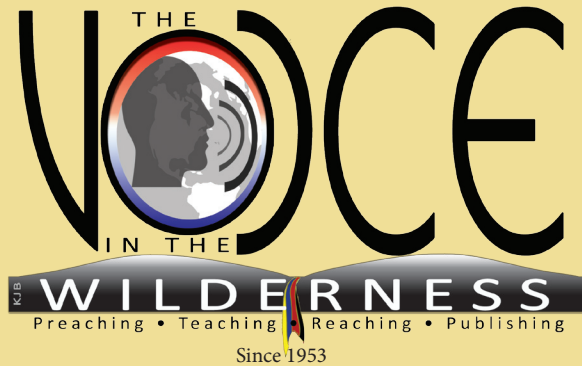


"The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." - Mark 1:3



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MY PERSONAL MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

As a young boy, I learned to claim Bible verses. Mom and Dad had decided to move our family from New England to Tidewater Virginia. Talk about a culture shock for my brother and me! From rural to city, "yup" to "yes ma'am," heat to humidity, snow to rain at Christmas - life was different! Just prior to our move, I was asked to share my life's verse. Life verse? This was something that I had not really ever thought about. I looked through the Bible and came across II Thessalonians 3:3, "But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil." That verse established in my heart the power of allowing God's Word to direct my every step.

Life, ministry, family and this ole-world bring constant uncertainty and daily turns us to God for wisdom. Just in the last month we have seen an assassination, another murder attempt, a school shooting, antifa riots, attacks on law enforcement and vile criminals arrested. In ministry during 2024, we actively began planning and preparing for the GO250 Scripture and History booklet project. Through partnership with many others, 250,000 booklets to reach America with truth were designed. Now, in this month of printing, we received word from a partnering church who was covering the printing costs of 120,000 booklets. Regretfully, they financially over-committed themselves and are no longer able to fund the printing. For over a year, we have been establishing a distribution plan amongst you, churches, schools and other groups, the printer was ready, and NOW, over half of the printing projects balance was in the red. Proceeding by faith, we began to pray for a new avenue of funding. No doubt, there is one person who could completely finance the \$25,000 balance! As we prayed, we also became aware that a vital missionary shipment is being held captive in port due to political tensions between the receiving country and the U.S. Hundreds of dollars spent and precious Scriptures and aid are stuck! All this came on the heels of our new website collapse (it has been rebuilt and is working - Praise the Lord! - visit and view at www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org) and notification of the death of a family member. Uncertainty is clearly the present theme, and we are looking to the Lord to direct every step. There is no way that we can share every detail of these events, but, just an hour after the family funeral in Connecticut, the phone rang - All GO250 booklets had been printed and were ready for pick-up and assembly! Excellent! Now, how do we pay for it? Would you please consider investing in this witness tool - it is a mission to reach America. Again, we claim, II Thess. 3:3, *But the Lord is faithful....*

Standing, Striving,

The Lillys

*Steve
Rebekah
AbiNoelle &
AmiJoy*



Prayer & Partnership

Checklist

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

☐ Cherokee & Navajo Witness

☐ **Now LIVE!** New Website Upgrades

☐ \$25,000 Balance Due for Printing!

☐ Translation Work in India

☐ **In progress!** Mailings & Scripture Shipments

☐ Daily Podcast Recordings

☐ Lilly & Williamsons Health/Safety

☐ **Praise the Lord!** King James Bible Sunday - May

☐ **Printing Complete!** Gospel Outreach 2026 for America's 250th

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

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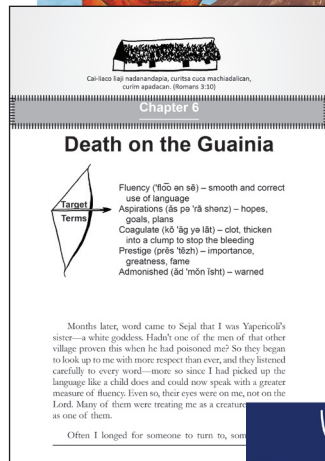
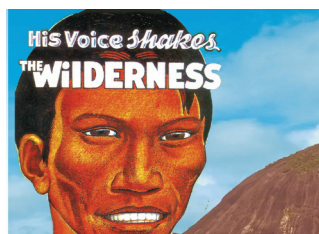
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\$25,000 BALANCE

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Pray for the assembly process
which will begin towards the end
of October.

Distribution begins January 2026!

Sign up on our website to help
distribute GO250 booklets in
your neighborhood. Plan NOW

to include this unique witness tool in all your patriotic and
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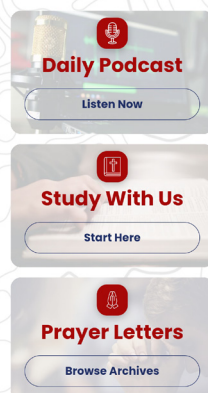


ON THE ROAD REPORT

DEDICATED ACCESS

The Lord has graciously seen us through an attack on our new website. Today, after being completely rebuilt, you can enjoy: Podcasts, Bible study resources, and Constitution studies. Browse our online store to request printed material. For more insider details and personal access to key prayer updates, mission project reports, special Bible study materials and more, go to our website and become a Member in Partnership. Go to:

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- Recent travels have taken us by a local Christian bookstore to refill the shelves with *The Constitution Defender* and *Tomb of the Unknown Soldier*. We are looking forward to partnering with Gullions Christian Supply Store to reach America with the GO250 booklets in 2026.

- Thank you to Pastor Gray and Nettesheim for having us at their churches in Virginia. The Constitution Defender Rally was a great edition to the God & Country Sunday and we enjoyed sharing about the ministry and the upcoming GO250 Project.

- In between Virginia and a family funeral, we visited with Pastor Howsare in Torrington, CT and Pastor Boyle in Southington, CT. Pastor Boyle was actually a high schooler in one of Bro. Ronnie's history classes many years ago! We're excited to take the GO250 booklets to New England when assembly is complete.



Yes, this picture was in the last prayer letter. We expected the shipment to be in the hands of most of the pastors by now. Some are still en route to the Philippines. Others are being held captive in another port due to political tensions between our country and theirs. Will you pray? The receiving pastor is currently petitioning the authorities to release the boxes. The power of prayer is stronger than the devices of the Devil - Amen!



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Churches Closing?....Reports indicate that some 15,000 churches could close their doors next year! That should be truly alarming. This past month, we had the privilege of visiting with Calvary Baptist Church in Smithfield, VA for their God and Country Day. It was post-assassination, an event that was so violent and public that it seems to have impacted nearly every home in America. With emotions high, many are making changes, decisions, searching, hoping for some answers and meaning to life. While there, we had the opportunity to present the Constitution Defender Rally during the Sunday School hour and then during the morning service, Bro. Steve preached on Patriotic Principles from Daniel, and the ladies sang the special music. AbiNoelle also had the opportunity to play a beautiful rendition of “’Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus” on her violin for the offertory. It was kind of a homecoming for Bro. Steve since this was the area where he had lived during his teen years. That Sunday evening, we visited Chesapeake Baptist Church and again presented the GO250 project. The folks were so welcoming and sent us home with yummy barbeque sandwiches and a generous offering. At home, our own local church has seen multiple first-time visitors come even without being given an invitation. Eternity and the meaning of life has been like a blaring warning light flashing before people. People are searching, but as they do so, confusion abounds. Catholics, Mormons, Jehovah’s Witness and other false ideas are capitalizing on the crisis. Our burden for America and the need for the GO250 Project are ever more apparent. Truth is what is most needed. People don’t need a ritual, a sacrament, or any “Bible” that they find easy to read. Take time to share a tract, give someone a King James Bible and support projects like GO250.

In Jail—American prisons hold nearly 2 million inmates. As we write this article, our own small mountain county sheriff has just arrested sex offenders and habitual felons. Thanks to the partnership of a Printer/Friend of the ministry, 20,000 GO250 booklets have been printed and are being assembled in preparation for distribution in 2026. If you or someone you know has a soul-winning ministry in the prison system, please contact our office for GO250 booklet information. 828.649.1043

Outpriced by USPS—Recently we were speaking with a Christian City Councilman. He had just finished a fundraising event to purchase marketing material for the Council. What is the best way to communicate and keep people informed in this age of constant information overload?

That is truly the million dollar question. Even in our ministry, we struggle with whether to spend money on printing or mailing, whether to utilize texting and email, or simply to try a combination of it all. Clearly, the Council had decided upon the print and postage route. In July the USPS raised the price of a “Forever” stamp from \$.74 to \$.78. At the same time, postcard and metered mail increased by 5 cents. In five short years postage fees have jumped by 50% and periodical prices have skyrocketed by 67%. For decades, The Voice in the Wilderness produced and mailed a magazine with far more news bits and missions updates than this little letter can hold. By today’s prices, the postage fees of mailing that magazine cost in excess of the printing fees. This stifles the VOICE of small ministries and forces everyone to “go online” for information. Beware of online sources: a Christian musician shared a recording of a beautiful song - vocals and instrumental - that was generated entirely by AI (Artificial Intelligence). Some predict that in “the end times,” people will have no option other than to do business as instructed by the government so that each transaction can be officially vetted, documented and verified to avoid scams.

Confusion in Catholicism - Years ago, we were asked to attend a Catholic funeral. Other than being visually aware of a Catholic priest standing before the attendees, every-

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NEWS BITS FROM HERE AND THERE

thing that was said or sung would have been commonplace in any other "Christian" service. Back in the days of Martin Luther and the 95 Theses, the Catholic church was a dark, mysterious religion, but by the turn of the 20th century, the strategy changed so they would be viewed as just one of the many other denominations. In doing this, their teaching transformed into a verbiage acceptable by many.

A Catholic is taught to say:

I have received Jesus as Saviour - When the priest places the wafer on their tongue, they ingest "Christ" and, therefore, they have "received Him."

I am saved by grace - Catholics believe that grace is kept in heaven and flows into a person through the sacraments; therefore, grace comes from the priest.

I have faith in Christ - A Catholic's faith comes through the sacraments, not Christ alone.

A Catholic cannot believe:

In 100% Assurance of Salvation - They believe that merits are earned through the sacraments.

Only God can forgive sins - They believe that forgiveness comes through the priest.

The Bible is the Supreme Authority - The Catholic church is the defining authority.

In a specific time of complete salvation - Salvation, for the Catholic, is a continual process.

In the finished work of Christ on the cross - During every Eucharist, they sacrifice Jesus all over again.

Christ is the only sinless one - Catholics believe that Mary was born sinless and have given sainthood to deceased persons.

Verses to share with Catholics:

A Personal Faith in Christ Alone - John 1:12, Acts 16:31
Assurance of Salvation - Luke 23:43, Romans 8:1-2, I John 5:10-13, Philippians 1:20-23

Come to Jesus Directly - I Timothy 2:5, John 14:6, Acts 4:12, Matthew 11:28, Hebrews 4:15-16

Christ's finished work on the cross - Hebrews 9:24-28, Hebrews 10:11-18

Take Note: The Bible does warn about "Another Gospel" - Read II Corinthians 11:3-4 and Galatians 1:6-9. Because they say they "have faith," believe in God, or trust in Jesus does not indicate true repentance of sin, a turning away from sin and self, a total reliance upon Christ alone and complete

assurance of eternal salvation. God has been clear in His Word, and we, as those who have been called to *go and preach the Gospel*, must, with all diligence, separate truth from confusion.

Remembering the Angels - The book of Job is seen by even lost unregenerate scholars as a masterpiece of literature. In this book is the narrative of mystery -

- Why the righteous suffer?
- Good things do happen to good people.
- Bad things happen to good people.

In this world - this narrative of mystery - gives us a glimpse into this conflict. If God the Father, the righteous and omnipotent God, created all things, how was suffering for His people allowed? The angels, sons of God [*Bene Elohim*: Hebrew] were created by God. All things were created by God, and in Job chapter 1 verse 6, Satan is identified. Satan is the accuser of the brethren. He is our adversary *as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour*. In this record of Job, Satan comes among other angels to attack Job and defeat God's plan and purpose. Yet Job sinned not! Job trusted God.

Satan answered the Lord and said,

Doth Job fear God for naught? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Satan was the accuser of Job. Angels, Satan, God, Job - all were characters here in this inspired record. What is the lesson for us today? The lesson is spiritual. God's Word helps us to understand the reality of the spirit world, angels and the conflict between God and Satan. Angels are real and they have their own troubles and trials. Do we understand that? Do we forget about the angels in our midst or do we simply focus on self, self-happiness and self-fun? Think on this -

- the heavenly angels in relation to earthly events.
- the heavenly angels in relation to us.
- the heavenly angels in relation to the nation of Israel and Gaza.

Angels are interested in you, your doings, battles and victories. Often we are guilty of not remembering, understanding nor appreciating the angels. These heavenly angels are truly the saints' ministering servants.



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