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Dear friend,

It was a different kind of trip to Egypt this time! Typically, we visit Hoda's family and have a nice visit with them. This would be a trip we will never forget! Several years ago, Hoda and I determined to find some people in Egypt that really needed help. We learned of people who were thrown into prison because they could not pay back loans. In essence, it was debtors' prison. Anyone thrown into this prison was in a terrible way. Not only could they not pay back their debt expeditiously, their families would be reduced to shivering, emaciated people.

In America, we have no concept of this idea. If someone owes money, they pay it off a little at a time. Families would never suffer because a loved one was in prison. They could go on welfare, get food stamps; so much is available to us here, but not so in Egypt! About the closest thing to illustrate a debtor's prison is what we find in Jesus story in Matthew 18: 23-34 "Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him a hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So, when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him."

The king's servant owed the king millions of dollars and the king graciously forgave him. When this servant was freed by the goodness of the king, he proceeded to cast one of his servants into prison who owed him 15.00 dollars!! When the king heard of this, he was angry that the servant did not show mercy on another and cast him into a prison until his debt was paid. Hence, a debtor's prison!

Over the course of the last several years, we looked for someone who could help us help these people in debtor's prison. Finally, we found someone. We told him a monetary figure with which we felt comfortable. He begun to research and talk with debtor prison officials to learn the whole process. He found that within our price range, he could help get 50 people out of debtor's prison or keep certain one's from having to go in at all if their debt was paid. Not only would this help the debtor, but it would also help their suffering families. We were very excited about these possibilities.

One of the first days in Egypt, we went with our new contact and a debtor prison official to visit some of the families. We were not disappointed. Let me share just two stories with you. We went to an apartment. We were greeted by a young lady around 20. Sitting in a chair was a crippled man. We soon learned their story. The crippled man had laid tile for 25 years for a living. One day, while working, he suffered a stroke and has not worked since, nor will he ever work again. Now, in Egypt, there are no government programs like SSI or disability or welfare. This man's family lived for a while on what little he had saved. That ran out very quickly. Desperate, his wife took out a loan to help the family get by. She looked for a job and finally found one. She could not repay her loan so the woman was heading to debtor's prison! This was a horrible situation! About an hour after we arrived, the woman came home. She looked like she carried the weight of the world on her shoulders. It was tough! We talked with her; well, Hoda and the others talked with her in Arabic! I listened without understanding! The woman began to sob and breakdown. It was at this point that Hoda turned to me and asked, "Would you like to help this woman?" I said yes and Hoda told the woman in Arabic that we were going to pay her debt and give her some means to get through this rough stretch! Now, the lady's demeanor completely changed. She looked rested, peaceful, happy. Just seeing the change from tears of sorrow to tears of joy brought some tears to my eyes and choked me up too!

We met a 61-year-old woman who had lost her husband some 5 years ago. Her daughter engaged a man to be married. In the Middle East, both parties participate in the costs of the marriage. This 61-year old mother took out a loan to help with her daughter's expenses. A few months after the wedding, the loaners came calling. The woman couldn't pay and debtor's prison loomed large on her horizon. Thankfully, we were able to tell the woman her loan was paid and that she could retire because we were going to help her with 100.00 US dollars a month. That is a very livable salary in Egypt. She was overjoyed, the tears of joy rolling down her cheeks! We were overjoyed as well with the opportunity to help this woman and give her a new life where financial burdens would no longer be her lot!!!

Praise the Lord! He sees us in this prison house of wickedness, entrapped in a body that wants to do evil. In our desperation, He declares, "For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary; from heaven did the LORD behold the earth; **To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death;**" Ps. 102:19,20 What a privilege to heed the counsel of the prophet, "**Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope:** even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee;" Zechariah 9:12

From Edward "Zambia and many African countries have similar life styles with similar cultures. The difference comes in with religion where we find some Africans belonging to Islam with others to Christianity. This evening am going to talk about another common occurrence that visitors find preachers on Zambian buses. Zambia was declared a Christian country in 1992 by president Fredrick Chiluba. His declaration has been received with mixed feelings where some Zambians feel the country should have been a secular nation while others prefer a Christian nation. Catholics accused Fredrick Chiluba for not consulting them in declaring the country as a Christian nation. Anyhow, the country remains enshrined as a Christian nation. Now, because

Zambia is a Christian nation, there are certain Pentecostal preachers that get onto buses to speak to the passengers travelling to various towns and localities. It is a common sight one can see a preacher inside a moving bus and usually the preaching lasts for 15 minutes and that preacher would ask passengers with offering to give him as he disembarks off the bus. Pentecostals have been known for this and each time there is a preacher on the bus, passengers do not mind him, they would pick up new papers to begin reading or would turn to their smart phones and read news from online social media. So, one good day last year in Lusaka, a bus bound for Ndola was packed with 60 seated passengers going to Ndola. The driver started the engine and immediately a Pentecostal preacher came in and started talking loud about "once saved you are always saved." While the bus was moving, the preacher spoke for 4 minutes and a certain man from the back seats stood up and stopped the preacher by telling him that he was lying and was not telling the truth. The passengers looked behind to see the man who was ordering the preacher to stop and calling him to be a liar. In that bus, there were several other Pentecostal believers who were following and agreeing with that preacher and so when there was an interruption from behind, every one turned back to see who was that man?? To the surprise of many, they saw an elderly man. Many passengers ignored him, but then that same man began to ask the preacher difficult questions from the Bible. He surprised all the passengers by telling them that, the preacher should listen to the American and he will no longer be the same. Some passengers asked him who was that American? The man replied and told the passengers that the American is a true man of God with every truth a Christian need to know. He further told passengers to study the books of Daniel and Revelation and not listen to this false preacher. He challenged that preacher with questions from Revelation 17. He further surprised the passengers by producing a "Who Changed It " tracts and the "Revelation 17 Tract. "He showed the passengers and told them that the American speaks and he has facts while this false preacher has lies of the papacy. The preacher was quiet while other passengers were speaking on his behalf to ignore the man but other passengers who were not Pentecostals were agreeing with the stranger in the back that he is right!!! When the man realized that he was having support from a lot of passengers, he picked up 2 books secret terrorist and enemy unmasked. He showed everybody and challenged them to read what the American has revealed. He told the passengers that he has the truth from the American about secret terrorists and who the enemy is. At that point, people ignored the man saying that he was probably wrong even though what he was talking was making a lot of sense. He spoke about Daniel chapter 2 and 7 and Revelation chapter 13. He remained the only man standing while talking. To the amazement of the preacher, passengers began to ask him to comment on the questions from the man behind such as who changed the Sabbath to Sunday? what does he understand by Daniel 7 and Revelation 13 and who are the secret terrorists??? The older man told passengers that your preacher has no answers except him who is a student of the true American. He revealed the radio programs of the American and the books anyone can find from his website. The passengers were happy and so pleased to hear that good news and he gave them my number where some passengers called me about the books and revealed to me about the old man who revealed a lot of untold truths in the bus. I was surprised and praised the Lord to

learn this incident that took place in a travelling coach to Ndola. That Pentecostal preacher did not continue talking. He disembarked off the bus and took a taxi back home to think about what he had encountered in the bus. I understand he made a search about the American and found the website and downloaded some books. He has not called me for the books. Most passengers were happy with the stranger on the bus to reveal amazing truths they have never known. This was another update which was on my long list of updates to share with you and folks about what God is doing in Africa.”

From Uganda “I got funds in my bank account. Thank you, pastor Bill, for the continued support for the work here in Uganda. We appreciate all your efforts to furnish us with all kinds of working materials keeping us active in the work of God. Thank you for the "Revelation set studies with the corresponding DVDs." We have also received 9 boxes of literature materials, five in December and four in this month. In the end of year gathering held in Jinja (at Kayunga home church site), 235 people attended from all home churches in Uganda. Eleven new converts surrendered to Christ and were baptized. One gentleman known as Kitamirike James phoned us and said that his friend told him concerning what is going on in the world in relation to the bible light and that we have books that can enlighten him about the approaching end of the world. So, he wanted to receive those books. To him, we have sent a box full of books and tracts. And upon receiving them, he called back that was happy to have the book "Covid-19 and the rest of the story" Two ladies, Suzan and Jane reported to us during the gathering how their lives had been offered to be sacrificed in the illuminati cult rituals by their relatives in order to get wealth. They had no rest, they could not sleep at night. But upon receiving and reading our books distributed by one of our youth, there was a change. Whenever they read these books and prayed, they were not disturbed at night. So, they surrendered their lives to the truth and were among the eleven who were baptized during the gathering.”

Upcoming Appointments

March 5 Chino Valley, AZ Pete and Mary Sanchez 928 710-5660

March 26 Puyallup, Washington Call me for details.

April 23 Deer Park, WA Pastor Al and Kaye Fletcher 509 258-6992

Blessings to you,

Pastor Bill