

OUTREACH TO THE UNREACHED MINISTRIES

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Dear Faithful Friends:

Warm Christian greetings! We have always been impressed and influenced by the acts and words of those who made a lasting contribution to the work of God because of their total commitment to the Lord of that work. I remember reading of John Bunyan, who had been cast in a Bedford jail for preaching the Gospel in a manner unacceptable to the religious powers of England. He was offered release from jail provided he would discontinue his Gospel preaching. He replied, "Release me today and tomorrow I will again be preaching the Gospel on the streets of Bedford".

Notice the contention was more centered on where he was preaching. The "streets" did not have the sanctioned dignity of the "stained glass" windows of the chapels and cathedrals of the high church. But the streets were filled with people who were lost and wandering towards a Christless eternity. This need drew him like a moth to a flame. For Bunyan, to live was Christ and if he was going to live, it would be the matchless name of Jesus that he would proclaim.

It has been our privilege to labor together with brothers and sisters in Africa who have lived the same commitment. They probably will never make the books of biographers or church historians, but they have made it into The Book (Philippians 4:3).

Such was the brother in Southern Zimbabwe who rode his bicycle for over 25 miles to a tent crusade. He gave his heart to the Lord, was taught the foundational truths of the church and returned to preach what he had received to his own village. The last news we heard from this brother was that he had started one church and additionally had established three preaching points in nearby villages.

"They went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen (let it be) (Mark 16:20)". May the Lord remember for good your commitment to sound out the Word of the Gospel.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



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