious child of God with unique giftings and abilities.

In a 21st century society largely driven by self-centeredness, self-enrichment, self-promotion and selfishness, the posture of John’s soul is indeed a rare

beauty; a timely reminder and encouragement that to recognize and honor another person above self does not make us any less valuable. Giving honor never takes away worth from the giver. Actually, it solidifies our sense of security and contentment, and says that we are conscious of others’ worth, role, and place in life and not only our own. It should be no surprise that Jesus affirmed John’s role and attitude in honoring him with this most riveting statement, “. . . born of a woman there is none greater than John.” Jesus connects greatness with honor—even if that honor was only demonstrated as “a voice in the wilderness preparing the way” for someone else.

GIVING HONOR NEVER TAKES AWAY WORTH FROM THE GIVER.



FISH JUMPING IN THE BOAT

• By Becky Ruland

The tourist traffic was heavy on my mid-morning commute in the East Coast city of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I felt an urgency to call Catherine and Erica. Through panicked, broken English Erica struggled to say that they feared their landlord would beat down the door. I could hear him shouting profanities in the background. I re-routed and called the police to meet me at their apartment.

I arrived first and dashed toward the staircase, then hesitated as I thought, “Wait, Becky! Wait for the police.” Momma bear’s heart pounded.

These 20-year-old international university students who came on a temporary J1 “Work and Travel” USA visa were among 4,000 from about 50 countries who converge on Myrtle Beach every summer.

Erica and Catherine heard about the program during their master’s courses in Beijing. A Chinese agent from an American sponsoring exchange company pitched the program to them at an international sports fair at their university,

Take this opportunity while you’re still a student to travel to America. For the visa, a job, a place to live and the airfare, it will only cost \$5,000.00. Work for the summer in a beautiful tourist city, make a lot of money, have fun with your classmates and travel in the USA. You’ll return home with money to pay back the loan from your parents.

Waiting for the police seemed like an eternity. Finally, three of us bounded up to the second floor of the apartment complex. For calling the police, the landlord chastised the tearful, quaking girls huddled under my arms.

The girls had to be evacuated then and there to a safe house. Catherine explained that the landlord was also their boss. He had threatened and exploited them all summer, along with other students crowded into the apartments with him. Fear, ignorance and an Eastern, cross-cultural phenomenon of “saving face” kept them from reporting him or running away.

I first encountered the J1 students in 2010 in the restaurants, shops, hotels and amusement parks in Myrtle Beach while on sabbatical, writing my missionary

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autobiography. I longed for my friends across the Atlantic Ocean where I had just turned over a unique and flourishing church construction ministry to disciples in post-Soviet Ukraine. After 14 years abroad, standing with my toes in the surf, lifting up prayers, Holy Spirit dropped a word in my heart: **Becky, I'm bringing the nations to you. They are fleeing from every kind of evil over there, and are seeking liberty, freedom and opportunity in America. If the body of Christ will simply wrap loving arms around them, they will be like fish jumping in the boat.**

My next mission with my missionary organization, International Networkx, would be to the United States East Coast. There I learned that the J1 students had faced exploitations including labor trafficking for over 20 years. People were clueless about what was going on around them in the popular tourist destination. I began to help mobilize teams of volunteers from local churches. The small police department gratefully received a handful of us "church people" to help.

Each year we have worked together to develop and grow service ministries at various levels to include:

- The international airport greeting of arrivals
- Four churches feeding weekly potluck meals to hundreds of students
- Vetted host homes which house students
- Government-led safety orientations
- Providing other free or low-cost services

During the past seven years some 400 volunteers from about 35 multi-denominational churches have joined efforts to share the love of Christ while wrapping arms around students like Erica and Catherine. It's a tremendous blessing to the students when they find Christian outreaches like ours that serve and protect them. It is a great joy for volunteers to learn that some of the students take Christ back to their nations where they will become community leaders.



BECKY RULAND

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Photo on the left: CFNI alumna Becky Ruland helps baptize a J1 student from Russia in the Atlantic Ocean at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

More than 300,000 foreign university students from some 200 countries participate in the Work and Travel Program annually throughout most of the 50 states (U.S. State Department, www.j1visa.state.gov). The majority of the J1 future nation leaders have a positive experience and love opportunities to develop relationships with Americans.

HEALING PLACE

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HEALING FROM HIVES

Saturday evening after coming back from church, my skin started breaking out into hives with itching and burning. The whole time I felt like I was in a fire furnace. I didn't eat any nuts or anything new so it was kind of random that it happened! By Sunday morning it had gotten worse. It spread to my whole body—legs, arms, back and thighs. So, my husband took me to the doctor. Even the doctors couldn't figure out why I had hives since I didn't eat anything new. We got back to our apartment and took the pill that the doctor had prescribed. But no results. I texted Pastor Brown, asking for prayer. He called me on the phone and

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prayed with me for healing! The itching and burning started reducing after I got off the phone and the

hives began to disappear. This morning I woke up with no hives or itching or burning. God has completely healed me. Thank you, Jesus!

—Jenifa Angeline David

STREP GONE

Dear Rev. Andrew,

My name is Renji. I'm the wife of Sam George Koshy, pastoral major student. Our daughter got sick on the evening

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of Thanksgiving 2018. We waited until the next day, thinking that the fever would go away by itself after a while. But on Friday night she started to shiver and her temperature rose so high that she was almost passing out. Immediately we took her to Urgent Care where the doctor diagnosed her with strep infection and asked us to start antibiotics that very night. There was no improvement in her condition until the day you visited our house. After we all prayed together for her, she started to be a bit active and later on we noticed change in her fever. She is now completely healed by the grace of God. It was only after prayer that the antibiotics even became effective in her body. Thank you so much for your prayer and coming to our house. You were a God-sent angel. All glory and praise to the Almighty. God bless.

Warmly,
Renji & Sam

CANCER HEALED

Mark had a strong biblical foundation concerning Divine healing and with this he visited the Healing Place to have staff pray and stand with him for his healing. Many others were also praying for a miracle for Mark and God's word prevailed over the cancer. This is his praise report:

My last chemotherapy treatment occurred in mid-March of 2018, prior to being admitted to the hospital for a chronic cough. Since then, my hair has grown back, my nails have grown normally, the oversized lymph node that they wanted to remove surgically has continued to shrink in size, and the hormone marker they have watched for any resurgence of cancerous growth has stayed near zero. My last blood test and CT scan was in late July and my next tests have been pushed out to February of next year, 2019. I have continued to get stronger through working out at the gym and running. I ran a mile in under 9:00 recently. Praise God!

—Mark

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AT WORK IN YOU WHO BELIEVE.
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For I am the LORD Who heals you Exodus No good thing
Bless the LORD O my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name
who healeth all thy diseases Who redeemeth thy life from destruction
youth is renewed like the eagle's Psalm He sent His word and healed
son attend to my words incline thine ear unto my sayings Let them not

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