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Happy New Year! Ed & Naomi's Framily

Standing: Alex & Amanda (Vail) Rosen, Emily, Tina & Eric Vail, our son. Eric keeps all of GIJAPA's office equipment repaired, maintained and replaced when needed along with our web page by means of his company, 3Z.net located in Covington, KY. Sitting: Jessie & Casey (Rightmyer) Atwell, Ed, Joe & Melanie Rightmyer, our daughter, Naomi and Sheba lying down in front. Amanda is our oldest granddaughter, graduate of Thomas More College. Alex is finishing his Masters in Secondary Education this semester from Thomas More College they live in Covington, KY. Emily is a student at Thomas More College living at home with her mom and dad - Eric & Tina. Casey, our middle granddaughter is a Junior at University Illinois and Jessie is attending Parkland College in Urbana, Illinois where they live. Melanie and Joe both work for the state of Alabama. She is Program Director of the Cardiovascular Department for the state of Alabama and Joe is a Nurse Practitioner, works in the state run clinics. They both will begin their PhD in nursing this month. You already know what Ed and Naomi do 24/7 - GIJAPA.

TWO COMMUNION MEDITATIONS

PORTRAIT OF SALVATION

The PORTRAIT OF SALVATION is reproduced in the life of the redeemed. When Jesus died; He died on the cross. In like manner we also must die on the cross. Paul tells us in Galatians 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me." And then again in Romans 6:6, "Our old man was crucified with Him." Also in Galatians 5:24, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof."

Jesus died on the cross, and we must be crucified on the cross. The portrait of the crucifixion of Jesus is reproduced in the life of the redeemed.

But notice further when Jesus died it was necessary that He be buried. It is also necessary that we be buried. Earth is earth, and water is water. When a person is buried in physical death a hole is dug, and he is buried and covered up.

When we die on our cross we must be buried and covered up. Paul tells us about that burial in Romans 6:4 when he says, "We were buried with Him in baptism." We were lowered into the water, and buried out of sight.

Jesus was buried after He was crucified, and we must be buried after we are crucified. The portrait of the burial of Christ in the tomb is reproduced in the burial in baptism of the redeemed.

There is a third element in the portrait of the death of our Lord. After the Lord's dead body was buried, He was raised up on the third day. The angel at the tomb said, "He is not here, for He is risen even as He said."

We must also be raised up from our watery grave. Paul tells us in Colossians 2:12 "Buried with Him in baptism wherein ye were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead." Again in Romans 6:4 "As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so also we might walk in newness of life."

Jesus was raised from the dead, and we having died to sin need to be raised up also. The portrait of the resurrection of Jesus on the third day is reproduced in the life of the redeemed.

Now let us look at the whole portrait of salvation. Jesus the Redeemer died on the cross, was buried, and raised from the dead, and the redeemed in like manner duplicate the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. And that completes the PORTRAIT OF THE REDEEMER'S SALVATION AS REPRODUCED IN THE LIFE OF THE REDEEMED.

REMEMBER ME

In the gospel according to Luke 23:42 one of the thieves that was crucified with Jesus said: "Jesus, remember me when thou comest into thy Kingdom." This thief wanted to be remembered by Jesus after he died.

The dying thief expressed a desire that is common to us all. We all want Jesus to remember us. Jesus remembered

me when I heard the gospel, and became a Christian. Jesus has remembered me many times when I pray for forgiveness unto the Father in the name of Jesus of whom Paul said, "For there is one God, one mediator also between God and man, himself man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all."

Jesus has remembered me in many dangers of which I have been unaware, and in wrecks, and operations when continued life on this planet hung in the balance.

We also want Jesus to remember us, and include us in the number that is caught up to meet Him in the air when He returns, and we want Him to remember to inscribe our names in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The thief wanted to be remembered, we want to be remembered, and there is another who wants to be remembered; His name is Jesus, because He said regarding the Lord's Supper, "When we eat the bread, it is His body which was broken for you, this do in remembrance of Me." He said the same thing about drinking the cup; "Do this in remembrance of Me." It is said a total of five times in Matthew, Mark, and 1st Corinthians, "THIS DO IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

I think it is a fair question to ask, "How can we expect Jesus to remember us if we forget to remember Him most of the time because of other things that are far more important to us?" There is a song that says: Lest I forget Gethsemane; Lest I forget thine agony; Lest I forget Thy love for me, Lead me to Calvary. Jesus said: "REMEMBER ME!"

LETTERS

To whom it may concern: I am serving a 20 year prison sentence and would like a large print Bible and Bible studies that you offer. I pray for your ministry. I am having a hard time focusing on God and Christianity in a maximum security prison of 900 women. Arkansas only has one prison for women and it houses minimum to maximum and I am personally a minimum and there are a lot of people who try to make your time harder than it has to be. Please pray for us we need the peace of Jesus Christ. I personally need Him in my everyday walk. In Christ and may God bless you.

Michelle Mc from Newport, AR.

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Hi my name is Cindy H. and I am in the Benton County jail. I have been here since the 20th of August, 2010 and today I finally got to go to court over some hot checks and they only gave me till the 23rd of November to come up with \$2,706, but they won't lower my bond or let me out to earn the money or try to get the money. I was wondering if there is any way that you can send me some Bible studies and a small Bible to use for the studies. Please pray for me I have stomach cancer.

God bless you, Cindy from Bentonville, AR

Hello Mr. Bousman:

Thank you and bless you for the Bible! It's KJV and large print, AWESOME! I appreciate the gift and you can rest assured it will be opened and read every single day. Here are the completed lessons you sent to me with the

Bible. Thank you for allowing me to take part in these Bible Studies. I wanted to let you know that in about 18 days I may be transferred to a DCC facility. If that happens, see address below.

My love in Christ, Keith R. from Little Rock, AR.

Dear Brother Ed,

I am writing in regards to your studies. I have learned so much from them and am always excited to look for the next ones. I do have a problem. I received lessons 21-30 of the Foundations of Faith study. I wrote saying I also did not get an envelope with these studies. Currently the unit I am at seems to think it is a Super Max facility and Satan has infested the minds here, they will not allow me to send five lessons out at once as you instructed us to do. I need a self addressed stamped envelope to get these lessons out to you. PLEASE, PLEASE send an envelope so I can return the lessons. Thanks you.

David Z. from Malvern, AR

This is only a sample of the hundreds of requests we receive from prisons all over the US for Bibles and Bible Studies. We try to answer every request, and they return their lessons to be graded and then we send the next 5 lesson with a stamped, self-addressed return envelope. We have over a 1,500 prisoners studying with us right now. Many of them listen to our broadcast over KAAY, Little Rock, AR. Just another outreach of GIJAPA's ministry.

Dear Brother Ed and sister Naomi,

I send you warm greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. My family and I are doing well and the church is fine. There will be elections next year 2011, to choose the president and members of the parliament. We are seeing violence all the time with these politicians and their supporters so any thing can happen during this time. We had a good Sunday service today. We had three sister who stood for repentance. Baby Naomi was brought to church for prayers. Thank you for your help.

John Maseka, Messenger Church of Christ, in Solwezi, Zambia.

Dear Madame Naomi: Just a note & concern. I have received today a boxed of baby clothing posted Nov. 12. This maybe one of the 11 boxes of used clothing you have sent lately, along with the 6 packages received but posted Nov. 2. Today this afternoon, I just came home from preaching wherein we have immersed two (2) individuals. I will share you its photos in my report at GIJAPA this year end. Pray I could push through one of the mission works too we have slated this last quarter. Keep on praying for us. We are still experiencing some late rains. Regards & God bless you all, & pray that our Ed Bousman & Reg & Edith Rice are doing great on their health!

Ed Domingo, Sunset Beach Church of Christ, Phill.

Dear Ed and Naomi,

We greet you! How is Ed doing since you last wrote? What about you Naomi? Brain brought home for us 2 boxes of Bibles and 4 boxes of women clothing last Thursday December 2, 2010. We thank you so much for

them and please, keep mailing them. God willing we will plant another church in a village Lee and the brethren are working in next year and Lee said, we will need more women, men, boys and girls and children clothing. On the Bibles, please, keep mailing them and thanks you once again for those you have mailed recently. We are doing well and my health is improving gradually and hoping to get up soon though there so many things I will not be able to do for now or perhaps forever, I don't know. So keep praying for me. We love you all.

Ike and Lee; Ghana, W. Africa

Dear Sister Naomi,

Thanks so much we have received six boxes of shoes and clothes today. This is a good news for us on this hard soil. We shall dearly keep you informed if we receive the remaining. We are very much grateful for your great assistance to us here. The peace of God continues to rest upon you and the entire family through Christ our Savior, Amen.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God

Dear Ed & Naomi

Thank you for your correspondence and in particular your photo in the recent newsletter. The letters were very interesting. It saddens me with all the poverty around the world. We do not know how well off we are in the west. I must say you look very good 92, Ed. God be with you in all your work and I am sorry to hear you had not been well over the past year.

Yours sincerely, Ian from Merton Park, England

Dear Mr. Bousman,

Please find the enclosed tithe so that many more may come to know God. As I have mentioned to you in my earlier letters, I continue to follow your inspiration and am reading the Bible from Genesis through Revelations and then o'er again for the rest of my life so that I may learn to live my life for God. As the Thanksgiving holiday closes, I am grateful to you for your work for God and Jesus Christ. I am grateful to God and Jesus Christ for my life. As I reflect back on the past year and half of studying the Bible, I have a much better appreciation for approaching Christmas holiday and what it truly means. Thank you for leading me to God's word and His grace. Hallelujah!

Mark from Henrico, VA

Dearest "God Is Just A Prayer Away!" Thanks for your note, your positive words and the encouragement about Jesus and His return. I can't wait for His return. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to a marvelous organization and marvelous group of Christians who work for you and do love the Lord. Keep preaching the word, Ed and the rest of your life keep up your great work as well. GIJAPA is a program like no other. Keep it up, keep it going, and "keep on keeping on." Sunday would not be complete without "God Is Just A Prayer Away." I hear you at 6:30 AM WLW, 7:00 AM, and then I hear you again at 8 AM on WLW. Have a wonderful week, all of you, lookin' forward to hearin' you Sunday on WLW. Because we do have a marvelous Savior.

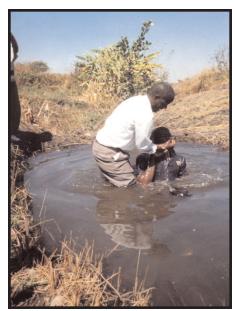
Art from Columbus, OH



Naomi Maseka (Naomi's namesake) with mother Justina, 1 mo. old



Justina sharing clothes from GIJAPA (Note box from USPO)



John Meska - Baptism at Kandemba Church of Christ in Zambia



John and Justina with children from our neighbors, GIJAPA gave clothing



New Church - Kandemba Church of Christ





Naomi Maseka (1 mo.) with her sister Edith Maseka (6 years)



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