

October 14, 2020

**Good morning, Everybody.**

I trust that this is already proving to be a day of blessings for you. The times are troubling, but we know *Who* holds the times. Even better, we **know** Him—personally! What we saw in I Corinthians 6 last Sunday night is a blessedly literal fact: . . . *the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God*. Today, and every day, and all through the day: He is not just with us, but in us.



**Tonight will be a special service;** one that we've been anticipating for several months. Holly Gilbert, who has served short-term with the Knipes in Cape Town, South Africa, is now on deputation to be able to return as a career missionary. She'll be presenting this work to which the Lord has called her, and we'll get a revealing window into life and ministry in that needy part of the world. As always, we'll take a love offering to help with deputation needs. We'll continue receiving funds this week so that those of you who won't be able to attend tonight can contribute up through this coming Lord's Day.

**Attached to this letter** are more of the notes that our missionaries have sent in response to the extra funds the church was able to send to them recently. May the Lord give you encouragement from reading them.

I thought you might be strengthened by this closing truth (if you know the Lord).

***The unchangeable God is unchangeably your God.***

--Edward Pearce

**Praying for You Today,**

Pastor Minnick

# Thank you!

*. . . from our Missionaries*

**Dear Mount Calvary Church Family . . .**



Recently Brother Doug Becker wrote and informed us of the recent decision of Mount Calvary to send us a gift of \$2,000. From his letter, we understand that this gift results from the sale of property which the church recently made. Having attended Mount Calvary in the late 1970s and early 1980s, we remember that property but never thought it would have any personal significance. Your gift is another reminder that the Lord can take what appears to be just a common thing in life and at some point in the future turn it toward His service and kingdom.

Thank you so much for this special gift and the tangible expression of love it conveys. It has been a joy and privilege to labour with you in missions for over 35 years. Your faithful prayer and financial support, including the extra tokens of love that you have often provided, have meant a great deal. Not only have these things provided for our physical and ministry needs, but possibly, and more importantly, have assured us that we are not alone in the Lord's work. Behind our labours are a whole network of Christian friends and fellow-laborers who are supporting our ministry and subsequently providing a level of confidence and stability. Yes, our hope is in the Lord, but He has used you, His body, to channel His grace to us.

Thank you for partnering with us, and especially for this extra gift. We are very appreciative of your generosity and kindness.

Over the next few weeks we hope to return to some normality of ministry. As with churches across the world, the pandemic has also affected us. However, restrictions have been eased and we can once again meet on site, albeit still following guidelines for hygiene and social distancing. Thank you for your prayers as we attempt to return to our normal services and ministries.

We trust the Lord will continue to bless your ministry in Greenville. Thank you again for your gift and for partnering with us in extending the Lord's work in Australia.

In His service,

**Tracy and Debbie Minnick (Australia)**

Psalm 145:9-12



My, oh my. How the Lord changes situations over time! When the Whitaker property was first gifted to MCBC, it was a mixed blessing for Pastor Tipton and those of us who worked under him. On the blessing side, it provided much-needed parking and a place to dump dirt from the church building expansion and parking lot renovation project. On the liability side, there was a lot of rubbish to remove, brush to clear, and an abandoned set of structures to tear down. And, to top it off, the property had little monetary value since it was in the flood plain.

Your recent gift of \$2,000 from the sale of the Whitaker property is an ironic blessing for me in particular, as a former staff member who put in some sweat on that property and dealt with folks who trespassed on that property. I never would have guessed that our generous Heavenly Father would use that property to financially bless our family on the mission field a decade or so later. Only the Lord can turn such a mixed bag of property into an unmitigated blessing. Thank you for letting us taste and see more of the Lord's bounty to us through the Whitaker property.

Gratefully,

**Dan and Amy Baker (Australia)**



Thank you so very much for choosing to use money from the sale of property to invest in our ministry. There is a proverb which says, “God’s unexpected arrangement is for scattering to result in increase.” As you scatter your resources to us and other missionaries, may you see God’s increased Gospel fruit!

**The Bollon Family (Taiwan)**



Your letter and gift is great news for us at Camp Joy! We have just completed a full summer program and had no camper COVID issues. There were a number of measures we took that the Lord blessed in giving us a perfect summer. One precaution was to reduce our camper capacity by half each week. Of course, half the campers mean half the revenue but about the same overhead costs. So the difference makes for an obvious place we could use your gift.

We are currently beginning our private retreat season. This season is easier to do under COVID since we are working with single churches each week. We will see if having a good private season makes up for our reduced summer numbers and keeps the bills paid. If that happens, we always like to see gifts go toward permanent improvements. There are two permanent improvements sitting before us: a swing gazebo addition on the lake and a much-needed remodeling of our staff house. We hope that one of these opportunities is what we get to use your gift on.

Great things are happening at Camp Joy. Being one of just a few camps that were open all summer without a camper COVID case is pretty nice. However, from late 2019 through May 2020 we also saw four major construction projects completed. A coffee shop was added, and our girl’s rooms were remodeled (which means every camper room at Camp Joy is air conditioned). And our Lake Bathhouse and Chapel received major remodeling, too.

This summer three of our weeks included Catholic professions of faith, and we also had a number of new churches try Camp Joy with great compliments afterward. We rejoice in the goodness of our Lord!

Thank you!

**Rev. John Moore**

**Director — Camp Joy (Wisconsin)**





It is a great joy to be a part of a church that loves missionaries like MCBC does. We know you support us in every way with your fellowship and your interest in our ministry with GFA.

The monthly support and annual missions offering are already extremely generous. We want to thank you for yet another evidence of your passion to support those who “take the Word to the world.” The recent decision to share with your missionaries was certainly unexpected and very kind, and we know the Lord will bless your liberality from the sale of the property.

Thank you!

**Alan & Jan Patterson (GFA)**



Thank you for your faithful prayer and support over many years! Especially this year, I remember you all in prayer with thanksgiving. Though there are many unexpected changes this year, one of the great and good changes is getting Pastor Minnick’s letters. 😊 I could feel being there among you again! Thank God for His good works through Pastors and you all at MCBC!

When I was in Thailand, Pastor Tipton sent me a surprise e-mail of increasing my support! It was right after three weeks of being with the Akha team, so I gave additional praises to God through you at MCBC. Early this month I praised God again for His provision through your special gift. Though there are other needs, I dedicated those entire funds to purchase the “Accordance” Bible program for my Bible translation work. In the end, I had to add more to finalize the purchase; however, without your special gift I wasn’t ready to get it. Thank God! It was very special, so I shared God’s provision through you with others in my recent prayer letter. Thank you for your stand in the Lord! I praise God for you and His good work in and through you all. May God be honored and praised through you!

Thanking God,  
**Hye Ree Park**



We are so privileged to have you as our sending church . . . for many reasons! Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support. Thank you for your example of service to our Lord. And, thank you for your recent gift above and beyond our normal support. We were truly overwhelmed at your generosity and encouraged by this expression of love. May the Lord strengthen you for continued work in His kingdom. It has been a blessing to worship with you and fellowship together during our little 2-week break in deputation meetings. May God bless you!

Love in Christ.

**Andrew & Charlene Threlfall (South India Baptist Bible College & Seminary)**



Hello from rainy Wales! Thank you so much for the generous financial gift! The words from James 4, “yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring,” have never seemed more true. We are so thankful for the steadfast love of the Lord for His people.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we minister here and pray “if the Lord wills.”

Just yesterday I was able to share scripture with our neighbor as we worked in the garden. I know that is a result of prayer. Please continue to pray for God to open blind eyes and for the light of the gospel to shine here in Wales.

Every blessing,

**Steve and Marcia McLean and girls**

Ps. 90:14



Thank you for the generous love gifts in helping with furlough transportation and the gift of \$2,000 in August. Our hearts are truly filled with gratitude in these abundant provisions!

Thank you for the faithful prayers and support over the years! It has been a privilege to serve the Lord on your behalf on our fields!!

Thank you also for the ministry to our own souls through the pastoral letters and preaching! We are eternally grateful!

Love in Christ,  
**The Bachmans**



Thank you so much for your generous gift to us. What a privilege is to have Mt Calvary as our sending church. We miss you all and praise the Lord for your faithfulness. You are in our prayers.

Sincerely,  
**Bill and Sue, Jonathan, Anna, Joel, and Matthew Knipe**



I just wanted to thank you for your generous and unexpected gift last month. I obviously found something to do with it: it went toward the purchase of the ultrasound machine. It has been absolutely astounding to watch the Lord provide for this. He had led so specifically all along the way, so I had a confident expectation that He would continue to provide in some way. But in less than a month?! Amazing! It is wonderful now for all of us to join our voices together in praise for what He has done. The medical work and multiple opportunities for the Gospel will go ahead in PNG because of your willing sacrifice for the sake of His Name.

I have purchased tickets for October 28 to return to PNG. I am dependent on Canada lifting their regulations as they plan to do on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, and dependent on Australia not changing their regulations, and PNG not changing their regulations. . . . Well, you get the idea. Please do pray that the Lord would overrule all these little crucial details. I have reserved a room in the capital city of Port Moresby for 14 days (at a Holiday Inn). I have been in that area of the capital several times, and it is relatively safe, in spite of Moresby being one of the world's most dangerous cities. I have been there several times, and have even wandered around town in a taxi, and it has been fine. This time I will be confined to the room. I have several books waiting for me on my e-reader, and 2 paperback books. I have quite a number of projects to tackle between now and my departure. All in all, I have been provided for beyond what I thought to ask. It seems very much like the Lord Who really does delight in pampering His children!

Thank you, once again, for your generosity. You are a blessing!

Your servant for Christ,  
**Jennifer Pearson**



You heard Camp Utibaca was struggling financially this year due to COVID, so you sent help. A whole lot of help. You were so generous, and now both Camp and our family can breathe a sigh of relief. Thank you so much for allowing God to use you in such a big way!

**Caleb & Rae Schaaf and the Kiddoes for Camp Utibaca**



We are in grateful receipt of your special gift of \$2,000 sent to us via GFA. Thank you for your generosity. We have some urgent needs to repair our house, and your gift comes in direct answer to prayer for the Lord to provide for those needs. May God bless you for your help to us at this time.

**Bud and Debbie Talbert**



Thank you so much for your gift for *FrontLine* magazine. Like you, we believe *FrontLine* meets an important need in biblical fundamentalism today. It is increasingly difficult to maintain a print magazine in the present digital age, and yet this age makes the uniqueness and impact of *FrontLine* all the more effective. It is only through contributions like this that that we can keep this faith ministry going. Thank you so much for your support. It is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

**Kevin E. Schaal, President**

**Foundations Baptist Fellowship International (FBI)**



Your kindness and generosity has, once again, surprised and overwhelmed us! Thank you so much for the generous gift last month. It came at a time when we were facing an unusual amount of unexpected expenses. Thank you so much for your gift. We have seen God's love and provision through it.

May the Lord bless you all, and may His grace be abundant in every area of the church.

Love

**Tim for the Richmond Family**