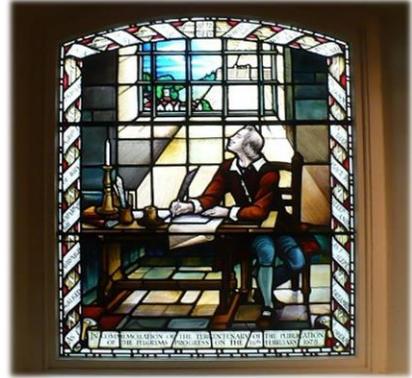


September 18, 2020

Good morning, Everybody.

It's been five weeks since the last pastoral letter. I've missed not writing them and wish that I could continue with them regularly. From your responses, it seemed that it was a good way to have daily contact with the whole church. In addition, I found it very fulfilling. But as we go forward with resuming more of our normal ministries, the letters are probably not as essential. I'm glad, however, to have discovered that there's this additional "tool" in the ministry box to pull out as needed. And for a few days here I'd like to make use of it again.



As you'd anticipate, the church has received some wonderfully heart-warming appreciations from our missionaries for the financial gifts that we were able to send to them out of the property sale. Shirley has been compiling these, and we thought that they would be a great blessing to everyone. So today, and then again for several days next week, I'll send a note like this that includes some of the "thank-yous."

And speaking of "thank-yous," thank **you** for your continued prayers and help during this virus crisis. Pastor Rush, the staff, and many of you have been doing such a good, prudent job of helping to steer us through the choppy waters of this unusual challenge. All of you have been understanding and patient. Each of us continues to have to navigate practical uncertainties for our families and circumstances in the months ahead, but it's been a joy to see you keep your focus upon the Lord. He's faithful! We're finding Him to be so, day by day and night by night. And we have so much to be thankful for, especially when we consider how relatively little that we've been significantly affected compared to many of our brothers and sisters around the world.

As I mentioned last week, this Lord's Day I'll be with Pastor Terry Hamilton in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for the 40th anniversary services of Friendship Baptist Church. Lord willing, I'll return Monday evening. Pastor Vincent is ministering tonight and tomorrow to the BJU Seminary retreat at the WILDS, and then he'll be preaching in the morning service at church this Lord's Day. Jeremy Dion, one of our

missionaries to Papua New Guinea, will be preaching in the evening. Please be sure to uphold these brothers in your prayers, and come to the services expecting the Lord's blessings. And please be sure to thank both the Lord and them (smile).

Praying for You Today,

Pastor Minnick

Thank you!

. . . from our Missionaries

Dear Mount Calvary Church Family . . .

Thank you so much! Praise the Lord for His provision. As you already know, I am dealing with treatments for Lyme disease, and this extra money will be used for an additional three months of treatment! We had been praying for the Lord's provision when I decided for treatments, knowing that insurance would not cover them. We were looking forward to seeing how the Lord would provide. So far, the provision has come through four different sources that we never would have expected, but we know that it is the Lord! Thank you again for the vote of confidence in the ministry to which God has called us. We are very grateful for Mount Calvary and all that we have learned through you folks and your ministries as we prepared for the ministry that God has for us. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!

In Him,

Mike Martin

BWM Field Administrator- Latin and South America



We are so thankful for your heart for the Lord, for His work, and for your missionaries. We are humbled to be part of the Mount Calvary missionary family and to be recipients of a gift from the sale of the property. That surely was all part of the Lord's sovereign work in hearts and circumstances. Thank you for so faithfully praying for us and seeking to be a help and blessing to us.

On behalf of BJMBC, I also thank you for your generous gift to the ministry of BJMBC. Again, we are all humbled to be helped in this way. The directors will be seeking the Lord's direction on how to best use these funds to meet the needs of this work during this unusual time. We received the news of this gift just hours before our 2020-21 school year began, and we are excited about what the Lord is doing and will do at BJMBC to advance His Word in us and through us.

Phil Kamibayashiyama

GFA Missionary, Philippines

Director, BJMBC



Well, we are entirely blown away by your extreme generosity! It is hard to know what to say when you are speechless. We are very honored just to be included among your missionary family, to begin with. Then to be included among those receiving this gift is indeed very special. It will take some time for us to absorb your kindness. Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts! God is so good!

Bruce and Ellen McAllister (Gospel Fellowship Association)



Thank you so much for the \$2,000 we received from you via GFA. What a help that will be in getting settled in our new home in England. We are so grateful for our faithful support base—in money and prayer.

We look forward to working with you for the Muslims in England. Help us to love them for Christ's sake—that many may accept Him and glorify Him.

Our love In Christ,

Randy and Bonnie Studdard (England)



That is so encouraging! We'll be able to pay for homeschooling for the coming year with that.

Tim Richmond (New York City)



Good morning to you! This is quite the letter about your gift. Wow! What can we say? We are grateful. This is an astoundingly generous gift both for us and for the ministry of BJMBC. Thank you for Mount Calvary's ongoing part in our lives personally and ministerially, not just in finances and prayer but even in terms of ministry philosophy and position!

Again, thank you. I am not sure words can express our gratitude.

Tim Berrey (Philippines)



I don't know what to say!! A heart-felt thank you is never lame, but it does seem to me that there are times when a larger vocabulary would help me out considerably! Please express our thanks and love to everyone at MCBC.

Melvin & Susan Purvis (Puerto Rico)



It's taken me a while to recover from the contents of the email detailing the generous gift. There were more than tears in my eyes. I cried hard out of gratitude to the Lord for answered prayer and overwhelm from the generosity of the Lord's people.

The gift you all sent is timely and sufficient to meet specific needs.

Humbled and overwhelmed with gratitude,

Nathaniel Pringle (Cincinnati, OH)



This is generous, humbling, and lavishly kind.

In respect to BJMBC, we are already looking forward to putting this investment to work for the benefit of our students, Filipino faculty, and future plans.

Thank you so much for thinking of us and all of the ways that MCBC continually upholds us in prayer and financial provision. We are constantly astonished at the rich blessing of getting to do what we do.

Joel Arnold (Philippines)