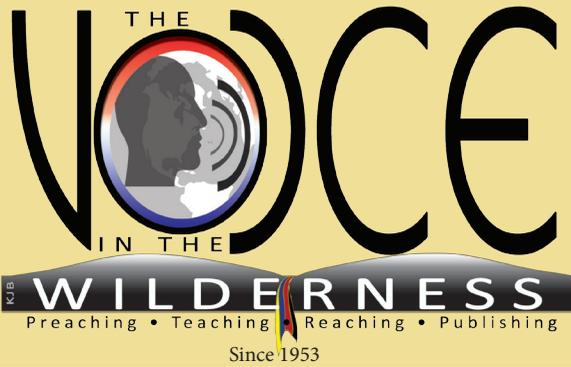


"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." - Mark 1:3



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MY PERSONAL MESSAGE

WOW!! A quarter of the year has already passed. It seems just the other day we were welcoming the New Year. It was winter and the weather was cold. The grass was dormant, and we were thinking of ways to keep ourselves warm during the cold months. Seasons change and with it comes new mercies from the Lord each morning.

For us, this new season has brought many "firsts." The *first* mowing of the grass on The Voice property for the year. The *first* pulling of weeds. The *first* planting for our small garden. AmiJoy and AbiNoelle are enjoying their *first* break from the school year (we now have 8th and 2nd graders). AmiJoy received her *first* library card. AND a monumental *first*. AbiNoelle had the opportunity to go on her first official missions trip to the Navajo Reservation via her *first* plane ride (more to come later on this high-flying *first*). In the midst of it all, The Voice office was a bustle preparing all the travel plans and details for the venture to New Mexico along with visiting churches, sharing the ministry vision and needs, and completing the daily office needs of the ministry.

At the time of this writing, our team is still on the field at the Gathering of Nations, a yearly event in Albuquerque, NM. As you recall, The Voice printed the Book of John in English/Cherokee and have been distributing this in Western NC. This project led us to being able to do the same in the Navajo language. With God working out all the details, the Navajo and Cherokee gospel booklets became a key witness tool at the Gathering of Nations. Bro. Ronnie, Sis. Terry and AbiNoelle flew to Phoenix and drove the rest of the way to New Mexico. They rendezvoused with Bro. Layton and family, who volunteered to drive a van load of the Scriptures to the event, along with Native pastors and other believers who had prepared a display booth at the event for the purpose of reaching the attendees with the Gospel. Praise the Lord - several thousand received the packets that were prepared as a witness. These packets contained CDs of the various languages of the tribes represented as well as printed materials. Several souls were saved through the efforts of those who manned the booth. Revelation 7:9, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;" Through prayer and financial support YOU are a part of this witness to the *nations, kindreds, and people, and tongues.*

Some prayer items to consider: Please pray for the health and safety of The Voice team; Please also pray for financial partners. Pray for the needs and safety of the pastors in Venezuela, Colombia, India and the Philippines.

Thank you for your friendship, prayers, and support.

*Standing, Striving,
and Serving -
Steve & Rebekah Lilly*



Father's Day RESOURCE HIGHLIGHTS

Heritage Lapel Pin

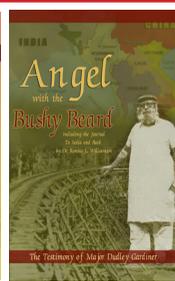


Butch O' Hare story - Brochure



KJB Lapel Pin

Angel with a Bushy Beard - book



Prayer & Partnership

Tracker

Goal Need

Additional \$2,000/mo support

5 Mobile Bible Bags Overseas

100,000 Cherokee Scriptures
Transport Remaining

100,000 Navajo Scriptures
Transport Remaining

Website and Online Upgrades

Out-of-Stock Resources Reprinted

12,000 Mail Pieces Shipped

5 New Resources Printed

350 Podcasts Produced

Spanish Scripture Shipments

JUNGLE WITNESS

Special thanks to those that continue to give for Scriptures to the Jungle churches. Praise the Lord another shipment was received and unpacked. Those will be hand delivered along the rivers to the indigenous people. We pray many lives will be eternally changed as a result of receiving this saving WORD in their own tribal language. We have been invited to attend a special meeting in the Jungle region. Please pray for the Lord's wisdom.

HOME OFFICE UPDATE

What a blessing to receive word from several who will be giving monthly support. Your faithfulness allows us to meet expenses incurred as we reach out in many mission efforts. Thank you for being willing to simply give regularly to sustain The Voice in the Wilderness ministry. We continue to pray that one of you might join with us in refurbishing and expanding our on-line reach. To begin rebuilding our website for teaching, preaching and resource sharing, we **NEED** a one time gift of **\$2500**.

NAVAJO & CHEROKEE SCRIPTURES



Entry line for Gathering of Nations



Arriving at the Gathering of Nations Distribution zone in the Exhibit Hall - Amen!

Through a giant, gospel-focused, coordinated effort, the Book of John in the Navajo and Cherokee languages arrived in Albuquerque, New Mexico, for the Gathering of Nations. From design and layout, printing, assembly, hours of phone calls and logistical work to loading, transport and distribution, the seed was planted. Heaven's record will surely account for all the details, but special thanks here is given to Bro. Kevin Field and Seedline Volunteers, Bro. Scott Murphy and Native Voices workers, and YOU, The Voice in the Wilderness prayer and financial partners, for uniting around this gospel outreach to Native Americans. The mission continues as we prepare to transport the remainder of the 200,000 Scriptures to the area. **Your future gifts will help meet the delivery cost of \$3500.00**



Meal time before the "Gathering"



THANK YOU, Bro. Layton and family for driving the Scriptures to New Mexico!

We look forward to sharing more with you in future correspondence, but, for now, just in time for this printing, here is an "on-the-mission-field" report from Bro. Ronnie:

Comanche, Pueblo, Apache, Sioux, Arapaho, Cherokee, Seminole, Creek, Algonquian, Chippewa, Shoshone, Ojibwa, Navajo, Mescalero - all gathering in Albuquerque, New Mexico for the Gathering of Nations and the crowning of Miss Indian World. Over 100,000 came together into the colosseum and grounds for the largest Pow Wow in North America. Yes, there was a gospel witness and souls were saved, thousands of tracts, CDs and Scripture portions were distributed. The seed was sown in the hearts of Native Americans and indigenous people from all over the world. We met folks from many other countries and islands across the globe. This was a mission field white unto harvest. "Endure the hardness" the Scripture tells us. There is a challenge and difficulty in sharing the gospel with people of different tongues and tribes but God's kingdom is from all the world, and we are to go there with the gospel. We saw that Great Commission being carried out from Native to Native at the Gathering of Nations. Jesus was the need for all those people. *For God so loved the world...* They need not perish. They can have peace - The Prince of Peace in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. From all the tongues and tribes, there will soon be a great gathering into God's eternal Kingdom - Hallelujah!

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A Cultural Christian—Richard Dawkins, an atheist who wrote *The God Delusion*, stated in an interview on Easter Sunday that he calls himself a cultural Christian. This means that he likes the benefits that are afforded to him in a country that has historically followed the tenants of the Christian faith without becoming a Christian. Calling the beliefs of the Virgin Birth, death, burial and resurrection of Christ, the Biblical account of Creation and the miracles of Jesus as nonsense, Dawkins enjoys living in a country (England) that affords him the freedom to believe like he does. “I’m not a believer, but there’s a distinction between being a believing Christian and being a cultural Christian. And so, I love hymns and Christmas carols, and I sort of felt at home in the Christian ethos. If I had to choose between Christianity and Islam, I choose Christianity every single time. I mean, it seems to be a fundamentally decent religion in a way that, I think, Islam is not.” Dawkins is referring specifically to the treatment of women in the Islamic culture and believes that Christianity is more compatible with British values than Islam. In 2022, a survey of 3000 UK adults found that only 6% identify as practicing Christians and 42% as non-practicing Christians (just a reminder that the term Christian is used loosely here). Islam is on the rise in the UK going from 2.7 million in 2011 to 3.9 million in 2021. There is a lot to digest here. Visiting churches here in the US, there are a lot of people who attend/members who are cultural Christians. Church has become a social club to them. “Three to Thrive” is no longer the mantra of those who attend, but “I’ll show up when it is convenient for me” is the new calling. Many are playing church and live in the same category of Richard Dawkins—a cultural Christian. People want to enjoy the benefits of believing in Jesus as their personal Saviour (Heaven), but don’t want to go through the process of being more like Christ. (www.thechristianpost.com)

\$31.5 trillion—Just how high can you count? Ask a 5-year-old and they will say something like 100. A 12-year-old would say infinity. Sometimes numbers can be overwhelming, and such is the case when it comes to debt. \$31.5 trillion dollars is currently what the American government owes its creditors. But it is not just the government that owes money. According to Credit Karma, the average credit card debt is nearly \$7000.00. Breaking it down, those in Gen X (born between 1965-1980) owe the most money on their credit card (\$8266), with Gen Z (1997-2012) owing the least (\$2781). Remember the Bible verse, “neither a borrower nor a lender be.” So what can be some of the causes for so much debt? Medical bills, inflation, unexpected expenses, and the list could go on. Living within our means has become more and more difficult with the cost of items greatly increasing over the past several years. Cost of living expenses have not been factored in by businesses when giving raises to their employees. More and more we are seeing the wage gap increase. Biblical wisdom in financial decisions is a duty of all Christians whether for church or personal monies. But does this mean that we should be down-hearted?

A resounding NO....God is still on the throne and He is the controller of it all. He owns the cattle on a thousand hills (and as the old preacher said, the *taters* in them hills as well). The Psalmist said it best when he wrote that I have never seen *the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread*. Amen

Stocks and You—Brace for it—So how is your retirement portfolio looking? What does it have to do with the upcoming presidential elections? Can you afford to invest in the stock market? Experts are saying that the S&P 500 will drop 30% before a even bigger collapse after the election in November. David Brady on the podcast “Thoughtful Money” predicts that the market will plummet from over 5000 points to around 3500 for an 18-month low, making the market the lowest level in 14 years. Brady, a money manager, former foreign exchange trader and author of “the Fipest Report”, argued on the podcast that stocks are massively overvalued and that investors will be facing a greater downside risk than potential upside. He also predicted that the FED Reserve will adjust interest rates by cutting them, presenting a false sense of security in the economy prior to the election. This will make the Biden administration look good to the American public. Brady said, “My two cents is short term, 20-30% drop, but then the Fed responds as it always does and the market goes up. After the elections, stocks are going to get hammered. I expect the stock market to drop because of what’s going on in the economy and elsewhere in the world.” Because inflation has climbed to 3.5% over the past two months, the FED might keep the rates higher for longer. So don’t be surprised if you hear about increasing bankruptcies, car repossessions, loan defaults, credit card delinquencies and house prices declining. (*Business Insider*) Just in our area of North Carolina, we are seeing the usual increase in summer gas prices. The interesting thing is that they are fluctuating not only on a daily basis, but also on an hourly basis. Just the other day, we saw a \$.07 change from one day to the next. Expect the establishment media to spin the story blaming the crisis overseas for the increase of prices. Just a reminder that under the previous administration, the US was energy independent and there was no reliance on oil from the Middle East, Venezuela or Canada. Today we have increased debt to China, lower oil reserves, and pharmaceutical dependence on China.

What’s in Year-End Testing—Let me give you an example. In a current year’s end school test, several questions were asked the student regarding the National Mall in Washington D.C. A pictorial time line was given to the students to review in order to complete the answers. Questions varied from where the National Mall is located to the duration of time from Washington’s Presidency to the completion of the Washington Monument. But three of the five questions dealt with the idea of protests. One focused on the Womens’ suffrage movement, one linked the Poor People’s Campaign with the Bonus Army; but the final question completely revealed the

NEWS BITS FROM HERE AND THERE

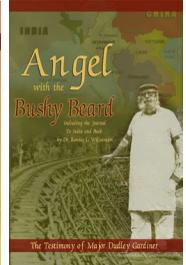
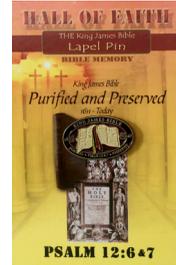
revisionist agenda. It stated: “One purpose of the National Mall is to celebrate the history of the United States. Based on the time line, what is another use? A. To sell products B. To raise tax money C. Train government workers D. Provide a place for protest.” The “correct” answer? - D. Provide a place for protest. Now it may seem on the surface that this is an innocent question; in fact, however, it is rewriting history to fuel an agenda-driven narrative of protests. The National Mall is a place where we should go to visit our history and heritage. As we have visited the Mall on many occasions seeing the various museums of the Smithsonian, riding up in the Washington Monument, climbing the steps to the Lincoln Memorial, and silently walking past the Vietnam Wall, we cannot help but recall the sacrifices of those who fought for the freedom of this nation. Looking at the reflecting pool, one should remember those who sacrificed for our freedom. (For a great resource from a Christian, traditional history and heritage perspective, request *The Constitution Defender*, *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*, and *Truth or Myth* from The Voice in the Wilderness.)

EDUCATED TO PROTEST—Higher Education?—Major protests have been orchestrated at colleges and universities from the west coast to the east coast in support of Palestine. USC cancelled their commencement exercises due to security fears. College presidents have threatened to have protesters arrested. Final exams have been moved from one building to another so that those taking the tests will have time to concentrate. US Congressmen have shown up in support of the protesters at some of these campuses. DEI and WOKE agendas are alive and thriving and their groomed students are now asking how to say in Arabic “Death to America.” Those who support the LGBTQ+ agenda have joined in support of those who are fighting against Israel. Truthfully, none would survive in the brutal Arabic culture but want to exercise “free speech rights” under the tolerant United States borders. Recently, at a University, college students were being recruited to vote for Biden in the upcoming election and given a Bible after registering to vote. What confusion!

CONTENDING FOR AMERICAN FREEDOM— The wicked are at war! Lost people and perhaps some Christians do not understand that the wicked are at war. There is no peace in the heart of the wicked. That is what we are seeing on college campuses and across this nation. They are at war in their own hearts. They have no peace in their lives, and there is a constant struggle to find peace, satisfaction, and security in life. The rock and rollers have marched on this for decades painting the peace sign everywhere. You cannot be vile, immoral, and wicked in this world and have any peace in your heart. There will be no peace for these Palestinians, agitators, rebels, or invaders that have come into our country to destroy this “in God we Trust” land. They hate the Bible and truth. There is a war in hearts and in this flesh. We know there is disease

and infliction that come upon this dying body. That is why we must preach! We will face God one day and must stand and give account, not to the government, but to Almighty God. Wicked men do not want to accept the fact that they must give account to God. There is even a constant struggle within our own selves to seek peace from this world, whether from money or things. There is no peace from this world and you cannot make a deal with the devil. Scripture makes this clear. *There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.* Isa. 48:22

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CONTENDING FOR FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIANITY - Historians and great legal minds, skilled academics, scientist and medical professionals have testified to the irrefutable proofs of the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Scholarly works by great minds have evaluated, from the historical point, the empty tomb, the authenticity of the great records, numerous appearances, hundreds of witnesses, and disciples willing to die due to their eye-witness accounts of the risen Christ. World wide churches daily, since the resurrection, preach and teach this great doctrine and truth. Read Matthew 22 and notice the Herodians, Pharisees, and Sadducees. Jesus said, *Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, ... God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. And when the multitude heard this they were astonished at his doctrine.* They did not know the Scriptures and they did not know the power of God. The criminal squatters in D.C. need evicting. Their transgender declaration is in direct rejection of Scripture. They do not know the Scripture and their declaration proves their tragic devotion to the God of death. Jesus said, *I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob...* He is the God of the Living. Thank God for the perfect, complete, risen and coming again Saviour.



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