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He shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the master's use and prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim 2:21

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Dearest Partners and Friends,
"Be still and know that I am God" Ps 46:10. What a wonderful Psalm but in times of trouble how many of us turn to it? We are so comfortable when everything is going right. For some there is no need to commune with God when things seem to be perfect. Many need God only when their lives are in turmoil. They begin to cry out and expect to see some miraculous sign - a bolt of lightning such as Saul experienced on the way to Damascus but God is in the still, small voice. We are like Elijah in the cave. Think about this mighty man of God who had just stood before Israel and the false prophets of Baal. He built the altar, placed the sacrifice upon it and had seen the fire of God come down from heaven and not only consume the sacrifice but all of the water and the altar which was stone along with the dust around it. What a FIRE! He must have had the most amazing strength to have slain 450 prophets of Baal and another 400 prophets of Asherah even though they had spent the whole day calling upon their gods and slashing themselves until the blood flowed. He then goes up the mountain and travails until the rain falls. Now anyone who is an intercessor knows what it takes to travail and any woman who has given birth knows the energy it takes to do so. He then RUNS about 25 miles in front of Ahab's chariot. The rain falls after the worst drought Israel ever experienced and Elijah receives word the Jeze is going to kill him. This great man of faith and power flees into the wilderness and asks God to take his life. God is not done. He sends an angel to feed him and Elijah goes 40 days and over 200 miles on that meal. He hides in a cave and whines about his situation. Sound familiar? How many of us, when faced with a difficult situation, flee and hide and many ask God to take them home. Then, when we begin to pray we expect to see God move in some powerful, loud or unusual way. We begin to remind God of who we are and what we have accomplished for Him. He knows what we have done and we forget that most of what we have done for the Kingdom has been accomplished under His direction, strength, guidance and supply. Elijah begins to wail about being the only prophet left in the land and God tells him there are still 7,000. This sounds much like Jonah under the juniper or Moses complaining about his responsibilities or Job reminding God of all that he achieved. What have we ever achieved without the hand of God? He has kept us, supplied for us, comforted us

sustained us but when we allow our emotions to go into overload we forget about all of that. It was not time for an earthquake or tornado but time to get quiet before Him and listen to the still, small voice. We hide out when we feel rejected or when something seems overwhelming or we are run down emotionally and physically. How many experience an incredible "high" when there is something accomplished only to be followed by a great "low." Small problems become huge even after God has achieved great things and depression and despair come knocking at the door.

We can end up in the cave when we become discouraged or despondent. Elijah thought he was alone and the enemy will use that to convince you that no-one cares about you. You will begin to become focused on self which can lead to pride. Many of the Biblical characters fell into this trap and so do we. The church is a living organism and if satan can separate you using this lie then he is like the wolf that cuts one sheep from the flock making it easy to devour.

The cave can also falsely represent a place of security and comfort. Elijah wanted to retire and wanted no more responsibility. This is a perfect picture of the West today and especially the church in the West. Don't tell us anything because when we hear it, it makes us responsible to do something about it and we do not want that responsibility. We look at a cave and think it is a place of shelter. Well, there are many ferocious wild animals that think the same way and make it their den. Beware that the devil that walks around as a roaring lion has not done just that. We should never become comfortable where we are in the Kingdom. God is a progressive God and wants us to move with Him. When we become comfortable we begin to lose the edge.

The cave can also be a place we run to when we are offended. Jonah was offended with God because he felt that God should have wiped Nineveh off the face of the earth and Elijah was offended because after all

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THE STILL, SMALL VOICE

he had done to free Israel from the false prophets and to bring rain he still had to run from Jezebe. No he did not! He could have faced her and seen God move yet again. We need to beware when we become offended because it leads to betrayal.

How do we get free from the cave? By waiting for that still, small voice. When God is done with you He will take you home. Elijah still had to raise up a prophet who would do even greater things than he. I do believe that when he was taken in the clouds to heaven he had still not fully completed what God had for him and he will return with Moses during the end time tribulation. He will face the spirit of Jezebel once again.

If we feel deserted and alone God is in the midst of it all. He will calm your fears, He will direct your path no matter how narrow it seems and no matter how rocky and slippery it may be. He sent us the Holy Spirit to comfort and uplift. He will NEVER leave us or forsake us and in situation like this it is more often the case that we have left and forsaken Him. I am the Temple and a more glorious one than the temple of Solomon and He dwells in His temple. I am His trumpet and His instrument so in times of trouble remember He is with you and blow the trumpet. The noise will keep the beasts at bay until you hear the still small voice. When I have been despondent I put on a worship CD and begin to worship Him. Within no time at all the cloud lifts and mists roll away and it is easy to hear that voice.

"Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge."

The Lord is the author and finisher of my faith!



MALAWI

I am on my way back to Malawi at the middle of August – yeah!!!!!! I am very excited to see all the elderly again and to hear how they are progressing with their prayer groups. I want to see what a difference prayer has made to the young people in their areas and know that there will be change. How can there not be change when God is at work in their midst?

It will be great to see the new homes and to see the old people settled in them. I will also be checking on homes that we might be able to strengthen and upgrade with plastered walls, windows, a concrete floor, door and iron roofing. For many we will not have to build a new house but we will have to upgrade what they already have by putting in windows, a concrete floor and lockable front door along with iron sheets for their roof.

This trip I will meet with some of the young girls and see how we can help with their education so that they will be able to be independent instead of being sold to the highest bidder as a second, third or fourth wife.

Please pray that finances come in for food. Each trip I make costs around \$8,000 by the time we purchase food and pay for all overheads such as fuel and food and lodging for the team. I am very careful not to waste any finances and I try to exchange the dollars at the very best rate I can find.

If each of you were able to give \$20 per month this would take care of one of the elderly people. Not only that, we would be able to feed them more regularly. Please prayerfully consider this.



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EGYPT

EGYPT: What Just Happened?

Al Sharq Al Wasat, one of many Arabic newspapers, wrote on July 5, "How could a president, his cabinet, ministers and advisors all be ousted and arrested overnight?"

Questions continue to fill headlines in the Middle East and elsewhere. Most of the world was taken by surprise, even after seeing millions of Egyptians in the streets demanding the end of Muslim Brotherhood oppression and injustice.

What Really Happened?

Politicians have attempted to explain. Only the church in Egypt can tell us really what happened. In November 2012, over 70,000 Coptic, Protestant, and Catholic came together at the amphitheater carved into the mountain by a church that many of you know of at the "garbage city" in Cairo. The new pope of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt, Pope Tawadrus II has blessed and encouraged the spiritual unity of Coptic, Catholic, and all Protestant denominations, saying, "Let's forget our doctrinal differences."

Then in March 2013 an even larger group gathered for prayer. Finally, in June on the Day of Pentecost, celebrated by all Christian denominations, the largest gathering of Christians assembled to pray for Egypt.

Many liberal (non-fanatic) Muslims joined the Christians.

A prominent Muslim leader was quoted, "Christians are praying. Allah will punish us for what we did." I saw on Arabic television a leading pastor in Cairo answer and reassure him, "We are praying for you, not against you."

I wrote a few weeks ago, "The Muslim Brotherhood is losing trust with the people, their real intentions being exposed. Church leaders see God at work, responding to the heartfelt cries of His people. They expect a 180-degree turn against the Muslim extremists." These leaders could see that God has His own agenda, orchestrating a great revival. Christians and Muslims celebrating in the street know the battle is not over, but this is the beginning of the end of the Muslim Brotherhood.

How did they pray?

They did not pray against the enemy. They agreed in their declaration "that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men" (Daniel 4:17) and that Christ will be glorified and show Himself to the world through the land of Egypt.

Theirs is a message to the body of Christ in other lands. What does it take to change kingdoms? UNITY!

Many churches besides Kaser El Doubara in Cairo are setting up emergency room facilities to treat wounded civilians, many of whom are Muslim. Muslim and Christian doctors work alongside each other.

Other Islamic groups are trying to seize the opportunity to take the place of the Muslim Brotherhood. Please continue to pray for Egypt.

Our Satellite TV studio team has been working non-stop for the last few weeks as they follow the events and provide live news updates from correspondents in Cairo and Alexandria. They continue to receive many calls from Muslims and Christians in Egypt.

Thank you for your prayers and for your sustained support of the Lord's work in the Muslim world.

May the Lord richly bless you!

Victor and Deborah Khalil

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A street rally in Cairo

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SLAVE TRADE

We think that child prostitution only takes place in Third World countries. We are horrified at reports from places like the Philippines where small children are sold into sex slavery as early as five and six years of age. I have lately been shocked to find out that it has been going on in my own back yard and I was completely unaware of it. Young girls in Malawi villages are told from at least the age of six that they cannot refuse a man even if it is their uncle, father, brother or visitor to their home.

Recently in the U.S. the FBI have carried out a sting operation and rescued over 100 young people between the ages of eleven and sixteen, the youngest

being nine. Many of these are child runaways and it has been established that within two days of them leaving home they are already prostituting themselves. The worst cities – San Francisco, Denver, New Orleans, Milwaukee, and Detroit.

This is an affront to any nation. We think this is common in Third World countries because they are uneducated. Not only do we have “home grown” slaves but we also import them from Eastern Europe.

It is time for the church to rise up and be a voice on behalf of these children. It is time for us to pray and intercede for them. Just because governments in other nations ignore what is happening does not make it right. How would we feel if it were one of ours? Think how God feels because they ARE one of His.



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SUPPORT

The support for the building project has been wonderful. Thanks to all those who have given so generously to this project.

We often hear people say that they have given and “whatever the church/organization does with it is between them and God.” WRONG!!!!

We need to be responsible with our finances that God has enabled us to make. God expects each of us to invest their money wisely. Wherever we invest should ensure the best return we can possibly get. If I were to ask an investor to put my money some place it will gain maximum profit and he loses it or makes a minimum return on it I would not be happy.

When we invest in the Kingdom we should expect a maximum return in the form of souls.

When we get to heaven there are two things God will

be interested in as far as you and I are concerned.

1. How much we have loved Him.
2. The souls we bring with us either directly by leading people to the Lord ourselves or indirectly by supporting a ministry that is focused on preaching the Gospel.

This ministry is reaching out to the elderly who in turn are touching the lives of those around them and are also interceding for those in their nation. We are also reaching out to the youth of the nation. This is fertile soil and we are a non profit 501(c)(3) organization in the U.S.

1. You may send a check to the address in this letter or in the attached envelope
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May the Lord bless you abundantly as you give into this ministry