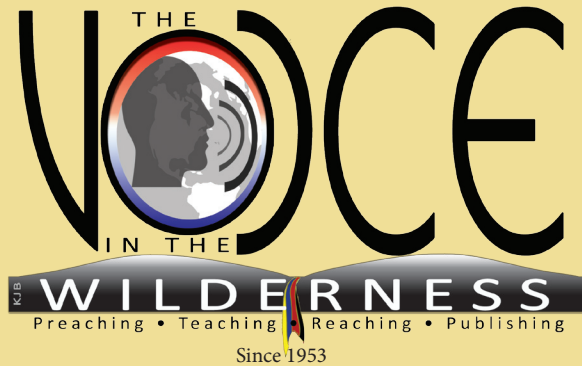


"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." - Mark 1:3



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MY PERSONAL MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

We have it in our house. You may have it in yours. It has been inscribed on plaques, paintings and the like and displayed by those who desire a Godly home. Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Growing up, there was no debate in our house as to what my parents desired for both my brother and me. I can recall the many times that they would express that it didn't matter where we chose to live as long as it was in the center of God's will. Dad used three questions to guide us through life choices:

1. What are you going to do with Jesus? Trust Him or reject Him. It is your choice.
2. What am I going to do with the rest of my life? Will the center of your focus be on serving the Lord or self?
3. Who are you going to marry? Matrimony will shape who you will become as an adult (I do Praise the Lord for His gift of a Godly wife - Amen!).

All three of those questions were inspired by the verse in Joshua 24. Dad trained us to love, fear, and submit to God. It was his influence in my life that caused me to desire to have a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father. Many a time, I would walk out into the living room only to see Dad reading his Bible, praying or reading a hymn (I think he may have been singing it to himself...praising the Lord). And he still does this to this day. We were just visiting at their house, and there was Dad reading his Bible at the start of the day (and the hymn book was nearby, waiting its turn).

Psalms 16:6b, "...yea, I have a goodly heritage." That sure foundation is not looked back on as cruel or abusive. I thank God that He placed me in the Lilly family. No, we are not perfect, but we have a rich Biblical heritage in our parents, grandparents, uncles/aunts and friends (many of those that we consider family). During this month, if you were blessed with a Godly father, take time to give due honor. If your family did not "serve the Lord," break the mold and begin a new heritage for those that will come after you. Oh, and answer the three questions above that my father asked me so many years ago. Those may truly be the most important questions you will ever answer.

This prayer letter, you will see, is structured differently than most. We have included some short updates, but a timely survey is included (yes, more questions!!) to help guide our thinking and Bible study. Will you take a moment to consider these questions and return your response to our office? The summer months can tend to be slow mail months, so we look forward to hearing from you.



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Booklet Cover

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Prayer & Partnership Checklist

☒ Thank you to those who are giving towards this need! Additional \$800/monthly support

☐ Cherokee & Navajo Witness

☒ We've hit a snag... please pray! New Website Upgrades

☐ Printing Projects

☐ Translation Work in India

☐ Mailings & Scripture Shipments

☐ Daily Podcast Recordings

☐ Lilly & Williamsons Health/Safety

☒ Praise the Lord! King James Bible Sunday - May

☐ Gospel Outreach 2026 for America's 250th

☐ Churches & Pastors in India, the Philippines, Venezuela, Colombia, & U.S.

GO250 GOSPEL OUTREACH TO THE U.S.A.

Why were the Patriot forefathers willing to sacrifice everything? Enjoy Part 2 of the Joseph Warren story (you can read Part 1 in last month's Prayer Letter).

From Jamestown to Bunker Hill...

170 years of sacrifice was given by those like Joseph Warren and many others who stood with him on Bunker Hill and faced attacks against their freedom.

General Israel Putnam along with 1,200 colonial troops under the command of William Prescott, had strategically occupied both Bunker Hill and Breed's Hill in anticipation of a British assault in June 1775. The morning of the 17th, the British stationed in Boston realized that they were being surrounded. Within six hours, the British mobilized and began their strike. Warren had asked Putnam where the heaviest fighting would be, to which the General pointed to Breed's Hill. Dr. Warren volunteered to join the militia as a private, yielding the command to the more experienced Putnam and Prescott.

The British stormed the hillside repeatedly. Joseph Warren urged those around him to maintain the fight. Finally running out of ammunition and with a reputation that easily targeted him, Dr. Warren became swift prey. As he rallied the men, he was instantly killed by a British bullet. It is believed that an officer seeing the white's of his eyes attacked Dr. Warren during the third and final assault on Breed's Hill. The British despised him so that after the battle, they stripped him of his clothes and repeatedly bayoneted him. After which, the British buried him in a shallow ditch. Captain Walter Laurie, who fought for the British at Lexington and Concord, wrote that he "stuffed the scoundrel with another rebel into one hole, and there he and his seditious principles may remain." A British Naval Officer Lt. James Drew is said to have exhumed Warren's body a couple of days after the battle on Breed's Hill and "spit in his face, jumped on his stomach, and at last cut off his head and committed every act of violence upon his body." Dr. Warren's brothers and Paul Revere exhumed the body ten months later and reinterred him at the Granary Burying Ground. Eventually in 1855, the body was moved again to the Warren family vault in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Rumors at that time said that General Gage believed that Joseph Warren's death was equal to that of 500 ordinary colonials. Although Dr. Warren only lived 34 years, his influence on our nation is still felt today as many cities and counties carry his name with honor. Nearly 250 years ago, Dr. Warren encouraged his dedicated fellow countrymen with these words: "Stain not the glory of your worthy ancestors, but like them resolve never to part with your birthright; be wise in your deliberations, and determined in your exertions for the preservation of your liberties. Follow not the dictates of passion, but enlist yourselves under the sacred banner of



reason; use every method in your power to secure your rights." These rights for which Warren gave the ultimate sacrifice and that are now bestowed upon all Americans, grew from the truths in God's Word. With Warren at Breed's Hill, was his Bible, held as important as his sword in defense of liberty.

Dr. Warren secured America's unalienable rights, and he was indeed a "grandfather" of this nation. The Massachusetts Provincial Congress, of which Warren was a part, held many conventions and drafted resolutions to King George, which eventually inspired the Continental Congress to sign that famed letter of independence to Great Britain in 1776. Nearly a decade later, a unique form of government was crafted in which over 30% of the U.S. Constitution is either a direct quote or indirectly influenced by the Bible. Abigail Adams, notably known as a local correspondent due to her frequent detailed letters to her husband John during these times, climbed atop a hill near their home that June 1775 with her son John Quincy. They saw the smoke rising from the fighting at Breed's Hill and knew in their heart great sacrifice was being laid. Dr. Warren, their friend and personal physician, they later found was one who had given the ultimate. Certainly, Joseph Warren knew the verse John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." He gave for your freedom today, but Jesus laid down His life for your eternal freedom from sin. As you read the Gospel of John in the following pages, you will learn of this, the greatest sacrifice of all.

[This compelling biography will be printed in the GO250 booklet and will be followed by the Gospel of John and Romans. Please pray as funds are being received to begin the printing process.]



URGENT ALERT!

Nearly 2 million are detained in America's state and federal prisons. They need the Gospel and Truth! A printer-friend of The Voice in the Wilderness has the capability of printing the GO250 booklet in a glue-bound book format (others will be assembled using staples) that will be acceptable in the prison system. He has a window of availability on his press this summer and desires to be a part of the GO250 project and reaching America. Each glue-bound booklet will cost 25¢. Would you invest in this Gospel Outreach? Or perhaps you know someone who would be willing to give a sum to fund this witness. This is an current opportunity that may pass us by without sufficient funds. A minimum run would be 10,000 Gospel booklets costing \$2,500.00.

VENEZUELA WITNESS

Pastor Rafael was so excited to receive the Scripture shipment. He has a great witness with the National Guard, along with other outreach through their local church, and a vibrant ministry to the deaf community. Pray as they seek to purchase land/building for a permanent church location.

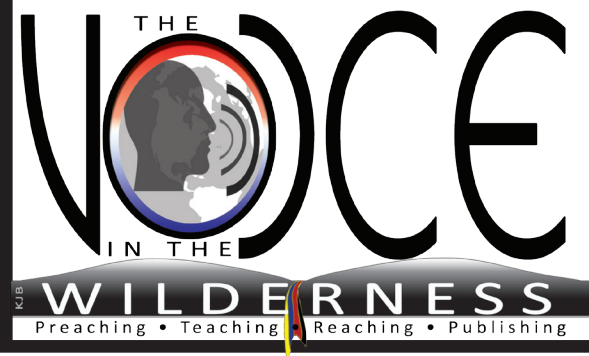
Exciting Research Find! The Voice in the Wilderness remains the steward of Missionary Sophie Muller's (Jungles of Colombia) books and Bible translations. In honor of the 80th Anniversary of beginning her missions work, we will be reprinting her book, *His Voice Shakes the Wilderness*. This reprint will upgrade the past editions from their poor quality copies and will include several new pictures and a biography timeline of Sophie's life and ministry. It is amazing what one can uncover with technology these days! We look forward to sharing this truly miraculous story with you in the coming days. Stay tuned!

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PARTNERSHIP SURVEY

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We have prepared these questions to help you identify key issues Christians are facing today as we all strive to stand for Biblical truth and American freedoms. Your insights can be a powerful catalyst for how ministries, churches, community, family and friends make decisions and move forward. Time given to read, ponder, and respond to this survey will perhaps challenge you in your spiritual walk and patriotic endeavors this summer, but will also contribute to lasting, eternal impact through the mission of The Voice in the Wilderness. Even answering one or two questions will be a benefit. Thank you in advance! (Please return this survey in the enclosed envelope. The Voice in the Wilderness will never share your personal response with others.)

1. Studies show that only a mere 7% of Americans can name the first four U.S. Presidents. Which statement best describes your current view of education in America?

- ☐ Education has failed Americans, and I support a complete dismantling of the Department of Education.
- ☐ My local public school is doing a good job, and I believe the federal government should continue to fund, direct, and monitor education.
- ☐ Education is best left to the parent. The government should fund a parent's choice of education for their child(ren) and oversee that choice.
- ☐ The education of children is a Biblical mandate to parents; therefore the parents should fund their own education choice and the government should not oversee education.

Other: _____

2. Barna Research suggests that 50% of Americans admit to only reading the Bible less than twice a year; 37% of American teens say they have never read the Bible. Which statement(s) best describe(s) your Gospel giving priorities.

- ☐ I believe our Gospel mission efforts should focus primarily in countries outside the United States.
- ☐ I believe our Gospel mission efforts should focus equally upon foreign countries and areas within the United States.
- ☐ I believe more Bibles and churches are needed in America.
- ☐ I believe America is a Christian nation and has sufficient Bibles and churches; therefore we should focus on helping other countries.

Other: _____

3. Recently billions of dollars in wasteful spending was uncovered. Most Americans approve of cut-backs until it affects them personally. In 2022, The U.S. spent over 700 billion dollars on Medicaid, while almost 42 million Americans participated in SNAP (Government food assistance program). A proper study of the U.S. Constitution shows that the founders provided for the "General Welfare" of the States, but did not make provision for the personal needs of the individual citizen. Which statement(s) best align(s) with your personal beliefs.

- ☐ The American federal budget should fund not only infrastructure, military, etc. but also support the basic needs of citizens, such as healthcare and education.
- ☐ The American federal budget should be limited to line item spending per categories indicated by the Constitution.
- ☐ The American federal budget should include cause-oriented, charitable giving both here and abroad.
- ☐ The church is given the responsibility to care for the needs of those in the community - widows, orphans, elderly, sick, etc.
- ☐ Debt is a necessary evil in the world we live in today, and we all need help wherever we can get it.

4. President Trump issued an executive order declaring that the U.S. recognizes only two genders - male and female. The Department of Health and Human Services under RFK Jr. defines sex as an "immutable biological class" determined at "conception." Yet states like California continue to allow males who claim to be female to compete in female sports, use their locker rooms and bathrooms. Which statement best describes your belief?

- ☐ People are free in America. Everyone has the right to choose their gender, and societal entities and structures should affirm such a choice at any age.
- ☐ Every child should be educated on gender-discovery.
- ☐ Educators and doctors should advise children in gender-transitioning without parental knowledge.
- ☐ People must acknowledge the Creator and their gender determined at conception.

SURVEY for Patriots & Friends of The Voice

5. Through a tax loophole, the Affordable Care Act mandating individual healthcare for every U.S. citizen was passed through Congress under Obama. During Covid, vaccine mandates threatened businesses and the armed forces. In an effort to promote public health and safety, the WHO (World Health Organization) and the Department of Health and Human Services at America's federal level down to the local health departments, through un-elected officials assume absolute power over the people.

- ☐ Public safety is a priority; therefore the government should oversee all aspects of healthcare.
- ☐ Un-elected officials should be able to mandate healthcare in lieu of public safety.
- ☐ Healthcare is an individual responsibility and the government should have limited intervention.
- ☐ The government should not mandate healthcare, but should oversee competitive fair prices within the field.
- ☐ Health insurance companies should be allowed to dictate appropriate healthcare for the patient.
- ☐ America should affirm support and relinquish sovereignty to the WHO in times of worldwide epidemics

6. The King James Bible is the most widely read Bible of all times. Authorized by King James in 1611, the KJB's beautiful Bible language has been read by all ages for over 400 years. A movement amongst fundamental churches today, urges Pastors to transition their congregation away from the KJB to a more contemporary translation. Some promote that the word choice of the King James translators is archaic to the degree that it would be a sin to give a child the King James Bible.

- ☐ I struggle to read and understand the King James Bible. I prefer to read another version of the Bible.
- ☐ I understand that the King James translators used the Received Text manuscripts; however, I would enjoy a more updated version of the King James Bible.
- ☐ I believe that the King James Bible is God's Word preserved for English-speaking people and is a beautiful timeless treasure.
- ☐ I use the King James Bible, but I also see the advantage of consulting other versions during my private Bible study.

7. In 1939, the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to allow black-singer, Marian Anderson the opportunity to sing in their Constitution Hall. In protest, Eleanor Roosevelt resigned her membership with the historical society. In 2020, the DAR donated \$150,000 to the Marian Anderson Museum to assist with repairs and instituted a yearly scholarship of \$5,000 in her honor to a chosen student. History records many horrific atrocities purported upon blacks, Indians, Japanese, orphans and even the poor and destitute. Which statement(s) best describe(s) your viewpoint?

- ☐ I believe racism is a systemic problem in America; therefore increased civil rights protections should be passed and financial reparations should be paid by the federal government to the descendants of those harmed.
- ☐ In an effort to resolve racial tensions, I believe that monuments to "racist" leaders should be removed and replaced with monuments honoring harmed people.
- ☐ I believe that all lives matter and that we should live humbly and do justly to all men.

Other: _____

8. I am most interested and prefer to see more from The Voice in the Wilderness in these areas:

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| ☐ Foreign Missions Outreach | ☐ Biblical Perspective of World Issues | ☐ Online resources - videos, podcasts, articles, etc. |
| ☐ Gospel Outreach in America | ☐ History Resources | ☐ Children's Resources |
| ☐ Printed resources - books, etc. | ☐ Bible Memory, Pins, Tracts, etc. | |

9. I enjoy resources from The Voice in the Wilderness and would love to see more in the following areas:

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| ☐ A more extensive website | ☐ Printed resources | ☐ Children's resources |
| ☐ Online resource store | ☐ Topical studies | ☐ King James Bible resources |
| ☐ Audio/Video resources | ☐ Short-read materials | ☐ Bible Teaching materials |

10. For more than 40 years, The Voice in the Wilderness produced and printed a valuable magazine including biographies, Bible studies, articles, poems, sermons, nuggets of gold, and alerts on current local and world issues. Printing and mailing fees today exceed \$8,000/edition; therefore, we have chosen, at this time, to stop printing regular editions and allocate funds towards other needed mission outreaches. What would you prefer?

- ☐ I would be willing to read content online in order to save costs and redirect funds to helping mission efforts.
- ☐ I would like the best of both worlds - receive more printed content and contribute more to worldwide Gospel outreach.
- ☐ I believe the monthly prayer letter is sufficient content - thank you for sending it to me!
- ☐ I do not prefer going online for content.