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Blessed Happy Thanksgiving Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus! It is so hard for me to believe that Thanksgiving Day is here again in America, and yes, even to think that the Christmas season is here as well. JoAnne and I sincerely want to wish you and your family and friends a wonderful Christ-exalting Thanksgiving Season celebration. Truly, this is a very special time for every child of God in America as we offer our Thanksgiving to God for allowing us to live in this great country, even with so much evil and vicious conflict that is going on right now.

When we think of Thanksgiving Day, we must remember the origin of this great day of celebration, and we must make sure that our children and grandchildren are taught to remember the true meaning of this special time of the year.

"Thanksgiving is a national holiday in the United States, celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. It originated as a harvest festival. Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, with a proclamation by George Washington, after a request by Congress. Thomas Jefferson (who was a Deist, and not a Christian) chose not to observe the holiday, and its celebration was intermittent until the presidency of Abraham Lincoln, when Thanksgiving became a federal

holiday in 1863, during the American Civil War. Lincoln proclaimed a national day of 'Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwells in the Heavens,' to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November."

"The event that Americans commonly call the 'First Thanksgiving' was celebrated by the Pilgrims after their first harvest in the New World in October 1621. This feast lasted three days, and—as accounted by attendee Edward Wilson—it was attended by 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims."

Friends, Thanksgiving is a very special time of the year for every American who has been blessed to live in this country, but for those of us who have genuinely been saved by the blood of Jesus Christ, it is truly a time to reflect upon the goodness of God because He has blessed us in so many ways. Of course, the main ways are that we are permitted to be His children, live in His family, grow and develop in our relationship with Him, and to know that if we should die, we are going to awake up in heaven.

Jo Anne and I were just talking a short time back about how so many of the obituaries that we read in the paper list the names of many people that we have known, that we have pastored and led, that we have worked with in the Kingdom of God, and that we have tried to minister to in so many ways. Then, we see the names of so many preacher friends and faithful servants of God, who have just left the scene to go on that final journey to heaven. These obituary lists grew enormously during the Covid Pandemic; even with GIMI losing our Uganda Director, Rev. William SSentumbwe, and his wife, Florence. I must tell you that all of these dear friends passing on make this life so much lonelier because these precious people have left us. Yet, we do hold firmly to the hope that one day, probably very soon, we will see all of them again as we enjoy the reunion in the presence of Jesus!



**"The Angels Are Rejoicing Because Jesus Has Come!!!!"**





## "Christmas Last Year At Shiloh Hills Children's Home"

### Have A Wonderful Christ-Centered Christmas!

Beloved GIMI Team Members, Field Workers, Prayer Warriors and Financial Contributors; in view of the fact that our newsletter covers two months of our activities, I want to take this privilege to offer to you and all your family members a personal prayer from my wife, JoAnne, and me, that you might have the greatest Christ-Centered Christmas this year that you have ever had! I do know that we are living in a very troubled time with horrible things happening all around us here in America, there in Africa, also, there in the warn-torn Ukraine, and especially, in God's chosen nation, Israel.

I have written another manuscript sermon for Christmas given to us by God through the Prophet Isaiah in **Isaiah 9:6-7**. When God told Isaiah to write and tell the entire world about the coming Messiah and His ultimate victory and the setting up of His Kingdom here on earth during the millennial reign, He was sending us a tremendous promise to let us know that even with the entire world in much chaos, there is coming a day when King Jesus shall bring complete peace and serenity to this earth. May I tell you that because we have had the Prophet Isaiah and other prophets tell us about the coming Savior and King, and, because of the fulfillment about the coming Messiah via the Christ Child, we surely have a genuine reason to celebrate His birthday this Christmas.

So, I do hope and pray that each of you GIMI Field Workers, Prayer Warriors, Financial Contributors, and all of your friends, will have a Christmas preeminent with Christ's power and presence this year. In fact, my wife and I are praying that you will have the greatest Christmas celebration you have ever had. And, we do pray that while you are swapping gifts this year, please spend much time in thanking God for the Gift of His dear Son to all humanity if he or she will accept it by faith!

## **Will You Please Help Us Share The Christmas Story With Literally Thousands Of Prisoners, Orphans, Widows, School Students, Refugees, Suffering People in Africa, In War-Torn Ukraine, And Here In America?**

Most of you know that my dear wife and I have been working in Africa for almost 40 years (Since 1985). I can't remember any Christmas when we did not do our best to raise thousands and thousands of dollars in order to share Jesus with millions of people in Africa, in the Ukraine, and here in America. We have been successful in seeing thousands come to Christ in all of our countries. We have been able to provide thousands of Bibles, Bible booklets, new convert materials, and on and on I could go! With the help of Samaritan's Purse in Boone, N.C., (many years ago), providing some wonderful hospital refurbishment, we have been able to restore three prison hospitals in Africa. In addition, with the help of so many of God's people as individuals, in churches, in businesses, and in other organizations, God has provided for us. God's provision helps alleviate so much suffering caused by; the economy, wars, terrorist attacks, the Covid Pandemic, a volcano eruption, the death and imprisonment of husbands leaving widows and children behind, drought after drought, and flood after flood. Several of our African workers' family members, the families of our very own pastors who died in accidents in several of our countries, and millions of people have been blessed by your giving. **God has truly blessed! There is so much more that needs to be done! SO, WILL YOU PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE THIS GREAT MINISTRY THIS CHRISTMAS? I sincerely hope you can help us! I promise you that if you will, Jesus will tremendously bless you over and over (Matthew 10:42).**

### **THE COWS ARE COMING ONCE AGAIN!**

A number of you that are GIMI Team Members and Friends know that for many years that GIMI has bought hundreds of beef cows (Most from the Uganda prison farms) to provide meat for the prisoners in Uganda on Christmas Day. We inherited this wonderful meat provision project from our Predecessors, Mickey and Alice Parrish, (who are now up in heaven with Jesus), who started this great ministry while living in Jacksonville, Florida. And, it was while my family and I were living in Jacksonville, where I was trying to complete my seminary education. It was down there that I began working in prisons with brother Mickey, Jim Williams, and several others from the then great First Baptist Church. You might say I was broken in well because they took me straight to death row where I began to share Christ with a few "unknown prisoners, like David Washington, Ted Bundy, and many other condemned prisoners. This was the beginning of mine and my wife's 48 years in the ministry for prisoners.

Now, let me get back to the cows! Two years ago, we were not able to buy the cows in Uganda due to the herds of cows having Foot and Mouth disease. So, we provided many other wonderful Christmas gifts in all of our countries during that year. And, because so many of you, our friends and supporters, helped us so generously, we were able to spend over \$100,000 to help meet the needs of several thousand people who would have had no Christmas, and a huge number of people in our 12 countries would not have had food to eat or medicine to help heal their sicknesses. I want to give you

a list of some of the hundreds of items we purchased for Christmas. Because of your faithful and generous support, we were able to purchase a huge amount of Christmas food, blankets, clothing, medicine, and, a lot of small gifts for those who are suffering so much daily. Also, because of your eternal investment in the ministry, we were able to provide some small gifts for our 50 plus field workers, who do a super job sharing the Gospel to thousands of people, and also, are helping minister to so many hurting and suffering people.

Yes, two years back when we could not buy the cows, we were able to purchase a huge number of gifts and other necessary items. Then, last year, we were able to purchase over 50 cows to help feed the suffering prisoners in Uganda. We bought these cows, and yes, thousands of other humanitarian items to minister to all of the people we are daily trying to minister to in all of our countries.

### **"WE BEG YOU TO HELP US ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR!"**

Last year, we purchased somewhere around 50 cows. This year, we believe the cost will be between \$300-\$350 per cow, but I promise you that we are now negotiating the cost of these much-needed animals. And may I say, that everyone gets so excited about providing meat on Christmas Day, unless of course it is left-wing Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and her crazy friends. Obviously, they don't read the Bible, because Paul told young Timothy the following in **I Timothy 4:1-3**—**"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."** These weird people need Jesus so desperately because they have no idea what truth is. If you don't believe this, just stop and see if you might be able to count the times that many of our politicians in Washington may have told the truth during this continuing year. Folks, I never thought we would ever live to see so many of the, (so-called) leaders in Washington, and yes, some other local leaders who would never get around to speaking the truth, but almost every time they open their mouths, they lie with no conviction about what they are doing being wrong. Thus, it is obvious that their consciences are seared like a hot iron, and therefore, they are probably reprobates like the Apostle Paul talked about in **Romans 1:18-32**. Thus, we have to know that Satan is the father of lies (**John 8:44**). And, yes, these "woke" infidels who lie with almost every breath are also the ones who now want to make girls boys, and boys girls. Then, these same vicious people are the ones who want to ask God's blessings upon abortion clinics, like our so-called President Joe Biden did just recently, when he did the sign of the cross over an abortion clinic (House of Murder). Then, the "great" Catholic Pope recently prayed a blessing upon homosexual and lesbian marriages. Beloved Brothers and Sisters, we must push on much more aggressively and do our best to win millions more for Jesus. This is the only hope that any lost sinner has! And, we must stay on our knees praying for a genuine revival starting in our personal hearts, then, in our families, and then, in our churches, and then, into the entire whole world. We know that Jesus is returning very soon (who knows, maybe tonight), and we must huddle together and plan our world mission plan, in order to get, as I said before, millions more saved and in the family of God to complete the Bride of Christ!

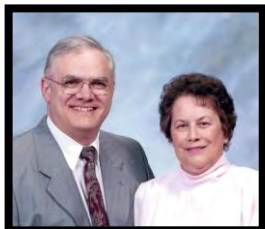
## **"We Must Revive Our GIMI Radio Ministry"**

I say we must revive our radio ministry very soon, because for about two years, we had been broadcasting on about 40 radio stations in Africa, and some here in America. Of course, when we started the radio ministry a few years back, we started with over 90 stations, but the cost was just too much! Then, after about 18 months later, I came down with the throat problem, which caused me to stop for the time being. Following this problem, I had my vocal cords replaced. After this surgery and recovery, I restarted the broadcast. In a few months I had more throat problems, and had to stop the broadcasting again for the second time. Now, for the past several months I have not done any new broadcasts, but in Uganda at three radio stations they have been replaying my broadcasts, and most important of all, hundreds of people are still getting saved. We praise the Lord for what He is doing! Now, I desperately want to begin the broadcasting myself once more. So, my present goal is to hopefully get started again on the first weekend of January, 2025. Therefore, I want to literally beg you dear GIMI Team Members, first to fervently pray for God to give me the strength to continue this great radio ministry. Secondly, we really need your financial help to pay for the airtime. Airtime these days is very expensive, but, beloved friends, because of the hundreds and hundreds of people that are being saved through this ministry, whatever the cost, it is surely worth the cost because Jesus is going to return very soon, and there are two billion people on this earth that have never been saved, and most of them have not even heard or seen the plan of salvation. **SO, MY DEAR FRIENDS, IF WE ARE ALL GOING TO LEAVE ALL OF THIS EARTHLY WEALTH VERY SOON, WE MUST TRY TO WIN PEOPLE FOR JESUS, AND LAY UP TREASURE IN HEAVEN WHERE MOTH AND RUST CAN'T CORRUPT OUR HEAVENLY TREASURE (Matthew 6:19). THEREFORE, BELOVED GIMI FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS, WILL YOU PLEASE HELP US BY SENDING THE BIGGEST GIFT YOU CAN POSSIBLY SEND AT THIS TIME? IF YOU WILL, I KNOW GOD IS GOING TO BLESS YOU ENORMOUSLY! (Luke 6:38; Hebrews 6:10).**

There is one more thing I want to share with you before I move on and stop talking about our radio ministry. In many of the large prisons in all of our countries in Africa, there are no radios for the prisoners to hear the Gospel. Thus, could you please send some funds to help us buy some large radios for some of the large prisons? The cost of these large radios is about \$300 each. Therefore, if you can help us with purchasing these radios, you will be helping us to share the Gospel with thousands of prisoners. I hope and pray that you as individuals, as families, as businesses, and as churches, you will give sacrificially to help us tell the real meaning of Christmas to multitudes of prisoners, orphans, schools, and refugee camps. Please send your gifts in the enclosed envelopes, and designate them for buying radios, or, for paying for airtime!

**LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO BROTHER LAWRENCE ROBINETT, AND HIS WIFE, JANET.**

**BOTH ARE DEAR FRIENDS AND SERVANTS OF GOD!**



Brother Lawrence and his wife live in the beautiful state of Ohio. Brother Lawrence is a devoted Bible teacher and writer, and is now writing some articles for GIMI to help us provide Biblically sound and inspiring materials for the people in Africa. I would ask you to please pray for Lawrence and Janet regularly. I would like to tell you that Brother Lawrence has recently written a 100 page, strongly sound book, entitled, "The Seven Churches and What Now?" If you would like to have a copy of this book for your library and Bible study, just contact our GIMI office and request the book from our Office Manager, Sister T.J. Patton. The number is 828-632-2344, and we will send it to you absolutely free. I know you will be blessed out of your socks with the study of this great book along with your Bible.



## **GOD CONTINUES TO GIVE GIMI THE GREATEST HARVEST OF SOULS THAT CAN BE IMAGINED!**



Beloved brothers and sisters, every time I write my articles for our newsletter, I truly get broken, and sometimes shed tears due to what God has chosen to do through this small ministry in the past 24 years. Without a doubt, God has His hand upon the way we do missions, how we gather the harvest, and so many other areas where we are witnessing Him move majestically in our 12 countries in Africa, through our radio ministry in Africa and in America, and especially, through our ministry in the prisons and schools. I know that sometimes our readers don't believe the huge results we are telling that is happening every month. We do our best to follow up on all of the people who have asked Jesus to come into their hearts. As I have told you before, in the parable of the sower there were four kinds of soil mentioned in the parable, but only one kind was genuine. Based upon this, we probably are seeing some that make professions of faith, but their decision is not genuine. And, as I always say, "probably only one fourth of church members are genuinely saved people. Therefore, just like in the Bible preaching churches, we continue to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. All of the work in the churches is done by only about 25% of the people. Believe it or not, only about 7% of professing Christians are committed to giving themselves and their God-given offerings back to Jesus, even after He gave His life on the cross for every person who has ever walked on this planet. We must not forget the slogan God gave me a few years back. This slogan says:

**YOU DON'T HAVE REAL SALVATION IF YOU DON'T FEEL OBLIGATED TO TAKE IT TO THE  
REST OF THE WORLD TO SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION TO JESUS!!**

Beloved GIMI Team members, we must keep going on to present the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to as many people as possible, even if many of the decisions are not real. As one great leader here in America used to say, "it is only our responsibility to present the Gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit, and leave the results to God." No greater statement could ever be said than this statement. Thus, we must move on with the proclamation of the Gospel to win as many people as possible here just before the time when Jesus is coming again!

**As I have told you before, during the past 24 years since my wife and I took over this ministry, we have shared the Gospel with over 38 million people, with just over 7 million of these people making first-time professions of faith in our Lord Jesus. And beloved team members, I know you will rejoice with us in knowing that from January-September of this year, we have been able to share the Gospel with over 1,171,231 people. And from these large**

**numbers, just over 293,947 people have made their first-time professions of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ! Could you please join us in saying, "Praise God, Hallelujah to our Lord Jesus Christ, and Amen! Amen!**

I also want to say that every week through our wonderful national preachers and teachers on the fields, we are seeing hundreds and hundreds of these converts **"grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him, be the glory, both now and forever. Amen!" (II Peter 3:18)** Also, I want to tell you that because our primary ministry is in the prisons of Africa, we are seeing scores of inmates released from prison after their lives have been gloriously changed by the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because they become new creatures in Christ, God provides forgiveness, and many times, the prison officials see such a difference that they send them back home to be with their families! Praise the Lord!

As we thank God for this wonderful spiritual harvest at this Thanksgiving time of the year, let me give you some wonderful Scripture, which I wrote a commentary on a few years back on the **Book of II Corinthians. Please pay close attention to this Thanksgiving message. "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth forever. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints; but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God; Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men; And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift." (II Corinthians 9:6-15.)** This is quite a long passage of Scripture, but it is filled with Biblical truth and principles. Some of those principles are:

1. We must learn to give bountifully, for if we don't, our harvest will be sparse. v. 6
2. We must learn to give bountifully with a Godly purpose in mind. v. 7a
3. We must learn to give cheerfully, because God loves a cheerful giver. v. 7b
4. We must learn to give to others, because God will give more grace when grace has been shown to others. v. 8a
5. We must learn to completely depend upon the graciousness of God in His meeting our every need, so that in turn, we may do good work in ministering to others. v. 8b



6. We must learn to give to the poor, because, this righteous deed will never be forgotten by our Lord. v. 9
7. We must learn to trust God to provide our food, and we demonstrate this trust when we sow good seed by investing in others who are in need. v. 10
8. We must learn that when we give bountifully by investing in those who are poor and suffering, then others will offer thanksgiving to God because of what we have done in His name. v. 11
9. We must learn that when we give offerings to minister to those in need, like those in the Jerusalem church for which the Corinthians were receiving an offering. Then, those to whom we have given will offer much thanksgiving to God for our ministry to them. v. 12
10. We must learn that when we give offerings to help those in need, we are displaying that we are genuine believers who are truly sharing liberally because of our relationship with Christ. v. 13
11. We must learn that when we minister to the suffering, then they are prone to offer fervent prayers on our behalf. v. 14a
12. We must learn that when we minister to the suffering, then, the recipients of our ministry will prayerfully long for the type of graciousness we have demonstrated to them. v. 14b
13. We must learn that the greatest way to offer true thanksgiving is to demonstrate help to alleviate the suffering of those who are hurting, who in turn will thank God for the unspeakable gift of the Gospel message. v. 15

Now, what is the summary on of all of these Biblical principles, which Paul gave to the Corinthian church and to us as well? The summary on this is that when we as God's people learn the joy of giving cheerfully to those who are in need of the Gospel or are in tremendous poverty, then, we have demonstrated the true Gospel message. Thus, those who give cheerfully will be offering thanksgiving for the privilege to give, and then, those who receive from our kind generosity, will also offer tremendous praise and thanksgiving to God for touching our hearts to lead us to give! In other words, there will be Thanksgiving all around!

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### **A Glorious Day Of Freedom For Prisoner Alicia In Kenya!**

As I start this short article, I want to tell you that I am sharing with you a victorious celebration. Please notice the young lady that is the second person from the left in the photo. Her name is Alicia, and she is a single mother who has spent the past ten years in a Kenya prison. Shortly after she came to Kenya and was arrested and put into the main women's prison in Nairobi, my dear wife and I went to Kenya on one of our many mission trips. During this trip we went to the large prison where Alicia had been placed. That day, I preached the Gospel to all of these lady prisoners, and JoAnne distributed many blankets and other gifts. During my evangelistic invitation, Alicia surrendered her life to Jesus and got saved. Since that very long time ago, Alicia has stayed faithful to Christ, and she has corresponded with my wife from that day until recently. After praying with Alicia, and for her mother and three children down in South Africa, we just kept believing that one day God would open the prison doors, and she would be able to come out and be free again. It was a very long ten years, but Alicia stayed faithful to Jesus, and she grew in the Lord immensely. She became a tremendous influence on the other prisoners, many of which gave their hearts to Jesus because of her testimony. A few weeks back, God gloriously answered our prayers and the Kenya judicial system released her so she could return to South Africa and be with her three children and her mother. The photo here shows us this precious young lady standing outside the prison with GIMI pastor, Sammy Mbugua, who has ministered to Alicia for years and years. Here he stands with Alicia and some of the South African Embassy personnel as Alicia is set free and let out of prison. With the help of so many of you dear faithful financial contributors to GIMI, we have been able to give many gifts to Alicia and the other prisoners there in this Kenya prison. Because of your financial help, we were able to pay for her plane ticket to take her back home to live with her mom and children. Truly, this is a time for Christian thanksgiving celebration to praise Jesus for Alicia's release, and her return home. The wonderful thing about this story is that when Alicia went into a Kenya prison ten plus years ago, she went in as a prisoner for a sinful deed. After she got gloriously saved, one day when my dear wife and I went there to share the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ, she was set free from the prison of sin, and then, after all of these years, God has also set her free from imprisonment. Truly, the following verse in the Gospel of John speaks mightily. Please notice what Jesus told His disciples and many other people who were that day: **"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free (John 8:32).** Surely, Alicia was first set free from the imprisonment of sin. Then, many years later, Jesus

answered our prayers and set her free literally! Praise the Lord! She is now free from the power of sin, and from literal incarceration. Truly, God needs to be praised for all of the people on this earth that are now free because of what Jesus has done for all of us!!!



**Sister Alicia Saying Goodbye To Her Lady Prisoner Friends On The Day  
She Was Freed And Sent Home To Her Family! Please Continue To Pray For Alicia!  
Let's Give A Great Big Shout Of Thanksgiving For Our African Workers**

At the risk of being called crazy and arrogant, I would like to state emphatically that I know of no mission organization on earth that sees as many people come to Christ for the money spent as does GIMI. I say this because, several years ago a young cocky preacher in Eastern North Carolina convinced his senior pastor to stop supporting GIMI because I had made this statement before. This young punk pastor wrote me a terrible accusatory letter calling me a liar, telling me that I had exaggerated our numbers! When I said at that meeting, we got someone saved for every \$3.00 we spent, this young whippersnapper got so mad that he had to write a three-page letter rebuking this old preacher! Yet, his pastor went along with this young professing preacher and signed the letter. **The truth is that presently, for every \$3.00 we spend, we see some person come to Christ!** You might wonder how this is possible! Well, the truth is that we can do this by using our African nationals who don't require \$80,000 plus dollars per person each year to send American missionaries to our fields. Oh yes, we need our American brothers and sisters to go to Africa and share the Gospel, train our leaders, and encourage our workers, but instead of paying \$80,000 per missionary, because of the African economies, we are able to preach and teach the Gospel for \$300 or less per month, per person. So, instead of \$80,000 per missionary, we are able to do so much more with \$2,400-\$3,600 per national worker. And truthfully, this is a lot of money for them. Thus, we are seeing multitudes come to Christ because of the faithfulness of our dear African people.

I want all of you precious GIMI Team Members to really say a prayer of Thanksgiving for all of our GIMI national workers. They are doing so much good for the least of expenses, and we should be thanking them from the depths of our hearts. And may I say, there is just no way that this great ministry could continue to see so many people saved without the faithfulness of our nationals! May God bless all of you dear servants of God in Africa, in the Ukraine, and here in America. I also want to offer Thanksgiving to Jesus for Sister T.J. Patton, our Office Administrator, who works so diligently for GIMI. **In addition, I thank God for my dear precious wife, JoAnne, for the hours and hours of work she does each week on behalf of GIMI.** I also say thanks to God for our GIMI Board Members, who continue to encourage us in this great task of winning thousands to Christ each year!



## **A Gracious Merry Christmas To Everyone!**

I am going to close my newsletter article this time by extending to you and your family our prayers for you and yours to have the best Christmas celebration that you have ever experienced. I sincerely love this time of the year because it gives us a special time to commemorate the coming of the Christ child into this world in the stable in Bethlehem. We need to remember that for 400 years between the Old Testament and the New Testament, there had not been a prophet of God on the scene preaching the truth of God's Word. Yet, through men like Isaiah and Jeremiah, Israel was warned over and over again about the coming of the Messiah. Still, multitudes didn't believe their message any more than many believe our message today that Christ is soon to come again.

Suddenly, in the midst of the night sky, the angel of the Lord appeared out in the shepherds' fields and announced to these very ill-kempt and unlikely characters that the Christ child had been born in Bethlehem. This story of our Lord's coming and the surrounding events can be found in **Luke 2:1-52**. What a precious thing it was that the announcement was given to the shepherds who were looked upon with disdain and disrespect. Yet, these were the ones that Jesus desired to appear to first—those whom others rejected and hated, but those whom Jesus loved! He still does!

So, the Christ child was born as Emmanuel, God with us incarnate in human flesh. He came as a man, but because of His deity, He was sinless, and therefore, He alone was suited to die on the cross and pay our sin debt. Then, He arose on the third day to give us eternal life. Down from His throne He came, but when his task was completed, back to His throne He returned. And, one day very soon, He is coming back as the King of kings and Lord of lords! He is coming as the ruling King of the universe. Then, when all things are completed following His return, we will live with Him forever and ever in new glorified bodies! Praise the Lord! No more sin, no more sickness, no more hurt, no more pain, and all of this because of Christmas! My friends, we do have much reason to celebrate!

Have a Christ-filled Holy Christmas,

Dr. Stan Frye

President of GIMI

**Luke 2:11**

## **Is God Calling You To Make A Mission Trip To Africa?**

Dear Beloved compassionate Christian, have you ever been on a soul winning mission trip to anywhere in the world? Well, if you have, would you seriously consider making another trip to the beautiful continent of Africa? And, if you have never made a mission trip, let me encourage you to prayerfully consider going with my son, Pastor Joel Frye, on one of his future trips to one of our Africa countries. I am very proud of Pastor Joel because of His devotion to Jesus in helping to fulfill the Great Commission. Presently, Pastor Joel is pastoring Oxford Baptist Church in Conover, N.C. where he has been pastoring for 25 years. Oxford Baptist has grown significantly under Pastor Joel's leadership. And, even during these years as a local church pastor, Joel has really been faithful to help his deteriorating father with the huge ministry of Gateway International Missions. Down through the years, Pastor Joel has made several trips to Africa to help his mother and father carry on this growing ministry. Then, in the past two years, Pastor Joel has made two trips to Africa. I am sure, if his health

stays good, I believe he will be going from time to time. God has really used Pastor Joel's teams and thousands of souls have been saved! Now, Pastor Joel will probably be going back to Kenya and Uganda again sometime in the future. So, if God is leading you to make an evangelism or medical mission trip to Africa, you just need to contact our GIMI Office. I have included that number, plus a couple more phone numbers that you may call concerning an upcoming trip.

Therefore, if you are genuinely saved, if you are a devoted believer, if you attend a soul winning church, and if you are willing to put your fearfulness down under the blood of Jesus, we would love to consider you as a partner with Pastor Joel and his teams. If you seriously feel that God is touching your heart and calling you to make a sacrificial mission trip to help win scores of people to Jesus, we would love to hear from you. You may call me personally at my home phone:

**828-635-8866.** Or you may want to call me on my cell phone at: **828-455-7164.** Also, you can call our GIMI Office at: **828-632-2344,** and tell our Office Manager, T.J. Patton, what you are prayerfully considering. Then too, you may call Pastor Joel at: **828-781-0359,** to help you make the decision about this journey for Jesus. We will provide some information about the upcoming trip, such as projected costs, medical requirements (like needed shots, pills, etc.), legal requirements, do's and don'ts, etc. Then, you will need to fill out some forms to help us decide if you are ready to make this journey for Jesus! We truly welcome you to help us continue taking the Gospel to a lost and dying world! So, in just a short time we should have the dates for some future trips finalized, and hopefully, have the cost factor settled as well.

Let me close by telling you that truly, God has really used the mission teams that have gone to Africa with us down through the years. In fact, my wife and I have taken over 300 people to Africa in the past 24 years. And praise God, He has given our GIMI teams a great harvest of souls! So, in view of the fact that my health is not allowing much travel these days, I do pray that some of you dear GIMI friends and supporters will consider joining our son in helping us to continue telling the world about Jesus! I will close by telling you that if you join Pastor Joel and the teams, you will come home never the same again!

## **Be Blessed By The Following Testimonies!**

### **Testimony 1:**

To: The President  
Gateway International Missions  
Dr. Stan Frye

Good evening pastor, I am by names of Karyesubula Willison, am a soccer referee for the local leagues in Mukono, and I recently had the immense privilege of listening to your powerful preaching on Dunamis Radio. Through your inspired words, I felt a profound calling and decided to give my life to Christ. I am overjoyed to inform you that I got saved after hearing your message. Last Saturday, we played our first match in the local league, and against all odds, we emerged victorious. This win felt like a miracle and a sign of God's favor. Motivated by this experience, I took the opportunity on Sunday before our academy training to gather all the youth teams. With the provision of a large speaker, we tuned in to Dunamis Radio and listened to your uplifting sermons. The players and I were

deeply moved, and it is clear that there is a strong need for continuous spiritual guidance. As you mentioned at the end of your sermon, I would like to request copies of the books of Corinthians and some Bibles. These materials will be instrumental in nurturing our faith and guiding us in our spiritual journey. Furthermore, I humbly ask if you could send us an audio recording of an encouraging sermon. Many of the football players struggle with pride and various wrongdoings, and I believe that your words could help steer them towards the right path. Thank you for your ministry and the impact it has had on my life and the lives of the young football players. We eagerly await your response and any resources you can provide. Please pray for us that we continue winning in the league and we take the trophy in the ongoing competitions.

## **Testimony 2:**

To: The President  
Gateway International Missions, Inc.  
Dr. Stan Frye

Thank you so much pastor for your kind words and encouragement. It brings me great joy to know that you and your wife are rejoicing with me over my conversion. The impact of your radio ministry has truly been a blessing, and I am grateful to God for leading me to hear the message through Dunamis Radio.

I have started following your advice and began reading the book of I John. I am already finding so much encouragement in these chapters, and I look forward to growing in the Lord as I continue with the Gospel of John. Thank you for guiding me in this journey.

I have also reached out to Sister Esther at Dunamis Radio, and she confirmed that she will bring the Bibles and the books soon. I am eagerly awaiting their arrival and will let you know once I receive them.

I will also be seeking out a conservative church in my area, as you suggested, to connect with a pastor who preaches the Bible faithfully. I understand the importance of being baptized as a public profession of my faith in Jesus, and I will take steps towards that as well.

Please know how much I appreciate your prayers and support. I look forward to sharing with you any news about my family members or friends coming to faith in Christ.

Thank you again for your kindness and for all that you and your wife do through your ministry. May God bless you abundantly!

Brother Peter, you are very welcome for our preaching of the Gospel through Dunamis Radio. We are thrilled that you got saved, and that you are now reading your Bible according to the way I instructed you to do so. And, I know for sure that you will receive the materials you have asked from Sister Esther very soon. We will be praying for you faithfully!

**May God richly bless you!**



## **LOVING GIFTS GIVEN TO GIMI IN HONOR & MEMORY OF OTHERS**

### **In Memory:**

Gladys Lail, Sister of JoAnne Frye

Ray Starnes

Randall Wood

Gladys Lail, Sister of JoAnne Frye

Ted, Jill and Mac Inscore

Eugene Connolly

Doyle Bradshaw

Lu-Ann Auton

Link Osborne

### **Given By:**

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and OBC Senior Adult Care

Linda Drum

Debra Wood

Mildred Catron

Linda Wheeler

Stan and JoAnne Frye

Joey & Lissa Holsclaw

Mike Auton

Imogene Osborne

### **In Honor:**

Dr. Stephen Merrill and Nathan Merrill

Fruitland Graduates

Stan and JoAnne Frye's 59th Anniversary

Rev. & Mrs. Joe and Shirley Neyman

Stan and JoAnne Frye's 59th Anniversary

Harold & Rita Wagoner

### **Given By:**

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Linda Drum

Barbara Cole

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Al & Linda Morgan

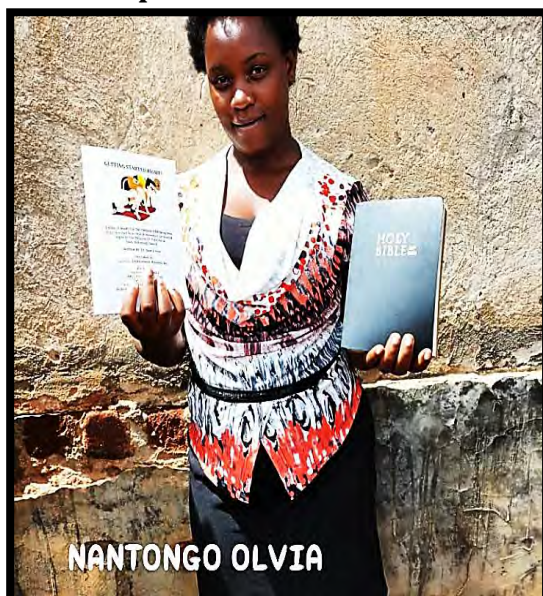
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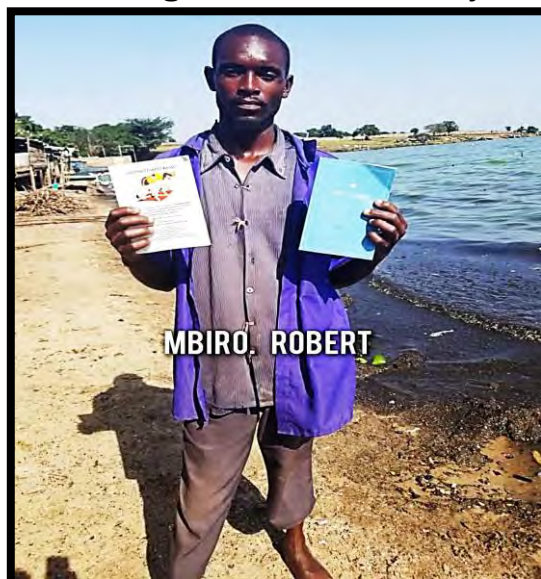
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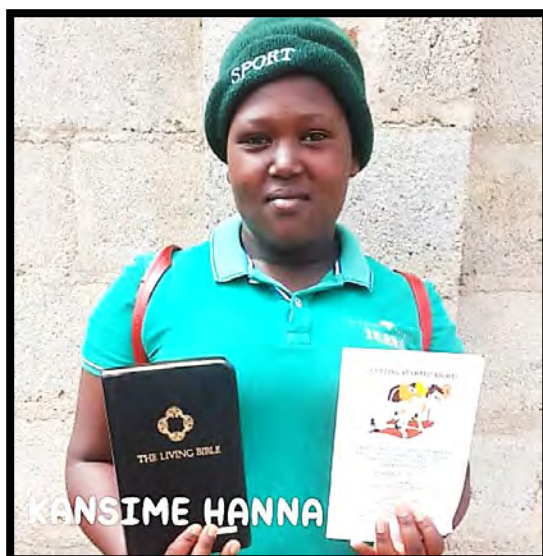
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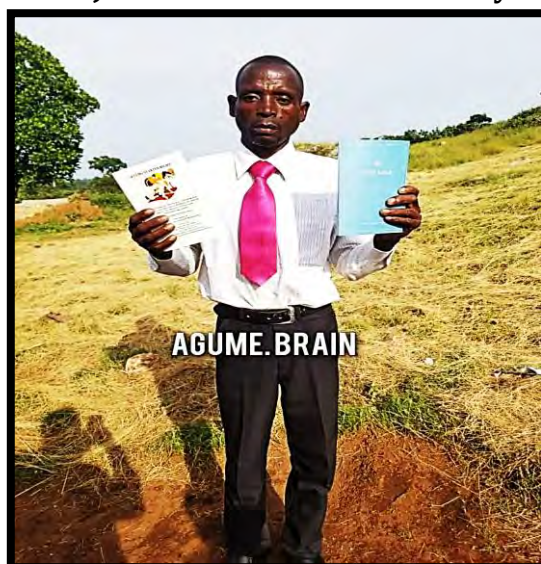
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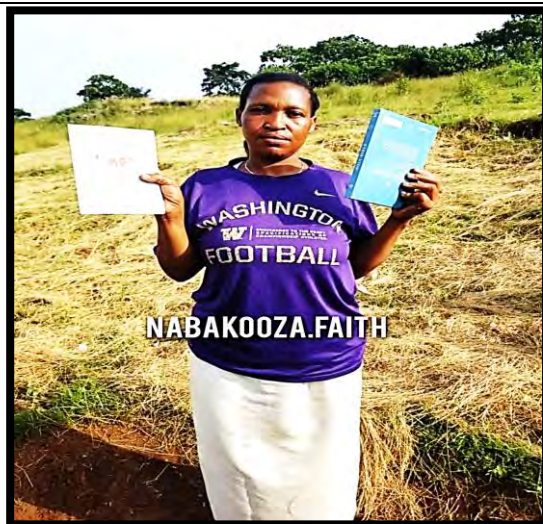


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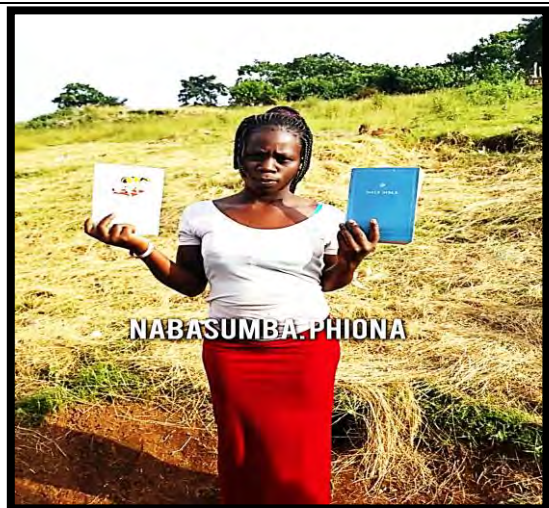


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**A Young Lady Recently Saved  
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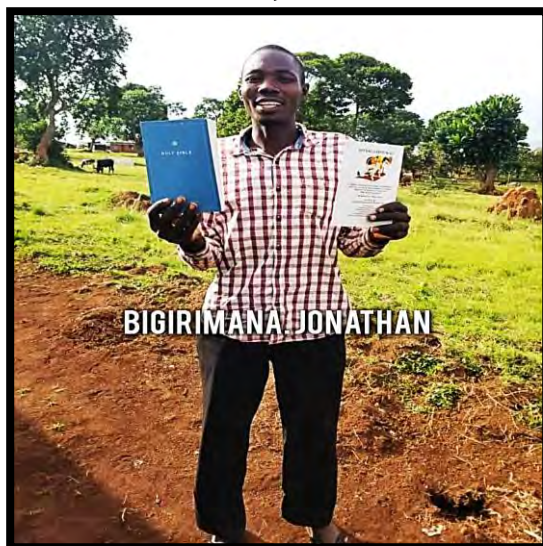
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**Another Young Man Surrenders  
His Life To Jesus Christ**



**A Lost Street Young Man Comes  
To Jesus Through Our Radio Ministry**



**A Precious Young Man  
Gets Saved Via Our Radio Ministry**



**Another Young Man Comes To Jesus  
Through Our Radio Ministry**





**This Young Lady Was Saved  
Through Our Fruitful Radio Ministry**



**Another New Convert With A Great Future  
Coming To Jesus Via Radio**



**A Trophy In Jesus' Trophy Chest  
Coming To Him Through Our Radio**



**A Pastor That Recently Renewed His  
Commitment To Jesus Via GIMI Radio**



**Another Trophy In Jesus' Trophy Chest  
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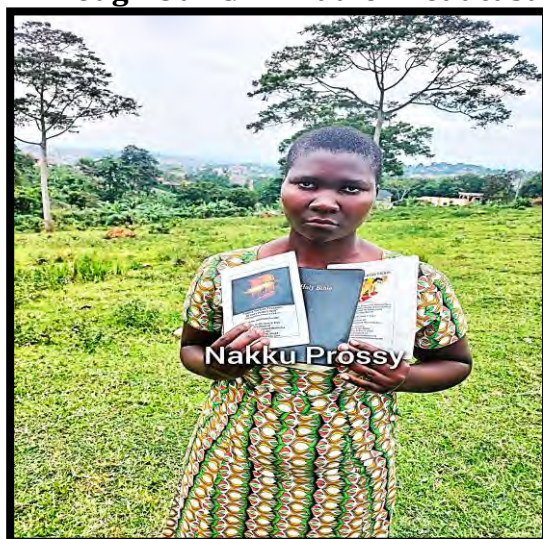




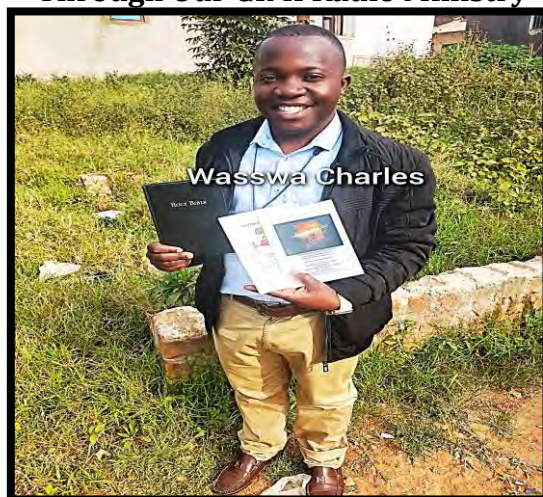
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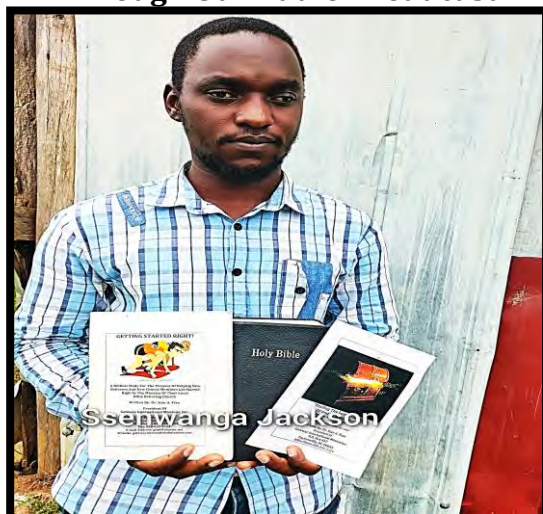
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**A Young Lady Just Recently Saved Through Our Radio Broadcast**



**A Young Man Gets Saved Via Our Radio Recently And Is So Happy**



**A Newly Saved Young Man Via Our GIMI Radio In Uganda**



**A Young Lady Recently Saved Through Our Radio Broadcast in Uganda**





**Some Of Last Year's Christmas Cows  
For Uganda Prisons**



**Pastor Sammy  
Sharing The Gospel In A Prison**



**GIMI Pastor Fred Sharing The Love Of Jesus  
With A Prisoner In The Hospital**



**Longtime GIMI Pastor George  
Giving Bible Booklets  
To Hundreds of Children in Uganda**



**Precious Orphan Children Eating  
Christmas Dinner From GIMI**



**GIMI Pastor James Chelimo  
Taking A Saved Prisoner Home  
After His Release From A Kenya Prison**





**A New Convert Being Baptized  
In The Troubled DR Congo**



**Pastor Benjamin Preaching The Gospel  
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**Many Bibles For Many Liberia Prisoners**



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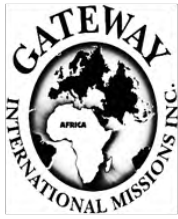


**Pastor John Giving Bibles  
From GIMI To More Prisoners In Tanzania**



**Village Orphans In Zambia  
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