

TOAD SKY HIGH

Walter Scott rode into the schoolyard on his horse sometime back in the last century. The children gathered around him and he told them to hold up their left hand. When they did, he said, "Put your faith on your thumb, repentance on your



forefinger, baptism on your middle finger, - remission of sins on your ring finger, and gift of the Holy Spirit on your little finger." Then he had them to repeat it: FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM, REMISSION OF SINS, AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Over and over they repeated it again and again.

Then he told them to go home and tell their parents that a man would be down at the schoolhouse to speak on that subject that night. They all went home and told their parents about the strange man who would tell them about FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM, REMISSION OF SINS, AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

In those days, the school system had not yet monopolized all the time for their foolishness. There were no ball games to look at on the TV, so what else was there to do, but go down to the schoolhouse and hear about FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM, REMISSION OF SINS, AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

This was one of those nights, however, when the preacher was not up to par. Walter could be as boring as they come at times. Other times, he was one of the most eloquent speakers that ever lived, but this was not one of his big days. Sometimes people would invite their friends to come to hear the great preacher for miles around and sometimes they were disappointed.

Someone asked him on one occasion why it was he sometimes fell below par. He said, "I've got it inside, but I just couldn't get it out." Other times he would say that the smile of the Lord was not upon him. This was one such night. The smile of the Lord was not upon him. The children began to fidget and the adults were bored also. The preacher saw that he would have to change his tactics. So he abruptly announced, "How many of you children ever played the game TOAD SKY HIGH?" Now everyone was awake. There was nothing like a game to stir up people's interest. Tell some sport illustration and everyone is wide awake, even today.

To play TOAD SKY HIGH, you get a plank and put it on the ground on a rock like a see-saw. Get yourself a toad and put it on one end and then get the biggest kid you can find to hit the other end of the board as hard as he can and see how high the toad will fly. Maybe he will fly sky high. The preacher told how one such kid hit the board and the toad went up in the air maybe about 50 or 60 feet. Finally he reached the apex of his flight and started down to land with a loud thump. He went kerplop and split wide open. He was bloody and his eyes were bulging out even more than usual. He was in agony.

At this moment, Walter Scott saw that he had their complete attention and turned on them by saying, "I come here and tell you of the suffering of the Lord and how He was beaten and crucified and you go to sleep. I tell you about the death of a toad and you are all ears. WHAT MUST YOU THINK OF OURSELVES?"

Even today, our churches are filled with people who are playing their silly little games. just look around you on the Lord's day and ask where are they? This is not a meeting of lodge brothers or members of a service club; this is a meeting of the redeemed. Where are they? They are playing toad sky high! If you can forget your silly little game for a few moments and hold up your left hand, I'll try to tell you about this life and death proposition; this heaven and hell proposition.

On the day of Pentecost, the first Gospel sermon was proclaimed. Peter told about the brutality of those in the audience who had crucified the Lord. He told how He had been raised up and then ascended to heaven. They were all ears. Peter was at his best. He was speaking as the Spirit gave him utterance. The people believed what he said and they wanted to know what they had to do. He told them to repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This is a life and death proposition. This is a heaven and hell proposition. Hold up your left hand; what do you have? FAITH, REPENTANCE, BAPTISM, REMISSION OF SINS, AND THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. This is the most important command ever given. Not till the trumpet sounds will a grander announcement be made. (Archives of EB)

Mothers Are Special

There is no love like a mother's love, no stronger bond on earth Like the precious bond that comes from God, to a mother when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong, never changing for all time And when her children need her most, a mother's love will shine.

God bless these special mothers, God bless them every one For all the tears and heartache, and for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over, a mother's love lives on Through many generations, with God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers, for they love with a higher love From the power God has given, and the strength from up above. Author Anonymous



## LETTERS

Dear sister Naomi,

Thanks be to God we have received a box of Bibles today. We thank you so much and wish you are in good health. In case you have some used clothing and shoes, please send us some. We have several new converts in need. We need all sizes please, babies, children, adults, males and females of all sizes please. We thank you so much for your great contribution towards the Lord's work here.

Alexander Ofori, a servant of The Most High God, London Corner Church of Christ in The Gambia

#### My dear sister Naomi,

We have received the second box of Bibles. We need more. Thank you. My family and I are well and the Church is doing fine and continues to grow. Thank you for your continued support with Bibles material and clothes. God bless. We are looking forward to have Bibles in our local language in future. Your brother and fellow servant of Christ

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

I hope you all don't mind me taking advantage of the writing space here at the end of my lesson. I'm so, so, so, thankful to GOD to have y'all in my study life. There's not enough lines in the world much less this lesson to explain. *Keith from Cummins Prison Unit, Grady, AR* 

Ms. Naomi, Greeting to you and the entire Bousman Evangelistic Association. May our Father in Heaven continue to bless you and your ministry and all you do for us here in prison. My name is Dennis and I'm presently incarcerated at ORCU in Malvern, AR. Back in December 2013 I received the Bible you sent me and started the Bible course you sent. Thanks to both I have been building a much stronger relationship with the the Almighty Father and my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you. I will be finishing lessons 16-30 of the first study shortly and hope you will have more to send afterwards. (GIJAPA has 11 more studies to send.) As for the Bible, I no longer have it for I passed it on to another inmate who desperately needed God's word. If you could please send me another Bible I would greatly appreciate it. You and your staff are in my prayers. God bless you always.

Malvern, AR

Thank you for the new Bible, I'm not sure why, but I find it easier to study and understand the KJV maybe it's the faith in translation? Thank you also for the study guides I look forward to more. I have lost my study partner and I hope to find another soon. I'm looking forward to understanding His word, I need His wisdom so I don't sound the fool when talking with a Muslim about the difference in our religions and why Jesus and God will grant it to me in time. It is only my impatience that impends me. Thank you for your help and guidance.

Robert from Humble, TX

Dear Naomi, This is Rashaud from Galveston County. I pray this letter gets to you in good health and spirits. I started receiving Bible studies from you (God Is Just A Prayer Away program) three months ago and I learned more in my last three months than my whole life. I will be leaving Galveston real soon and I was wondering if it

would be much of a problem to send my grades and certificates for my studies to my wife. I ask you to keep me and my family in your prayers. I have plans when I get out to try and be a youth minister. I hope God blesses me to fill those shoes and be able to do it well. Please keep me, my wife and two daughters in your prayers. Again, I thank you for helping me get closer to my Father in Heaven. God bless you Mrs. Naomi.

Sincerely, Galveston, TX

Sister Naomi, First and foremost may God continue to bless you and the ministry of GIJAPA. I've been doing your studies for over two years now and I needed to thank you for your time of helping everyone that reaches out to you for help especially we prisoners! My wife, Debra has seen the change within me and I thank you for without the studies and encouragement from you my wife wouldn't have believed the change but now she does!!! Thank you and continue what God has already planned for you to do!

Sincerely, Alfred from Livingston, TX

I was incarcerated at Travis County Del Valle, TX, and you sent me a KJV Bible, and later you sent me a Student Bible Dictionary that helped me so much understand the meaning of words. Since then I have moved on to prison in Holliday Unit, I'm sending you this letter to ask you to please send me another Student Dictionary, I wasn't able to bring both with me. Thank you for everything, God bless you all for your good work.

Michael in Huntsville, TX

#### Dear friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I'm writing to request a Bible. I won't lie, I was given one last July 2013, but in this situation they move us quite often on my last move it came up missing. I really hate that too because I had notes and comments written in it. When I asked to go back inside to get it some of the officers aren't so kind and I was refused. Could you please send me another. I already feel spiritually weak from not doing my daily devotions. Thank you.

God's Servant, Eddie from Dell Valle, TX



# GIJAPA In the Phillipines

Above: Ed Domingo, second from right of family, holding Bibles and clothes from GIJAPA

To right: Ed Domingo of Phillipines on right, with family holding GIJAPA tracts - WHAT SAVES A MAN



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Return Service Requested



Time	Tuesday, May 13	Wednesday, May 14	Thursday, May 15
9:30		Singing	Singing
9:45	No Registration Form or Fees	<i>"Its Devotion Is Obvious"</i> Brad Clouse	<i>"Its Way Is Total Commitment"</i> Adam Witt
10:30	Offering Collected Nightly	Break	Break
10:45	1	Singing	Singing
11:00	Program begins at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday	"Its Character Is Pure" George Faull	<i>"Its Focus Is Global"</i> Willie Purdee
2:00	Singing	Singing	Worship led by: Art Bush & Steve Foster ~ All sessions will be recorded and will be available for purchase at the clinic or following the clinic ~ All meals and housing are on your own.
2:10	<i>"Its Energy Is Divine Power"</i> Terry Carter	"It Has A Fellowship That Functions" Art Bush	
2:55	Break	Break	
3:10	Singing	Singing	
3:15	<i>"Christ, The Foundation"</i> Tom Claibourne	"It's Organized For Effectiveness" Steve Henderson	
7:00	Singing	Singing	
7:30	<i>"It Requires A Universal Response"</i> John Witt	<i>"It Is Committed To The Word"</i> Aaron Davis	

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