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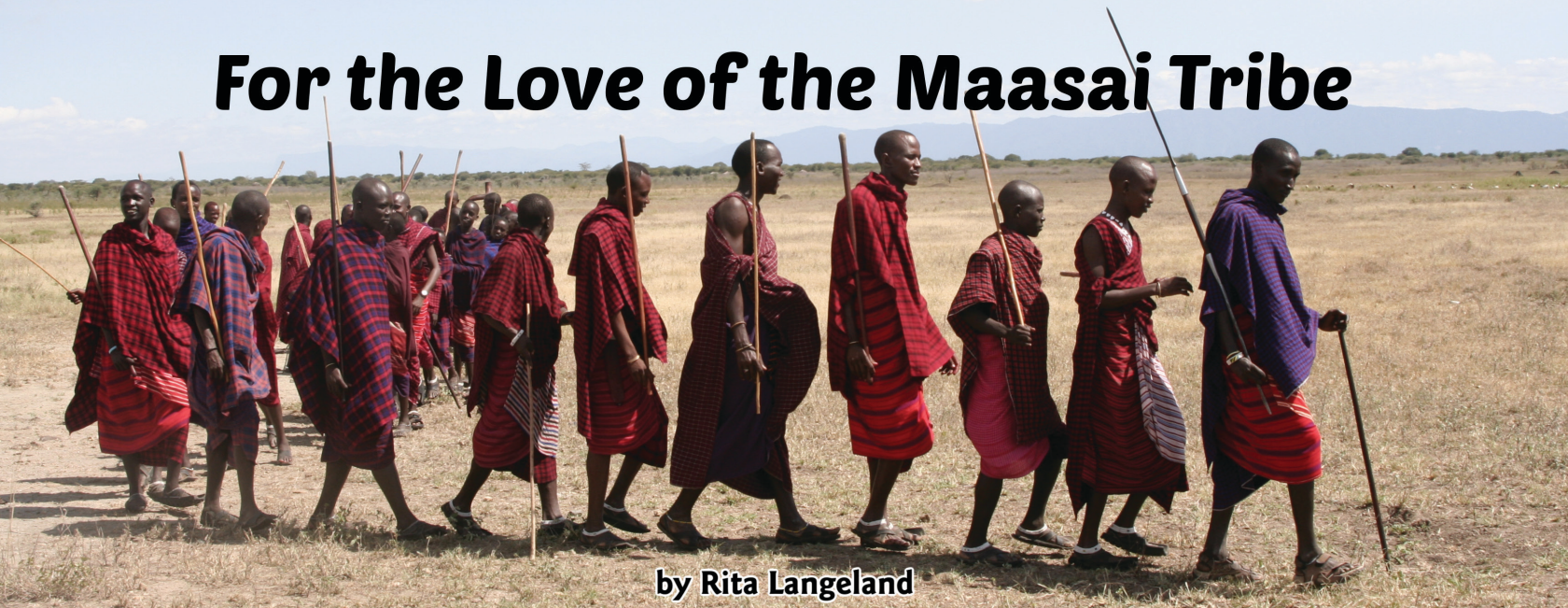
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For the Love of the Maasai Tribe



by Rita Langeland

After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe and people and language, standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes and held palm branches in their hands...

Revelation 7:9 NLT

The Bible verse above clearly states that at the end of time souls from **“every nation and tribe and people and language”** will be gathered in front of God’s throne. These will be people who responded to the message of the Gospel the Good News that God’s love and forgiveness is offered freely to all who will believe it.

But Jesus gave us – His followers – the assignment to **“Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”** (Mark 16:15 NLT) This is what motivates Hidden with Christ Ministries to continue to minister to the Maasai tribe in Tanzania. We long to see them standing before the throne of God clothed in white robes!

During the month of October (thanks to our generous donors) we delivered 50 Maasai language Bibles to a church in Esilalei village in Tanzania. We desire to bring an equal number of Maasai language AUDIO Bibles to the church, because many of the older members cannot read their own language, having never been given the opportunity to attend school as children. These audio Bibles are solar powered so they can be used in the village where there is no electricity available to charge a battery. Consider a donation to purchase solar powered audio Bibles for the Maasai!

Another great blessing occurred in the month of October for the Maasai tribe in Esilalei village. A mission team from Regeneration Nashville – a church in Nashville, Tennessee, came to put on a Women’s Seminar. It was a powerful time of teaching, encouragement, prayer and ministry time for the Maasai women. Many tears were shed during the two days the Nashville team ministered. Traditional Maasai tribalists hold the opinion that women are less valuable than the tribe’s cattle. Yet through this seminar, the women were told of their value to God and of His great love for them. (Please read the full report and see photos on pages 11-12)

During the Sunday service, I was drawn to speak with an elderly gentleman. I had observed that he paid close attention to all that was said by the guest speakers, yet in my heart, I wondered if he had ever surrendered his life to Christ. When the service ended, I approached him and through an interpreter, we had a long conversation.

His name is Osekeri, and his photo graces the cover of this Magazine. He admitted that though he considers himself a “member” of the Esilalei church, he had never surrendered his life to Christ. (I wonder how many church attenders in the USA would admit the same?) He explained how during his lifetime he had tried both the witchdoctors, and the Maasai “gods” of the mountain, but had come to realize that the only truth was found in Jesus. Yet he hesitated to make a full commitment to the Lord, waiting and hoping that his entire family would join him in becoming a Christian. He also explained that he knew he would have to walk away from the unbiblical practices of the Maasai culture which had been a part of his life for many decades. For these reasons, he kept putting off making a full surrender to Christ.

I pleaded with him not to wait for anyone else – but instead to give his life to the Lord that very day. He hesitated, then asked me when I was returning to Esilalei village. When I told him “in November,” He promised he would prepare himself and give his life fully to God even if no one joined him, upon my return. I told him I would pray that he would live until that day.

Will you pray with me for Osekeri – and for the Maasai tribe? God loves them so much and longs for them to join Him in the beautiful courts of heaven for all eternity.

From Hopeless to Hopeful...

ESUPATI'S STORY

by Faith Kaluse
Administrator
Hidden with Christ Ministries
Moshi, Tanzania

I will ... transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope.

Hosea 2:15a NLT

Esupati was born on December 10, 2006, in the Maasai village of Esilalei, in the Lake Manyara Region in Tanzania. Growing up as the firstborn among seven children in a traditional Maasai household, her life has been shaped by both the powerful traditions of her culture and the deep challenges it can bring, especially for girls. Her father is a drunkard and a Maasai traditionalist with two wives. He saw little value in educating girls, though Tanzanian laws mandate it. He firmly believed that his daughters should marry young, and by doing so bring dowries of cattle to the family. Esupati's mother courageously fought against those beliefs, hoping to give her daughter a chance to be educated.

Esupati's journey has not been an easy one. Her father planned to marry her off after she completed primary school (7th grade) hoping to benefit from the dowry of cattle that he would receive. But her mother, who recognized her daughter's potential, refused to allow it. With her mother's steadfast support, Esupati completed her secondary education in

2023, excelling academically and earning the opportunity to attend a government college. However, the weight of financial barriers threatened her dreams once again, as her mother couldn't afford to take care of Esupati's six siblings and find money to pay for her college fees and expenses.



A Maasai hut in Esupati's village

Seeing a window of opportunity, her father quickly revived his plans to marry her off. He arranged for Esupati's marriage to a man unknown to her, a path that would strip her of any chance to realize her dreams. He verbally abused Esupati day and night and threatened her with bodily harm if she did not agree to

go through with the arranged marriage. She greatly feared her father and was quickly becoming hopeless about her circumstances. When Hidden with Christ Ministries learned about Esupati's situation, we stepped in to protect her from a forced marriage and give her a chance to receive an education.

Utilizing the ministry's Transition House in Moshi (which was originally set up to give our TOA orphaned girls a place to "come home to" during semester breaks from college) Esupati was provided a safe place to live while attending classes. Today, Esupati is preparing for college by studying English and computer skills. She's determined to give back to her Maasai community through her education and is ready to support her mother and inspire her younger siblings, especially her sisters, to pursue their dreams.

Esupati's story is a powerful testament to resilience, courage, and the need for change. To create lasting impact, Hidden with Christ Ministries is working to secure more support for the Treasures of Africa Education Fund, which sponsors the education of orphans and vulnerable children, like Esupati. Through this program, donors can help Esupati fulfill her ambitions, break generational cycles of early marriage, and become a beacon of hope for other Maasai girls.



Esupati

By supporting Esupati, you can help unlock her potential and light the path for more girls in Maasai communities like Esilalei. Every contribution helps bring her closer to a life filled with opportunities to uplift herself, her family, and her village. Together, let's empower Esupati and other girls like her to become the future leaders their communities need.



Treasures of Africa Transition House in Moshi, Tanzania

*Please consider becoming a monthly donor to the
Treasures of Africa Education Fund.*

www.treasuresofafrica.org

A SEASON OF CHANGE

For Our TOA KIDZ

***See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.***

Isaiah 43:19 NIV

Autumn is a beautiful season displaying an array of brilliant colors on the trees in North America. It is a time when change can be tangibly felt in the air – from cooling temperatures to early sunsets.

In Tanzania, the nation's proximity to the Equator inhibits the seasonal changes we are so familiar with in the USA. Yet the last quarter of the calendar year brings much change to students in the Kiswahili speaking nation. It is the time of completion for students finishing Primary school (7th grade) and the time of new beginnings for aspiring college students.

In 2024 our Treasures of Africa KIDZ project funded the education of 60 Tanzanian students from Preschool to Graduate school! This Fall, we saw the graduation of three students from Primary School. All have been educated since first grade by the generous donors of Hidden with Christ Ministries. Samuel, Michael and Christina graduated from L. Vincent Primary School, a respected private English-medium boarding school in the city of Arusha. That important milestone prepares them for the next academic level, Secondary School, which they will begin in January 2025.

This Fall also brought exciting and life-altering changes to two special young ladies, Lucy and Esther, who both have big dreams for their futures.



**Primary School Grads
Christina, Michael and Samuel**

Lucy, who recently turned 20, came to live at Treasures of Africa Children's Home when she was five years old. Her mother had died and her father, an itinerant fisherman along the shores of a lake called Nyumba ya Mungu, (the House of God) had failing health and no money to send her to school. Lucy's younger sister, Justina, had come to live at Treasures as a 12-month-old toddler, immediately after their mother's death. The two sisters were reunited a few years later, when Lucy moved to Treasures of Africa Children's Home. Both girls started school and received their entire Primary School and Secondary School education provided by the generosity of donors to Hidden with Christ Ministries/Treasures of Africa Education Fund.



Lucy Begins a New Season

Lucy is a friendly girl with a winning smile. Since she was quite young, Lucy expressed interest in becoming a tour guide who shows the beauty of Tanzania to tourists from around the world. She has a great personality for the Tourism industry and loves to take photos. She hopes she can become a Wildlife photographer as well. Tourism is one of the major industries in the nation of Tanzania.

After graduating from Secondary School, Lucy applied to and was accepted into the well-respected College of African Wildlife Management, Mweka. This college attracts students from many East Africa nations and trains its students in both Wildlife Conservation and Tourism Management. Lucy began her classes in mid-October. This course of study is challenging, and we will appreciate prayers for Lucy to have success as she studies. She has begun her next stage of life, and we are so grateful to all who



have contributed over the years to our Treasures of Africa Education Fund, and helped bring Lucy this far! Lucy does not have a current sponsor, so perhaps you may consider becoming a sponsor for this precious young lady.

Esther's journey began in a mud hut in a rural Maasai village in Tanzania. She is not an orphan but has a traumatic story that was shared in the May 2024 issue of the Victory Magazine, in an article entitled, "A Story of Impossible Forgiveness."

Her father is a "traditionalist" among the Maasai tribe. He holds to an age-old Maasai tradition of selling daughters for marriage at a very young age in exchange for cows. He also does not believe in education for girls. Though Tanzanian law requires the Maasai to educate all their children, he was not in agreement. To avoid jail time, he "allowed" his daughter Esther to attend Primary School (grades 1 to 7) but fully intended for her to be sold off when she finished 7th grade. Conversely, Esther's mother wanted to see her daughter educated to the highest level possible. She hoped that Esther could receive what women in her generation were never allowed to even dream about. Esther was enabled to go on to Secondary School and she graduated. But the man who had already paid the cows for Esther's hand in marriage was getting very impatient, and took extreme (ungodly and illegal) measures in an attempt to ensure Esther would become his wife.

Through the intervention of a Maasai Pastor, Esther's story took a dramatic turn for the better! Hidden with Christ Ministries was apprised of Esther's situation and accepted her into our girls' Transition House in the city of Moshi. There Esther was perfectly safe. She began 3 months of classes in English and computer training to help prepare her for college. Our HWCM Administrator in Moshi, Faith Kaluse, helped Esther apply for the College of Social Work, and she was accepted. In Mid-October, Esther started her college classes. Her dream is to become a Social Worker and help other Maasai girls escape the bondage of child marriages, illegal female circumcision practices and receive an education. Please pray for Esther. She has a great dream and a long road ahead to get there.



Esther's first day on her college campus

You can help us educate orphaned and vulnerable children in Tanzania by donating through our website:

www.treasuresofafrica.org

UPDATE

Treasures of Africa KIDZ Project

When Hidden with Christ Ministries moved the children from the orphanage (Treasures of Africa Children's Home) in Moshi, Tanzania into foster families back in 2021, our education sponsorship took a dramatic turn. We were already fully sponsoring all education expenses for the 25 children living at Treasures of Africa Children's Home at the time, PLUS those who had "aged out" (18+ years) and were attending various vocational schools and colleges. We then took on 25 more children belonging to the foster families, to help those who were giving a home to our TOA children. Our education costs soared as we suddenly were fully sponsoring more than 50 students in Tanzania through our newly minted TOA KIDZ Project.

This year, 2024, we sponsored a total of 60 students. In addition to the original "Treasures children," we added orphans who never lived at Treasures of Africa. But most of the newly added students were not orphans but needy children who would have been forced to drop out of school without the support of the TOA KIDZ Project. Full education sponsorship includes school fees, school supplies, books, lunch costs, school transportation and boarding school fees for those in Secondary School and above.

The breakdown of the grade levels of our sponsored students during 2024 is as follows:

PRESCHOOL: 4 students

FIRST GRADE: 3 students

SECOND GRADE: 4 students

THIRD GRADE: 2 students

FOURTH GRADE: 3 students

FIFTH GRADE: 4 students

SIXTH GRADE: 2 students

SEVENTH GRADE: 4 students

SECONDARY SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL: 8 students

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL: 3 students

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: 23 students

The photos you see here are a sampling of our students as we cannot fit all 60 photos in this Magazine article. But we believe you can see in their beautiful faces the hope you have given to children in Tanzania through your generosity to the Treasures of Africa KIDZ Project!!



Adam - Preschool



Mark Thomas
Preshool



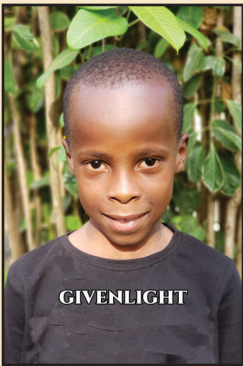
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Baraka - Grade 1



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Grade 2



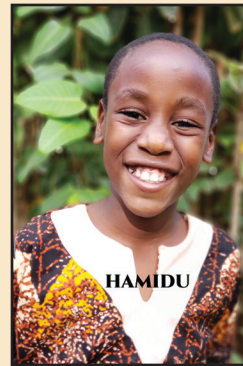
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Hamidu - Grade 5



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Secondary School



Brian
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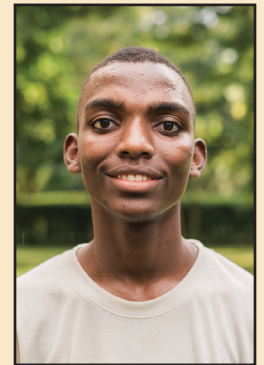
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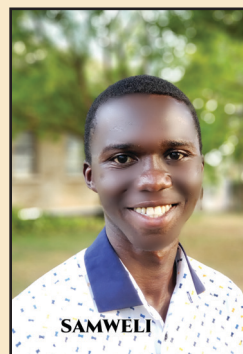
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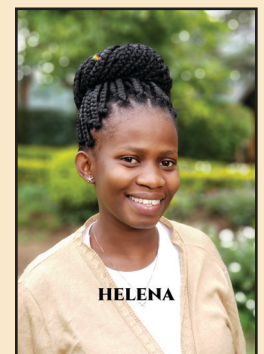
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Tour Guiding



Nyerere
Business College



Samweli
Medical College



Helena
Pharmacy Studies

*Wishing you
and your family...*

**A Very
Blessed
Thanksgiving**

We are thankful!

I thank my God for you every time
I think of you; and every time I
pray for you all, I pray with joy
because of the way in which you
have helped (us) in the work of
the gospel from the very first day
until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

*Thank you for your
generosity during 2024!!*

Sharing God's Love In the Land of the Maasai

by Pastor Jasmine Brady
Regeneration Nashville Church

After months of planning, countless prayers, and thousands of miles, our time had finally come to step out of the comforts of the West and into the profound and life-changing experience God had set before us.

Flying over Mt. Kilimanjaro just before arrival in Tanzania felt like ascending Mt. Zion. One couldn't help but sense that God's presence had gone before us and was awaiting our arrival. Immediately, we were met with smiles and tears of joy from our mission team lead, Christina Oberst, along with Mama Rita and her incredible team from Hidden With Christ Ministries. We embraced and rejoiced that the Lord had brought us together for His purposes on the other side of the world, and we immediately got to work!

Before leaving for Tanzania, I knew little, if anything, about the Maasai people. But as we drove out toward the place we would be ministering, we saw the Maasai herding their animals near mud huts in the distance. I wasn't sure what to



Pastor Candy Christmas from Regeneration Nashville meets Pastor Zablon and Pastor Stephen in front of the Esilalei church in Tanzania



expect as I prepared to preach **Pastor Jasmine preaching with a Maasai Translator**

to a people group as foreign to me as I'm sure I was to them. But the Lord quickly reminded me that through Him, "all nations will be blessed," and His Spirit knows no boundaries. Although the simple church building was nothing the modern church in the States would desire, it was filled with the type of people for which Western preachers long: people hungry for God. Maasai women walked for hours with their children, hoping to find a seat in the crowd, desperate for a touch from the Master.



Women's Ministry leader Pastor Cheryl Elliott teaching at the Women's Conference

also being transformed. We ended the weekend with a beautiful baptism service, where the community gathered and celebrated all that God had done.

We sang and shared God's Word with passion and conviction, but it was clear that Pastor Zablon's and Mama Rita's efforts had long before laid the groundwork for our visit. When we gave the invitation, the Maasai women filled the altars, fell on their faces, and cried out to Jesus. Teardrops covered the dusty concrete floor, and although we didn't speak the same language, we knew the same Jesus. Peeking between the floor and their mother's chest, you could see the tiny heads of precious Maasai babies. I knew, at that moment, that lives were being changed, and destinies of future generations were



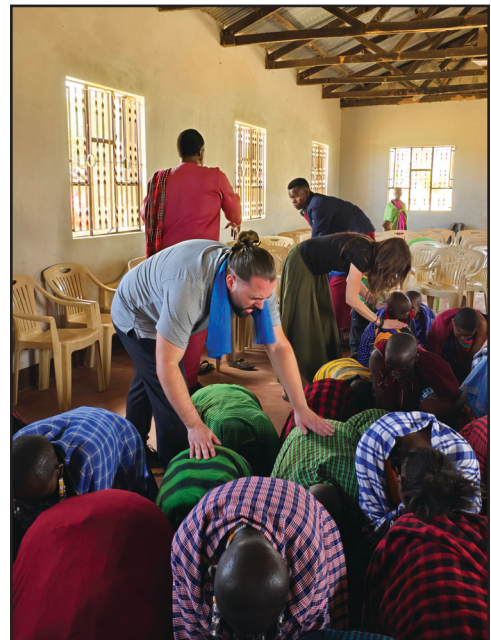
RGN missions team ministering (left-Pastor Candy; center-Sara Beeler)



Maasai women crying out to God

Hidden with Christ Ministries by joining them in financial support. Love the Maasai of Tanzania, by praying for them and planning a visit. Most of all, love Jesus and ask Him how you can better serve Him. God is good all the time, and I pray you experience His love and goodness in a fresh way.

This trip was a great testament to the fact that God's love transcends cultural and language barriers. People cannot resist God's love, no matter who they are, where they live, or what language they speak. When we simply love people, hearts melt in the light of His love, and things begin to change. Friend, let me encourage you to love today.



Pastor Nicholas Christmas and Christina Oberst praying for those requesting prayer in Maasai church



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

by Mary Holt

Operations Manager

Hidden with Christ Ministries

This Victory Magazine comes to you as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving in the United States, closely followed by Christmas. What a beautiful picture of having a heart full of gratitude while we are turning our attention toward the ultimate gift of generosity – the birth of Jesus Christ. With this in mind, we at HWCM and TOA KIDZ express our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your generosity of giving, prayers and encouragement year after year.

Almost one year ago, my husband and I and our mission team from River City Church in Arizona, were excitedly packing our suitcases full of school backpacks and candy to take to Tanzania. We were going to personally deliver them and attend the Annual TOA KIDZ Christmas Reunion banquet! Once we arrived in Moshi, Tanzania, we filled the backpacks with school supplies and stockings with candy. We prepared parcels with food staples for the foster families who lovingly and sacrificially open their homes to our TOA students. Parcels were also given to the poor in the community.

On the day of the banquet, our team joined TOA staff and college students in decorating the banquet room with joyful anticipation of blessing the families, meeting the children, and hearing several college students share inspiring testimonies of their accomplishments and God's faithfulness. The highlight for my husband and me was meeting the young man we have sponsored for many years!

What I have described above is not just a reflection of fun memories. It is the accounting of lives that have been transformed through your financial generosity and prayers! Over the past year, you have read articles describing the work of HWCM Rehema (mercy) Projects providing needed resources to the elderly and vulnerable in the community, and to more than 800 prisoners, along with hope-filled stories of some of the students that the TOA KIDZ Project fully sponsors for their education. This Christmas season we have the opportunity to once again bless the "least of these" in Tanzania.

We invite you to make a donation of any size toward our 2024 Christmas Outreach in Tanzania.

- ❖ **The Christmas Banquet for TOA KIDZ and families: \$1850 needed**
- ❖ **Christmas stockings full of school supplies and candy: \$600 needed**
- ❖ **New School backpacks for all our TOA KIDZ students: \$850 needed**
- ❖ **Christmas food parcels for foster families & the poor: \$2,250 needed**
- ❖ **Christmas Rehema project in Moshi, Tanzania for 800+ prisoners: \$4,200 needed**

Thank you for your heart for the children and the people of Tanzania!



A group of TOA KIDZ waiting for the Christmas banquet to begin in December 2023

When Trouble Knocks on Your Door

BY
RITA LANGELAND

Being a follower of Christ does not exempt a person from the difficulties of life. This can be easily confirmed by doing a little research into the lives of the first disciples of Jesus. Every one of the twelve apostles (with the exception of the traitor, Judas) faced many hardships while following the Lord, and were eventually martyred for their faith. Jesus had forewarned them, ***“Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”*** (John 16:33b NLT) So we should not be surprised or angry when we face difficulties, but instead ask the Lord for the strategy to deal wisely with each situation.

The Bible promises that those who pursue God, His word and His ways, will receive wisdom, grace and God’s help to handle whatever the world and the devil may throw at them. As darkness increases in the earth, it is critical that Christians understand this and know how to access and operate the “weapons of our warfare” (2 Cor. 10:4) that God has provided.

Isaiah prophesied about the coming darkness when he wrote: ***For behold, darkness will cover the earth And deep darkness the peoples...***(Isaiah 60:2 NASB) If we are ignorant of the spiritual weapons that God has made available to His followers, we will be swallowed up in the darkness that will soon overtake the earth, and will react to the coming crises in the same manner as those who have no relationship with God.

The first weapon I will cover in this series will seem like a simple one. Yet it is not easy to employ because it is NOT the NATURAL RESPONSE of human beings when trouble knocks on their door.

What is the NATURAL RESPONSE to a crisis?

- 1) Shock (What is happening to me???)
- 2) Fear/Anxiety (This is terrible but what if this gets worse???)
- 3) Anger (Why is this happening???)
- 4) Finding someone to BLAME (Who caused this???)
- 5) Using the natural mind to try to find a way out

Though these five responses to crisis are very common, God has called His followers to walk in the Spirit and not in the natural manner that is common to unbelievers. We are to use spiritual weapons as we face difficulties. What spiritual weapon can we use in our time of crisis?

The first weapon I am recommending is the weapon of PRAISE to GOD. What is praise? It is simply verbally acknowledging the goodness and power of God in prayer or song. This is NOT the first response of most people to trouble or crisis. But if you will undertake to persistently practice using this weapon until it is your FIRST response to trouble, you can have the same results we see in the Bible!

We can find examples of the use of this spiritual weapon in both the Old and New Testaments. In both cases, the results were the same - supernatural victories were won.

If you will choose to praise God the moment trouble knocks on your door, you will discover that doing so moves you into a position where God can undertake on your behalf. The key is to understand that you are not praising God FOR the problem – you are praising Him because He is well able to deliver you FROM the problem!

In Second Chronicles 20:1-27, we find the account of King Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah being confronted by a coalition of three enemy armies who were ready to invade their land. Their military resources were clearly outnumbered, and they faced an impossible situation. Are you in an impossible situation in your life? Then you need to consider the unusual response to a national crisis that King Jehoshaphat chose.

First, the king had everyone pray and seek the Lord for direction. Then God told them to start singing and praising Him. So, the king ordered that the singers be sent ahead of the army. The Bible tells us **“When they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the three armies who had come against Judah, and they were defeated!”** (2 CHRON. 20:22) The only military strategy that was employed in that huge battle was the weapon of praise! And that brought supernatural victory over an insurmountable problem. That strategy required faith. Praising God in the face of your crisis and refusing to use fleshly efforts to try to fix it will require great faith on your part. But it will release the power of God over your problem!

The apostle Paul and his companion Silas also found themselves in deep trouble. They were attacked by a mob, falsely accused and dragged to prison where they were chained in leg irons just for preaching the Gospel. They had no way of getting themselves out of that painful situation. Only God and the jailer even knew where they were. In that damp, dark, rat-infested cell, they employed the same spiritual strategy that King Jehoshaphat had used centuries earlier. They began singing praises to God in the midst of trouble.

Acts chapter 16 records this amazing story. Both their fellow prisoners and the jailer heard them singing praises to God. They were bruised, battered and bleeding yet they chose praising God over weeping, whining or complaining. God’s response was to send an earthquake that opened the prison doors and caused their chains to fall off! But that miracle wasn’t the only result. Their jailer was so amazed by what he saw – he begged Paul to tell him how he could be saved. In the end, the jailer and his household were saved and baptized that same night.

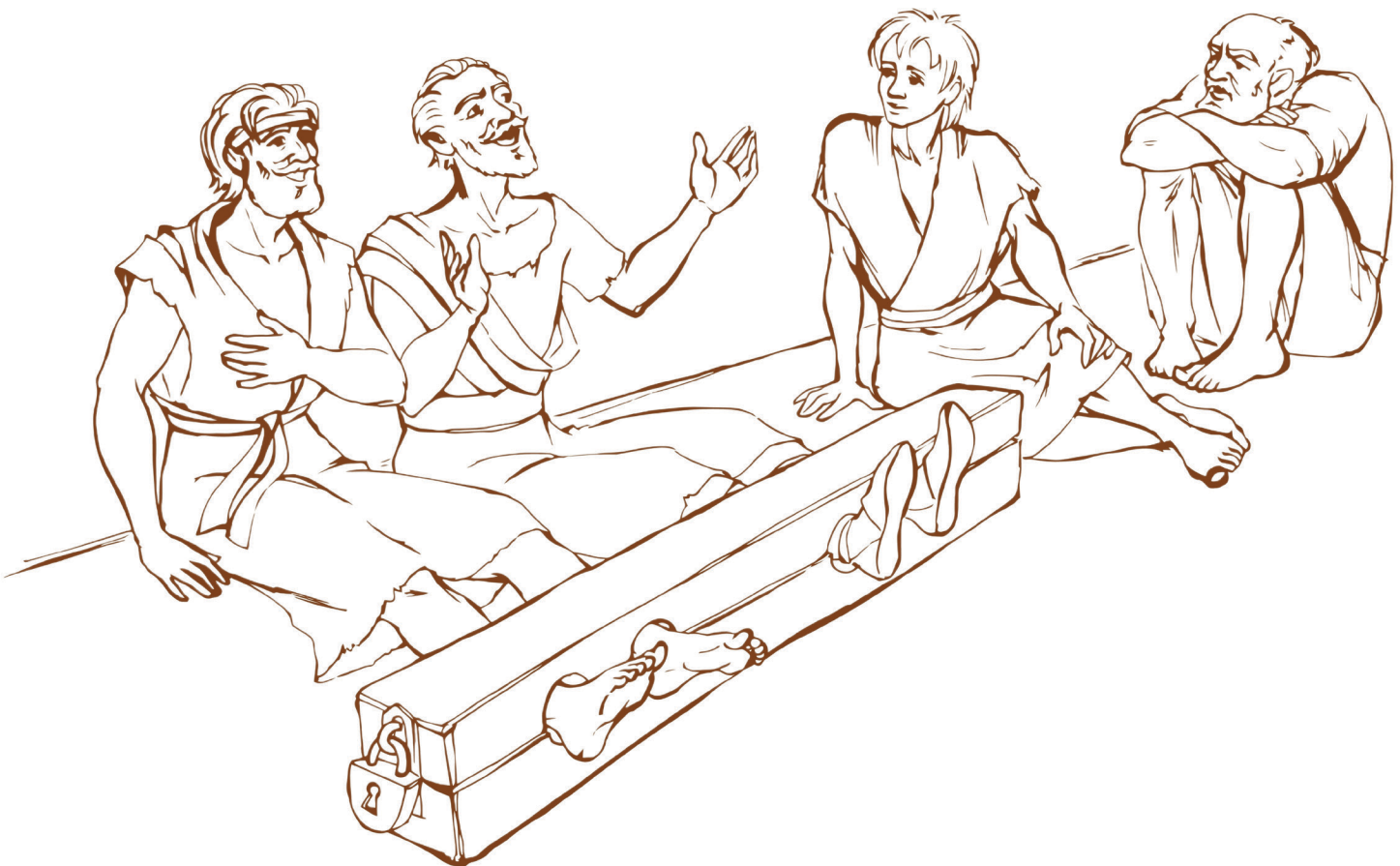
Your godly response to trouble and difficulties will not only bring God’s power on the scene to work on your behalf – but it can be used by God to bring others to the Lord.

As the End-times grow worse and worse, people will be watching your life closely. If you, as a Christian, respond the same way the rest of the world responds to the hardships coming on the earth, unbelievers will conclude there is nothing of value to your religious beliefs. Sadly, your life will look just like theirs and no help from heaven will appear on the scene. In addition, the state of the world will continue to deteriorate into a selfish environment characterized by the attitude "every man for himself."

While watching the gymnasts who competed in the last Olympic games, I thought about how they practiced for hours each day to train their bodies to do what was unnatural for them. Vaulting off a balance beam while twisting in mid-air before landing on two feet is not natural! It requires incredible focus, desire and perseverance to accomplish that feat. And so it is with our use of the spiritual weapon of praise when faced with trouble that would more naturally elicit a response of fear.

Using the "unnatural" spiritual weapon of praise when trouble knocks on your door takes both faith (an intentional choice to focus on the promises of God's Word) and perseverance. But doing so will change everything!

Lord, I thank you for loving me and promising to never leave me. I choose to praise you today because you possess all wisdom and knowledge of the situation I am facing, and I believe you are more than able to rescue me from this trouble. Thank you for moving mountains on my behalf and giving me a testimony to share with others of "the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" according to Psalm 27:13.



Praying into the Future

of Hidden with Christ Ministries

Looking back over 24 years of ministry in the USA and Africa, we are amazed and grateful for ALL that God has done. But we have learned that the Lord loves to continue to challenge us to believe Him for more to be done in the earth to bless people and lead them to Him before He returns.

There are two MAJOR projects that the Lord has instructed us to contend for by faith. We are asking you to join your faith with ours and pray these into existence!

TREASURES OF AFRICA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY


This will be a Secondary School in Tanzania with a Biblical worldview and a Leadership Training emphasis embedded throughout the curriculum for the purpose of raising up godly leaders for the nation. Hidden with Christ Ministries already owns the land, we have the architectural plans nearly completed and we have received the government approval to build. Having sent children to school in Tanzania for a decade and a half, we can tell you unequivocally that such a school is desperately needed. We have had Tanzanian leaders tell us they would send their children to our school the day it opens. Orphans will attend the school without cost, and we will collect school fees from other students to provide the operating expenses. Pray with us for an influx of funds to enable us to begin building.

WILDWOOD CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

For the past six and a half years we have been praying into this vision. Before we shared it with anyone, a pastor friend from Florida called and shared a dream he had about us starting this project. It gave us the confirmation and confidence to share it widely and ask for prayer. The vision is of a Christian Retreat/Conference center located in a beautifully wooded and rural location where believers could step away from the busyness of life to pray and receive Biblical teaching and ministry. The components would include a prayer center, a conference center, a place for missionaries to rest on furlough when they come off the mission field and a center for Inner Healing ministry. Though we have not received a "word from the Lord" about the geographic location, we recently were introduced to a property for sale in the eastern part of the state of Washington. It has 900 acres, 2 large lakes, and many excellent buildings which would allow us to begin the ministry immediately without having to build. It also has off-the-grid capability and five wells for an independent water supply. Pray with us as we seek confirmation as to whether this is the property where God wants HWCM to develop Wildwood.

We will not go into debt for either of these projects but instead we will trust God to provide the funds every step of the way.

Will you pray with us?



May the Lord answer you
in the day of trouble;
May the name of the God
of Jacob defend you;
May He send you help
from the sanctuary,
And strengthen you
out of Zion;
May He remember
all your offerings....

Psalm 20:1-3