

### SPECIAL THANKS January - June 2014 Report

Special thanks to the numerous anonymous gifts we receive each month from \$1 to \$500. Each one is needed and so much appreciated to carry on the work of the Lord here at GIJAPA. Special thanks to you who have sent gifts designated for Bibles. Without these special gifts we would not have a Bible ministry to over 3,000 prisoners and the mission churches we help outside of the US. Our major thrust is spreading the gospel all over the world by means of the airwaves; but our secondary mission is sending Bibles all over the world - when we have the funds! So far this year we have mailed 1,197 Bibles - 650 Large Print to Prisoners and 547 hardback pew Bibles to the four mission Churches of Christ we help with clothes and Bibles in Zambia, The Gambia, Philippines and India. During the first six months of 2014, GIJAPA has spent over \$9,000 for Bibles and Bible studies and over \$13,000 for postage. Compared to 2013, our spending for Bibles and postage is little over \$4,000 more in 2014 but our income is \$6,000 less for the first six months of 2014 than it was for 2013. Spending for the radio broadcast has remained the same as I am locked into a three year contract that will end in 2014. Cost for all of the broadcast \$122, 995 for six months. Ed passed away three years ago and I THANK YOU all for your faithful, continued support for GIJAPA—the Lord's work! We cannot do it without you! GIJAPA is reaching millions with the gospel throughout the world every Sunday! I know that God has provided and will continue to provide for His work through His people as he has done over 50 years!

## THE RICH YOUNG RULER

Continued from July Newsletter

Paul said that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But even an act of God could not move this Rich Young Ruler to obey, he went away sorrowful. We refer to an earthquake as an act of God and there is a lot of power in an earthquake. An earthquake had enough power to postpone a World Series ball game for one day in California.

Who would ever dream that an earthquake had that much power in America? I would have been surprised if there was enough power in an earthquake to postpone a little league game. But an earthquake was not enough power to loosen the purse strings of the kind of tightwad Jesus was talking about. They say a tornado is an act of God. The tornado has great power. Back in the seventies a tornado wiped out much of Xenia, Ohio. That was great power, but it would not be enough power to loosen the purse strings of the kind of tightwad Jesus was talking about. They say that a hurricane is an act of God and it has great power. But that power is not enough to loosen the purse strings of the kind of tightwad Jesus was talking about. The only act of God that can loosen the purse strings of the filthy rich and the filthy middle class and the filthy poor class is the power, the overwhelming power of the Holy Spirit. The scripture speaks of the principle of holding back the tithe from the Lord's work as robbing God. If some folk had robbed a bank of as much money as they have robbed from God, their picture would be on the wall of every post office in the United States and some of them would be on the list of the ten most wanted of the FBI. It was stated on one news report that the per capita giving of all denominations was two per cent. Evidently most Church members think the Lord and His Church isn't worth much. Heaven is a real nice place but it can't be all that great. The decision of the rich young ruler is very popular. I'll take the world and you can have heaven. Actually if you read the story of the rich young ruler your ticket to heaven will cost everything you've got. So give it all you've got, time, talent, and treasure. Perhaps it is warning enough to point out that there is one sin that most members of the church never confess. We ask God's forgiveness for many things, but did you ever fall upon your knees and beg God to forgive you for being stingy in your giving to the Lord's work? The reason you haven't is because you always say; "Well I am giving all I can afford." The reason it is difficult for a rich man to go to heaven and millions of us are rich in varying degrees in America, is in the words of Jesus when He said, "The care of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things entering in choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful." Many a person is like the man with the full barns. Soul thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease eat drink and be merry. But God said unto him, "Thou fool this night is thy soul required of thee." One preacher friend of mine now gone on to glory said we all have our little red barns. How much are you piling up in your little red barn? How many of you would like to go into eternity today with the Lord's money in your pocket? "Remember," Jesus said, "where thy treasure is there will thy heart be also." Mark tells us that the young man went away sorrowful because he was one that had great possessions. He wanted to go to heaven, but he did not want to go badly enough. Many like the rich young ruler want to go to heaven, but how much do you want to go? The bottom line of the young man's decision was, "I would rather go to hell than part with my present life style." I would rather go to hell than give up drugs. I would rather go to hell than give up pornography. I would rather go to hell than to give up my booze. A noted and highly learned professor was asked one time what is your ambition. He said, "My ambition is to go to heaven." In this sports conscious world many can understand the statement that was attributed to a famous baseball player of bygone years when he was asked by the reporters, "What is your ambition?" They thought he would say to steal so many bases or have a certain batting average and he said, "My ambition is to go to heaven." When the reporters chided him and said, "What do you mean go to heaven?" He said, "Gentlemen if there is no heaven life is not worth living." The watchword of Paul in Colossians is, "Set your affections on things that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God and not on the things of the earth. And when Christ who is our life shall be manifested then shall ye also be manifested with Him in glory." Now when Jesus said unto his disciples, "Verily I say unto you, a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven." Peter said, "Lo we have left all and followed Thee, what then shall we have?" "Lord, What's in it for us?" That is the question we all might ask. When you think of following Jesus, "What's in it for us?" One noted singer of gospel music defected from the gospel to sing popular music. An interviewer asked him on television why he switched and he said, "The Lord did not pay too good." That may be true, sometimes the Lord may not pay too well, but you can't beat the retirement.

Now this concluding thought on the rich young ruler. He asked a very personal question. It is as personal as you can get. The Devil tries to get people to focus on other questions. One man told me he would become a Christian if I would tell him who was Cain's wife? That man died years later without Christ as far as I know because his mind was focused on Cain's wife and not on the cross. Another man lost his focus when he said he would become a Christian if I would identify the mark of the beast. The Devil will focus the attention of some on the religion of their dead parents and ask what happened to them since their believing in Christ and repentance was not followed by immersion. Their attention is riveted on the tombstones of their parents and they lose sight of their own salvation. No other question matters from the standpoint of eternity. Don't lose your focus on the most important personal question you can ask; "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" E.B.

# LETTERS

Dear EBEA (Ed Bousman Evangelistic Association),

I listen to the GIJAPA radio broadcast on Sunday mornings at 8 AM on WLW 700 on AM dial out of Cincinnati, OH. Mr. Bousman's preaching is "straight-on", and to-the-point: We need more preachers like this. Some call it "THAT OLD TIME RELIGION", but as the song says, "It's Good Enough For Me." Two months ago, I had my power of attorney to begin sending monthly or bymonthly donations to you for the radio broadcasts, but feel free to apply these funds wherever the need is greatest. Also thank you for sending me the monthly GIJAPA newsletters, which I enjoy and then pass it on to others. I have a large print study Bible that I use very day. Could you please enroll me in your Bible study correspondence courses? Thank you, I look forward to my studies with you. I also need you to make a mailing address change. Currently all my correspondence is being send in my name but to my power-of-attorney in Cincinnati which she then mails to me here. See address change below. Thank you for your help. I look forward to hearing from you soon. May the Lord continue to bless you all and your Ministry.

Sincerely Douglas, inmate at Madison Correctional Inst. London, Ohio

#### Dear Sister Naomi Bousman,

Thank you very much for your kind prayers for our ministry in India, By the grace of God and your valuable prayers, we have conducted Youth Conference on 7th & 8th May 2014 ,you can see those attached pictures. There was about 200 young men & women attended for the conference. We have encouraged them with the word of God, We have arranged Bible studies and competitions for them, so we have presented gifts for the winners. So we have reached the gospel unreached with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have distributed the gospel tracts and Bibles you sent us in the streets. we preached the gospel in the streets please continue to pray for our ministry needs and developments. we continue to pray for you all. We await more clothes for the poor and Bibles for our work. with much love and prayers.

Alphonse Garbhapu, Calvary Church of Christ, Ponduru Via Srikakulam, India



Dear Naomi,

Hello and how are you? I am writing to let you know that I will be transferred to the Texas Dept of Criminal Justice soon and won't be here to receive the scores from these last Bible studies I'm enclosing. I would like to ask you to hold them until you hear from me. I assure you that you will hear from me as soon as I get to my unit so that I can continue the studies. I enjoy them because I've come so far in my knowledge of the Bible and the way I'm supposed to live as a Christian. I thank you for all that you do. My mother is so proud of the certificates you send upon my completion of each Bible study that she frames them when I send them home! There are a couple of guys here who don't have money to buy sampled envelopes to write to you, so they asked me if I could send you their names and SPN# so they can be enrolled in your correspondence Bible course and receive a Bible. See names below.

Sincerely yours, Darrick from Galveston County Jail, Galveston, TX

#### Hello Madame Naomi!

We in our local churches have been praying for you all there. Aside from our regular schedules in the churches & outside preaching, I was in a special occasion of "A Family" wherein I was privileged to speak with about 40 invited guests in which the audience were there for the occasion & to forge & start a new relationship & responsibility! We spoke based on the special event of Dedicating A Child to the Lord. We glide through on Bible verses that give importance on their newly formed ties as godly parent to the child. The event is liken to a "Child Christening" to some religious groups, only we do not teach this & we did not sprinkle nor pour on the child with some "holy water" as they termed for there are no Bible support for these! But we have gone through with our "religious liberty" in Praying & Making promise to Lord, to take care the child as "godly parents". The occasion went well while giving out our GIJAPA Bibles & Tracts "What Saves A Man" to the attendees whom we are going to follow through in their respective areas for Bible studies in the days ahead! Thanks so much for those bibles, clothes, & tracts. They are so useful in "whatever circumstances" for our mission ministry. We are doing well in the churches except that I was in house confinement for a week because of painful thing in my left knee that I still have today but it is not as severe as before As for our local churches, we continue to pray to have even a simple place "exclusive for our gathering & worship" as we are currently meeting in "houses" of our local members that sometimes we are being disturbed with the "drinking voices" of individuals near us as I told you lately!

Ed Domingo, Sunset Beach Church of Christ, Philippines

#### My dear sister Naomi,

My sister, we have received one box of clothes you sent. We are waiting for more boxes and those with Bibles to come. We need more Bibles. Thank you so much.

Good news, we baptized 7 souls, 5 women and 2 men on Sunday, 15th June 2014. My sister, continue to pray for us, our school going children, the Church and our ministry. My daughter Veronica, 21 years old, God willing, is going to study theology in Swaziland next year 2015. Pray for her. Thank you again.

John Maseka, Evangelist Messenger Church of Christ, Zambia

#### Dear Sister Naomi,

We do hope you are fine in health, we always pray for you for that, beloved sister Naomi. How are the children? Our God is great. It is great to receive from you. We have today received two boxes of used clothing and we thank you so much in the Lord. Our attendance keeps increasing these days and we are glad. I will post some pictures to you next week. Recently, two Muslim families have been converted and that is great. We have been teaching them for long. Please keep on praying for us. Thanks sister.

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

#### Dear Mrs. Bousman,

I found these lessons that someone had thrown away, and decided to begin working on them. I've made the decision to begin taking your lesson series. I am a member of the Church of Christ and sincerely appreciate your service. May God richly bless you all.

Allen from Tennessee Colony, TX

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have already enrolled in your Bible study and receive my Bible and your monthly newsletter. Thank you so much. I was reading in the newsletter and seen a man in Huntsville, TX had received a student Bible Dictionary. I was wondering if you could send me one too? Visit our web site at: www.gijapa.org or

Mark from Beaumont, TX Hello Naomi, My name is Shawn and I'm incarnated here in TX. I

Sweet Jesus, Sweet Jesus, What a wonder you are, You're precious, more precious than gold. He cleansed the spotted leper

You are all my heart could e'er desire.

You're brighter than the morning star.

Precious, more precious than gold.

You're like the rose of Sharon,

You're the fairest of the fair,

Than the lily that grows by the wayside,

Sweet Jesus, Sweet Jesus,

You're fairer, much fairer

What a wonder you are,

And he opened blinded eyes He walked on troubled waters And astounded passersby He forgave the sinful woman, He raised Lazarus from the dead He took bread from one small loaf And He ten thousand fed.

-Author not known

To Naomi,

My name is Bruce and I am currently housed at the Travis County Correctional Complex in Dell Valle, TX right near Austin. Not for anything too serious, but God had to once again get my attention and place me in time out, much like He had to do all of His people at times when we slip or fall away. I am writing to you in the hopes of maybe being able to receive a Bible from you. We know that its only by staying in the Word and putting it into action in our daily lives are we able to succeed. I thank you for your time and generosity. I am grateful for the help you might give me, but also what you do for all the others here. God bless.

#### Dear Mrs. Bousman.

I am currently incarcerated in Montgomery County Jail. I am a new found Christian and have been locked up before but never really turned to God before. I am in "segregation" lock up 24/7 and have a lot of time to study and pray with the Lord. If you could please send me a Bible I would be highly grateful, and I would love to do all of the Bible studies you have. I have made a lot of mistakes in my life and until now I have lived with these burdens that haunt me daily. Please pray for me.

Benjamin Conroe, TX

I want to thank you so very much for the Bible and Bible studies I received. I want you and all of the people of GIJAPA to know what you are doing is such a blessing to all of us here incarcerated. I have some fellow inmates that are asking for a Bible and studies. I know that all you do for us is by donations, so if you can thank you!

Naomi,