

ROCK OF AGES MINISTRIES

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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Dear Praying Friends,

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"Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them" (Psalm 119:165). What a great verse given to all who choose to live in the presence of the Almighty God. No need to doubt Him when you trust Him! *"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it"* (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

The fall of 2018 has been a whirlwind! The LORD directed my steps to the National Baptist Fellowship in Melbourne, Australia in late September. From there I traveled to New Zealand where I once again had the privilege of preaching in the Christchurch Men's Prison. The men presented me with a beautiful handcrafted plaque that reads, "God is Good" in both English and the Māori Language. **Two men gave their lives to Christ in the service!** I am thankful for our partnership with Rebuilders Bible Baptist Church. They continue to go into the prison three times a month. All Glory to His Name!

While in the airport, waiting for my flight from Melbourne to New Zealand, my darling wife called with the news that her brother Butch had lost his battle with cancer. We both agreed that he would not want me to change my plans for the remainder of my trip. We rejoice in the fact that Butch was a born-again Christian!

From New Zealand, I would make my way back to my home state of Ohio. The LORD gave me a wonderful week or so with my darling mother before she crossed over into glory! Mom was an incredible Christian lady. As a young mother of three, she told the LORD she would read her Bible through every year. At the time of her crossing, she had successfully read His Precious Word from cover to cover over 50 times! I was privileged to preach her funeral on October 30. I told my mom that I would magnify the Saviour and notify the sinner, and that I did! October 30, 2018 was a day that God proved His Words found in 2 Corinthians 12:9, *"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."* His strength got me through one of the weakest times of my life! Heaven truly is a sweeter place!

The very next day after Mom's funeral, I boarded an airplane for Papua New Guinea (PNG). The LORD allowed me the privilege to preach in the Buimo Prison in Lae. I wish you could have seen the look on each inmate's face when I told them that we were providing a copy of God's Word to every inmate in PNG! They all began to clap and praise God! The best part of the service was when **seven men called on Christ!**

The *Iron Sharpeneth Iron Conference* at Tent City Independent Baptist Church was wonderful! Pastor Michael Saka has truly been used of God! The congregation included many preachers who were saved, trained and sent out of his church. The people were encouraged and challenged by all the messages. We started the ground work for our partnership with a few men in the church. Brother Hosea Wallum was my driver and now serves as our ground man. He has a burden to help us reach the inmates for the good of the sinner and the glory of the Saviour! The container of Bibles has arrived; we are making arrangements to send Bibles to every prison in the country via the local church. Please continue to pray with me that the remainder of funds needed to finish this container project will come in. There have been four churches that have helped with this project. Several individuals gave sacrificially, including a missionary who gave \$2000.00! *"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account"* (Philippians 4:17). The preachers are in great need of Gospel literature in this nation! Please pray and help!

I pray that each and every one of you will enjoy your families during the 2018 Holiday Season. LORD willing, our family will gather together at Dad's for Christmas. **Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for all the prayers and financial support that makes our ministry successful! God bless!**

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